

2022 Educational Exposition Field Trip Guide Preview

SEPT. 23 - OCT. 2

Gates open at 10 a.m.



**WELCOME TO
VIRGINIA'S LARGEST OUTDOOR CLASSROOM**



Dear Educator:

Happy summer! We know you are heading into summer, but we wanted to get you a little sampling of our Ed Expo Guide for the 2022 State Fair to make sure we are on your radar for a fall field trip. We hope you will be able to visit us!

*Please note our registration and check-in process has been changing, but we will continue working with you to make your trip as valuable and hassle-free as possible. Be sure to look for a full listing of educational offerings, procedures, and more information in August!

Our Mission

To increase agricultural and natural resource awareness, interest and education in Virginia through programs, exhibitions and competitions integral to the operation of the State Fair of Virginia

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Look for the SOL icon throughout this guide to learn how specific stops relate to Virginia's Standards of Learning.



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The Educational Exposition at the State Fair of Virginia is designed to educate our youth about all the commonwealth has to offer, in a setting unlike any other. “Virginia’s Largest Outdoor Classroom” provides students an opportunity to see Standards of Learning come alive and experience agriculture, history, technology and natural resources firsthand.

Specific SOL correlations are identified in this guide for individual Ed Expo Stops. When at the fair, look for signs placed near the corresponding Ed Expo Stops referred to in this guide. In addition to the SOLs listed with the Ed Expo Stops, the State Fair provides an opportunity to demonstrate in person any number of SOLs to your students.

Elementary school students could:

- Identify recycled or reused materials in Fair exhibits or displays (HE 1.7, S K.10)
- Talk about the importance of hand-washing in disease prevention (HE 2.3)
- Look for meaningful patterns or symbols in the State Fair quilt show (VA 1.14)
- Carry pedometers to collect data on how far they walk around the fair (PE 5.4)
- Create their own map of the fair (H&SS 2.6)

Middle school students could:

- Critique art entered in competitions at the fair (VA 8.19)
- Discuss the watershed that includes The Meadow Event Park (S 6.7)
- Calculate the sales tax on a potential purchase (M 7.4b)
- Write a creative short story based on their visit to the fair (E 6.6, E 7.8, E 8.8)
- Listen to a musical show and discuss characteristics of sound (PS.8)

High school students could:

- Identify genetic characteristics of different cattle breeds in Young MacDonald’s Farm (LS.13)
- Measure and see principles of physics at work on midway rides (PH.4, PH.12)
- Develop an electronic ad for the State Fair (C/T 9-12.9)

State Fair of Virginia Emergency Action Plan

The State Fair of Virginia operates under the State Fair Emergency Action Plan, which was developed under the guidance of the fair’s Emergency Management and Safety Team for security, fire and emergency medical services. The fair works in conjunction with state, local and private organizations to maintain a safe and positive environment. In case of an emergency that may require evacuation from the fair facilities, all students will be returned directly to their schools. The State Fair will immediately contact school officials to notify them of the students’ return and expected time of arrival.

4-H & FFA - All week

We are still working with our partners to finalize competition schedule, but we expect various competitions most week days and will be hosting all the traditional FFA & 4H student competitions.

SkillsUSA Day - Monday & Tuesday

Specific competition times are still in the works.

SkillsUSA is the organization for students in technical, skilled and service careers. SkillsUSA Day is about students showcasing their new entry level skills. For more information please visit:
<http://www.skillsusa.org>

State Fair Competitions

Get involved – encourage your students to be part of the fair! The youth arts & crafts and baked goods competitions are another great way to showcase the talents of your students.

2022 Competition Guides are online now! For competition information and online entry, visit StateFairVa.org.

The 2022 school/class entry deadline for competitive arts and culinary is Sept. 2 for general entries and Sept. 14 for school entries.

FFA and SkillsUSA information is available on those organizations' websites.

NEW

NEW THIS YEAR: LIMITED CLASSROOM OPTIONS

New this year: we are working with some of our educational partners to offer special classroom programming during school days, specifically tied to your SOLs!

There will be limited offerings each school day with a different educational partner from the Virginia Department of Forestry to Department of Wildlife Resources. Once the schedule is finalized, teachers will be invited to sign their classes up on a first-come, first-served basis for these FREE 20-30 minute interactive and instructional presentations during the hours of 10-2.

