

# ED EXPO AT THE STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA

FAQ for a successful field trip

**\*\*ORDER DEADLINE: 9/18/23**

All ed expo orders must be received in **Etix by Monday, September 18.**

***Ed Expo tickets are only valid on weekdays for school groups and homeschoolers between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM.***

## Common Questions

**Q: What is the Ed Expo?**

The Ed Expo is the most affordable way to experience Virginia's Largest Outdoor Classroom at the fair with a school group.

It is a **self-guided** field trip where you and your class get to explore and enjoy the fair, interact with our various educational partners and connect with all things agriculture and so much more! Don't forget to enjoy some fair food favorites while you are here!

**Q: Do teachers get in free?**

You get one free teacher admission with every 8 students. You will add your comp teacher tickets directly to your order at this 1:8 ratio.

If you are bringing a group with special needs and require a different ratio, please let us know so we can work with you.

**Q: Do bus drivers get in free?**

Bus drivers always get in free. Please proceed to the main gate.

## Register

Registering is the recommended option for schools with access to a credit card. You will receive admission tickets immediately upon paying for your order and will be able to immediately enter the front gate.

\*For student competition groups, you may enter Gate 2 with paid tickets in hand.

## ETIX ORDER OPTIONS

### Reserve

Reserving is a popular option for schools and should be used for schools that choose to pay with a check at the gate.

Upon arrival to the fair, the lead teacher should be sent to the will call/Ed Expo ticket booth at the main gate to pay for tickets and receive your tickets. The check must be made for the full amount of the ticket order.

### Home School

Home school groups and individuals should use the Home School ticket link on the main Ed Expo page to order tickets. You will receive tickets immediately after ordering via email.

You must enter the grounds before 2 PM.

**Q: Can students bring their own lunches?**

Students may bring in bagged lunches and sealed plastic water bottles. There is a school lunch tent at the main gate available for students. Lunches may be left on the bus or left at your own risk at the lunch tent.

**Q: Are bags allowed in the fair?**

Bags are allowed but will be searched. We recommend students leaving bags on the bus when possible.

**Q: What if my students want to ride rides?**

Unlimited ride wristbands may be purchased in advance through the Ed Expo link or online. Ride wristbands may be purchased at the gate or inside the fair at an increased cost. Wristbands are good for one day for one person.

Students may also purchase reloadable ride cards with ride credits that may be used throughout the fair's duration.

**Q: Can we leave the fair and come back?**

If you plan to leave the property and want to come back that day, be sure to get your hand stamped at the front gate before leaving.



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