Classes will be detailed with the targeted age group and corresponding SOLs if provided.

Please be on the lookout for this new trial programming as we work towards expanding your educational value!

1 MEADOW PAVILION

This is your one-stop shop to learn about Virginia's agricultural commodities in an indoor environment that will be transformed into an agricultural showcase.

Virginia Farm Bureau

Join us for an interactive visit as you get a taste of farm living as you learn about Virginia's number 1 private industry. There are all sorts of opportunities to be involved in agriculture no matter what your interest is!

Agriculture in the Classroom

Explore the breadth and depth of Virginia agriculture with Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom; from peanuts in the east to pumpkins in the west and so much more in between. Visitors to the Agriculture in the Classroom booth will learn all about how Virginia farmers feed their families and can test this knowledge at the adjoining Virginia Farm Bureau interactive educational displays. Agriculture in the Classroom is your source for educational resources to connect children to agriculture. Stop by to learn about the many ways we serve schools, families, and communities and get growing with us!

Objective:

The student will be able to:

- Identify Virginia products and correctly match commodities and by-products
- Identify Virginia regions and match products that are grown/raised in each region
- Identify stages of plant production and harvest
- Identify the use of complex machines and technology in food production

To learn more about AITC's resources, including how you can support AITC, visit us online at AgInTheClass.org or find us on Facebook at Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom.



Stop & smell the honey at the beekeepers' exhibit

The Virginia Beekeepers plan to have an experienced beekeeper on duty all 10 days of the fair in order to talk to students and teachers about beekeeping. We also plan to have some of the youth beekeepers at the booth when possible. We have an observation hive and a teaching hive all 10 days so the kids and the general public can see what goes on inside a hive and have a chance to find the marked queen.

We will have hand outs for fair goers with information on bees, honey and other products of the hive. Don't miss the display of competition honey, candles and other beekeeping gadgets on display for all to see.

Virginia Peanuts

The Virginia Peanut Growers Association booth will have information on all aspects of peanuts, including the crop's history in Virginia, where exactly they grow in our state, and particularly how our farmers grow and harvest peanuts. Virginia peanuts are the largest of the four types of peanuts grown in the US. The uses for the peanuts grown in Virginia are varied, from world renowned gourmet peanuts to roasted in shells to peanut butter. The booth will have live plants on display as well as plants just dug from the field. Information will also be available showing the nutritional qualities of one of America's most popular snack foods.

Virginia Grain Producers Association

Make sure you stop by the Virginia Grain Producers Association's booth on your tour and learn about corn and small grains. Virginia grains account for over \$200,000,000 in cash receipts for Virginia farmers making it a huge part of Virginia's farm economy! Do you know how many types of corn there are? How about the average age of a farmer in Virginia? Take a spin at our popular Wheel of Facts and find out the answers. If you answer correctly, you could win one of our infamous foam corn cobs and other corn-y prizes!

Glen Allen Greenhouse

Stop by the Glen Allen Greenhouse (formerly Lavender Fields Herb Farm) booth in the Meadow Event Pavilion. Want to get your garden growing? Come by our greenhouse display to see, taste, touch and smell from a variety of herbs and vegetables all grown locally. You'll also see some great plants that help to attract hummingbirds, butterflies and other pollinators that aid in the production of your vegetables and fruits. Native plants are also in abundance and help to preserve the life and production of pollinators. We'll also show you how to grow fruits, berries and citrus all at your own home. Be sure to pick up a Fun Fact Flyer packed with helpful information.



K.6, K.7, 1.4, 2.5, 3.7, 4.4, 4.5

Virginia Soybean Association

The Virginia Soybean Association invites you to come visit with us and learn how soybeans are grown and harvested in Virginia and what they are used for in our everyday lives. There will be fun and educational materials to be given away and a "Soy House" to show the many uses of soybeans all around us!

Virginia Tobacco Board

Today, tobacco continues to play a significant role in Virginia's economy. Virginia farmers raise four types of tobacco: flue-cured, burley, dark, and cigar wrapper. Tobacco production is concentrated in 22 counties in southern Piedmont and Southwest regions. Danville, Richmond and other communities continue to have important roles in tobacco markets and tobacco product manufacture.



STUDENT GARDEN COMPETITION

Come see the gardens that high school students from across the state have installed. The theme for this year's Student Garden Competition is "Celebrate Virginia." Horticulture students design and install these gardens, which are always a highlight of the Ed Expo. Students are competing for premiums, scholarships and bragging rights.



HORTICULTURE PAVILION

Visit the youth crops and vegetables competitions! Students might see vegetables that they like to eat, some that they don't and possibly some they have never seen before! Kids from 5 to 18 can enter a crop such as peanuts, cotton or field corn; enter vegetables like cucumbers, tomatoes, curly kale and potatoes; or enter fruits such as apples, pears and melons. Students can even see entries in the new corn creations contest, which features creatively decorated ears of corn!

Come experience daily demonstrations and enjoy activity stations. This is a great way for students to experience agriculture in Virginia. Be sure to check on-line for the daily demonstration schedule full of fun educational topics.

Giant Pumpkins & Giant Watermelons

Come see just how big the biggest pumpkin and watermelon are at the 2022 State Fair of Virginia. Both can be found in the Horticulture Pavilion. Growing really large pumpkins and watermelons requires the right seed, about 2,500 square feet and shade from the sun. Will the 2022 biggest pumpkin break 1,000 pounds this year?

Compare sizes and weights of the pumpkins....how does density fit in?



K.7, 1.4, 4.4, 4.9

Master Gardeners

Be sure to stop by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Booth to learn about decomposers and see them in action.

Decomposers are organisms that are a critical component of the food chain in our ecosystem.

Decomposers are responsible for breaking down the organic and nutrient matter of dead organisms, and then recycling the organic matter and making it available to the ecosystem. The organic and nutrient matter is absorbed or taken up by plants (the producers) of the ecosystem. Plants are an essential component of the food chain. Decomposers occupy the lowest position in the ecological pyramid and may be hidden, but they are very important because they form the base for all life in the food chain above them.

Be sure to ask the Master Gardeners how we can take care of the decomposers in our own habitat.

The Farmer's Garden & Pizza Garden

Feel the soil in your hand and make plans for growing your own food! Discover which fruits and vegetables make some of your favorite foods from pumpkin pie to grape juice. Make sure you stop at the Pizza Garden where your pizza is grown! From the wheat in the crust to the tomatoes for the sauce, don't forget your favorite ingredients and to thank the cow for the cheese. Learn about the potatoes and carrots grown underground or discover your favorite greens like beans and asparagus. From blackberries and raspberries to cucumbers and cabbage, you'll be amazed to learn about everything you can grow right in your backyard! How many of the vegetables can you identify and have you eaten?

Cash Crops of Virginia – Adjacent to the Horticulture Pavilion, students can visit the Cash Crops of Virginia Field Plot to examine such crops as hops, cotton, peanuts, tobacco, milo/sorghum and soybeans while the plants are still growing. Did you realize peanuts grow underground and not on trees? They are not even nuts but are legumes! Learn about the economic impact of cash crops in Virginia.



Virginia Food & Agri-Science Exhibition

Presented by Virginia State University College of Agriculture

This hands-on, multi-faceted exhibition area explores the past, present and future of Virginia's number #1 industry, agriculture, and the importance it plays in our every-day lives. Beyond corn, soybean, chickens and cows, learn what else Virginians are producing and what successes and challenges these small-scale farmers and ranchers face. How do their stories impact your life at the supermarket or on your dinner plate? What role can students play in increasing the world's food production in the next 30 years by an overwhelming 70% to feed the additional 2.2 billion people on the planet? As they explore the exhibits, students should be encouraged to think about ways to solve this critical problem facing our world. Visitors will also learn about ways Virginia State University's agricultural researchers and the Virginia Cooperative Extension program are helping deliver solutions to help ensure our food is some of the safest and most abundant, nutritious and affordable in the world.



PIGEON AND DOVE PAVILION

There are over 300 different breeds of pigeons and doves with many variations of markings and colors within them. Besides being powerful flyers, some of the many abilities of pigeons include homing instincts, ground and air acrobatics, cooing that sounds like trumpets, and some that can even inflate their crop like a frog. A sight to behold, many pigeons have extravagant body shapes, which range from the small, cardinal-sized Figurita to the largest, nearly chicken-sized Giant Runt; its name is a story in and of itself. From the bold, upright "peacock tail" of Fantails to the elaborate, "hair curler" feathers of a Frillback, a pigeon's feathers are always the talk of the tent. Come and experience a husbandry that has been around for millennia and has played a critical part in history. We look forward to seeing you there and answering any questions!



6 SOUTHLAND DAIRY FARMERS CENTER

This all inclusive dairy exhibit will showcase everything from breeds of dairy cattle to where our milk comes from!

Birth Center – See newborn calves with their mothers. Usually 10 calves are born here during the Unfortunately, we can't guarantee delivery times, but there is always an educational video of the actual event. Holstein dairy cattle usually are black and white. Adult Holsteins produce more milk than any other breed, about 8 gallons a day! Dairy cattle breeds vary greatly from the more muscular cattle that are raised for beef. Only female dairy cattle are called cows. Male cattle are called bulls, and babies are called calves. A newborn calf can weigh 100 pounds and walk within an hour of its birth.

Cow Milking – Try your hand at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. daily.

SouthLand Dairy Parlor – Trained instructors demonstrate how to milk a cow, discuss the 13 nutrients found in dairy products and the importance of dairy nutrition in a daily diet. Learn about a cow's life on a dairy farm and how farmers care for their animals. Audiences will be able to ask their dairy questions at the end of each presentation.

This program is supported by Virginia dairy farmers, check out SouthLand Dairy to learn how you can bring the message of dairy to your school or community event!

Daily presentation times: 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

7 YOUNG MACDONALD'S FARM

This exciting experience includes many of the animals found on a typical Virginia farm. Your class will see:

Sheep – Not all sheep have wool. Stop in and see the hair sheep and other breeds.

Baby Ducks on the famous duck slide

Geese, Ducks, Turkeys, Guineas and Chickens

Breeds of Beef Cattle – See what makes them different.

Rabbits – All rabbits are not the same! Look for breeds like Lionhead, Jersey Woolly and Angora.

Alpacas – Virginia Alpaca Breeders will be available all day with animals your class can pet and feed. This is an opportunity to touch alpaca fleeces and learn about the unique qualities of this fiber-bearing animal. Breeders will be happy to share their knowledge!

Goats – Goats are adaptable animals. They feed on forage that other animals will not eat and can live in steep, rocky places. Goats are raised for their milk, fiber and meat. Goat's milk and cheese are easily digested. Fleece from the silky hair of the cashmere goat is used to make yarn and fabric.

Baby chicks hatching daily – An incubator provides heat similar to that of a broodie hen. It takes 21 days for a baby chicken to develop inside an egg. During that time, the chick uses the egg yolk for food. It is very important that chicks struggle to hatch out of their eggs, because it helps them develop physically.

Incubation/hatching of different poultry species:

- Chickens – 21 days
- Turkeys – 28 days
- Ducks – 28 days
- Geese – 30 days
- Muscovy ducks – 35 days

Sow / Litter – Visit the sow with her litter of baby pigs. A sow's gestation is 114 days. The babies are up and walking within minutes of being born and are weaned and ready to be on their own at 6 weeks. A sow normally will have eight to 12 pigs per litter and can have two litters per year. In today's production system pigs can weigh 250 pounds at 6 months of age or less and be ready for market. It takes about 4 pounds of feed for 1 pound of weight gain, and each pig will require about a half-ton of feed to reach market weight.

Horses, Horses, Horses – The Virginia Horse Industry Board will be joining the exhibit this year and each day they will be featuring a different farm & breed of horse. Learn the differences and uses for some of the 350 + breeds of horses and ponies that exist. Did you know that that horses have four gaits (ways of moving around) the walk, the trot, the canter and the gallop?



SECRETARIAT'S BARN

Students who visit the State Fair of Virginia at The Meadow Event Park are truly walking in the hoofprints of history. As the birthplace of Secretariat, The Meadow is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

The legendary Secretariat, who many consider to be the greatest race horse of all time, was born right here at The Meadow on March 30, 1970. If you saw the Disney movie "Secretariat," you know he won the Triple Crown in 1973. Only 13 horses have won the Triple Crown since 1919. Secretariat is the only horse in that 100-year history to break all the track records in those three races: the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont. Those records remain unbroken to this day, 48 years later! ESPN named Secretariat as one of the top 50 athletes of the 20th century. He was the only four-legged one on the list.

In 1972, the year before Secretariat won the Triple Crown, Riva Ridge of Meadow Stable won the Derby and the Belmont. No other racing stable has ever won five out of six Triple Crown races back to back.

At The Meadow, you can walk around the stalls and explore where Secretariat spent his early years.

The Meadow is where Secretariat and Riva Ridge first had a saddle and a rider on their backs and where they learned to gallop around a racetrack.

At Secretariat's yearling barn, you can see a 600-pound model of Secretariat's racing shoe. As the largest horseshoe in America, it is almost 7 ft. tall and 7 ft. wide.

The Meadow was not always a Thoroughbred horse farm. It was founded in 1805 by Dr. Charles Morris and was a working plantation of 2,000 acres for over 100 years. In 1936, Christopher Chenery, a cousin of the Morris family, purchased The Meadow and transformed it into a famous racing stable. His daughter Penny Chenery took over the farm when he became ill and took her father's dream to the utmost heights of racing glory with Secretariat and Riva Ridge. Though he died in 1989 at the age of 19, Secretariat is still beloved by millions.



HERITAGE VILLAGE

Walk back in time, and explore the changes in technology and lifestyles that have taken place in America.

Machinery and engines – Mechanical power and industrialization transformed agriculture, domestic culture and transportation with great speed. See the technologies that launched Americans into the 20th century, collectors' antique tractors and early gas engines.

Blacksmith – Using physics, chemistry and mathematics, see daily demos by Carson Sams on forging every day items and farming tools, using late 1800 technology.

Flour/Corn meal – See corn kernels turned into cornmeal, and see wheat turned into flour. Ask what other grains are used for human consumption, as opposed to livestock feeds.

AND MORE!



VS.1b, 1e, 1g, 7b, 4d, USI. 1b, USII.4d, VUS.1a, preferred for grades 4, 5, 7 and 11



FARM BUREAU CENTER AND ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION

The Creative Arts Department and the Culinary Arts Department of the State Fair of Virginia would like to invite you to visit competitive exhibits in the Farm Bureau Center during your visit.

Come discover who, among the hundreds of Virginia Students, won blue ribbons or even better, fine arts scholarships. The Creative Arts Department currently offers three fine arts scholarship categories in 2D and 3D art for students in 7th-12th grade.

The Culinary Arts Department also has a new scholarship competition for high schoolers.



NATURAL RESOURCES AREA in the Farm Bureau Center

Department of Historic Resources

Maritime Archaeology in Virginia: Virginia has a richly diverse maritime heritage, beginning with the first inhabitants of present-day Virginia, some of whom lived near our plentiful bays, rivers, and streams. Learn about DHR's citizen science STAMP program and how you can help document and preserve these important historic resources.

Preserving Virginia's Cemeteries: There is so much to learn from cemeteries! Learn about people who lived before us in Virginia and their history, materials science and conservation, and preservation of these special places. Use DHR's online tools to help us record cemeteries in our database.

My Virginia Places (sticker map and interactive app): What places in Virginia are important to you? Place a sticker on the map to show us your hometown, a favorite summer escape, a place important to your family, or any location special to you. Use our interactive online map to explore places listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and read nearby Historical Highway Markers to learn more about history near you.

Educational Kits: DHR has several Archaeological Resource Kits (ARKs) that are available for use by educators. Content varies by kit theme and may include hands-on objects, lessons, worksheets, and links to online videos and other resources. Content is correlated to the SOLs. View one of our kits and learn how to borrow these for your classes.



K.8, K.9, K.11, 1.1, 1.6, 1.8, 2.4, 2.5, 2.8, 3.5, 3.8, 4.2, 5.2, 5.9, 6.4, 6.6, 6.8, 6.9, LS.6, LS.8, PS.5, ES6, ES8

Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

The Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) exhibit will offer information to all citizens on ways to better conserve Virginia's precious natural resources, focusing on watersheds, and storm water.

Students can learn what watershed they live in, as well as the impact of individual actions have on their local watershed. Visitors will also learn about best management practices to address stormwater, such as rain gardens and what they can do at their home to help protect water quality and soil health. Visitors will also be able to test their knowledge on aquatics, forestry, soils, and wildlife. Outside the building there will be a raingarden they can visit along with seeing what a cross section of a rain garden and how it filters water to protect water quality and soil health. There will also be interactive signage around the raingarden for visitors to learn more about them.



K.5, K.9, K.10, K.11, 1.1(g), 1.4, 1.5, 1.8, 2.1(c), 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8, 3.1(a), 3.6, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 4.1(a), 4.4, 4.5, 4.9, 5.7(f, g), 6.5, 6.7, 6.9, L.S. 6, L.S. 8, L.S. 9, L.S.10, L.S. 11, E.S. 6, E.S. 8, E.S. 10 ENV. 2, ENV. 4, ENV. 5, ENV. 6, ENV. 8, ENV. 9, ENV. 10, ENV. 11, ENV. 12 BIO. 8, BIOLOGY II: ECOLOGY III, IV, V, VI

Department of Wildlife Resources

The Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) exhibit will be spotlighting how you can Explore and Restore the Wild. DWR staff will be highlighting food webs, adaptations, interdependence, conservation and restoration, and how to stay safe while exploring the wild.



K.6, K.8, 1.4, 1.8, 2.5, 3.4, 3.5, 3.8, 4.3, 6.9, LS5, LS6, LS9, LS11, Bio7, Bio 8, Ecology Concepts II-IV, VI

12 SCHOLARSHIP HALL OF FAME

Since 2013 the State Fair has awarded over 1,800 scholarships and has dedicated more than \$670,000 to youth education. The fair offers more than \$80,000 each year in scholarship money through 4-H, FFA and vocational competitions and specific equine, fine arts and horticulture competitions. Walk through the hall of fame to see last year's outstanding youth and learn how you can earn a scholarship at the State Fair.

13 LIVESTOCK LOOP

Equine events held during the fair are sure to entertain students while they learn about this vital segment of Virginia agriculture. For specific offerings, dates and time, check back in late summer.

14 FIRST BANK & TRUST COMPANY PAVILION AND FARM CREDIT PAVILION

Open and Youth Livestock Shows

Visit the different livestock pavilions on your field trip. Don't miss the cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and dairy cows and goats. Be sure to talk to the exhibitors that have put so much time and energy into preparing for this moment. The types of animals being shown rotate throughout the 10 days of the fair. A full schedule will be available closer to fair.



HOME EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA (HEAV) DAY- Friday

Home Educators Association of Virginia is a member-supported, statewide, 501(c)3 non-profit homeschool association. Since 1983, HEAV has successfully worked to promote and protect home education in Virginia by providing up-to-date information to homeschooling families, the media, and officials. HEAV serves all homeschoolers. With a full-time office staff and hundreds of dedicated volunteers, we're ready to answer your questions, offer support, and serve your needs year-round. Check out our website at www.heav.org, send us an email at office@heav.org, or give us a call (804-278-9200).

MARKETING / DECA CAREER DAY - Wednesday

Best in Show Tent- A unique marketing field experience covering basic marketing principles with an emphasis and concentration on promotions, target marketing, sales and customer service.

The field experience, which compliments numerous SOL competencies, will allow students to examine basic marketing principles at the commonwealth's largest outdoor marketing venue.

There are over 40 general marketing course competencies covered and over 15 direct SOL correlations aligned through this field experience.

VIRGINIA FCCLA DAY - THURSDAY

Best in Show Tent - See the Virginia Standards of Learning come to life through educational experiences for middle and secondary students in family and consumer sciences courses.

Once chapters enter the fairgrounds, students head out on an SOL Scavenger Hunt in which they explore Virginia's largest outdoor classroom, matching educational opportunities throughout the fairgrounds with related Standards of Learning, including those encompassing family and career issues.

HOSA DAY AT THE FAIR - FRIDAY

HOSA: Future Health Professionals is a student organization dedicated to promoting Health and Medical Sciences knowledge and skills, as well as, valuable leadership training for future healthcare careers.

VA HOSA Day at the State Fair allows students to connect Health and Medical Sciences knowledge with the healthy lifestyle exhibits at the fair. Students can explore various areas of the fair that promote many facets of healthy living, such as nutrition, the environment, and health related topics. In addition, HOSA chapters will be able to enter project competitions which will be held at the Best in Show Tent. An awards ceremony will follow the competition judging. To learn more about this unique experience, please visit the VA HOSA website: bit.ly/virginiahosa,

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