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# UTAH STATE FAIR 2024



## 2024 Field Trip Guide

Start the school year with an exhilarating field trip to the 2024 Utah State Fair! This outing provides educators with a chance to enhance their class curriculum through hands-on learning experiences that extend beyond the confines of the classroom. Whether you're a classroom teacher or a homeschool educator, you can customize a unique, self-guided adventure by exploring exhibits and attractions that align seamlessly with your curriculum. This informational packet offers insights into the diverse educational activities and exhibits awaiting you at the fair.

# FIELD TRIP INFO

## 2024 Field Trip Dates & Times

Field Trips are allowed weekdays 9 AM—4 PM weekday during the Fair:

- Thursday , Sept 5
- Friday, Sept. 6
- Monday, Sept 9
- Tuesday, Sept. 10
- Wednesday, Sept 11
- Thursday, Sept. 12
- Friday, Sept. 13

*\*School groups must enter the gates by 4 PM to receive discounted rate. Once on the grounds, groups can stay as long as they would like.*

*Please note that all vendors, shopping, and the carnival will be closed until the regular Fair hours.*

*\*\*School group admission rates are not offered on week-ends*

## Field Trip Admission Pricing

- Students, teachers and chaperones pay only **\$1 each!** (*Admission will be waived for students unable to pay the \$1 admission charge.*)
- We allow a ratio of 1:3 (1 teacher/chaperone to 3 or more students). Additional teachers/chaperones must pay regular gate admission.

### Experience includes:

- Admission
- Free Bus parking
- Cross-Curricular Educational Opportunities (Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Health, Math and more).

### Payment

- School groups must pay with cash, one school check, money order or credit card in one transaction (no personal checks will be accepted). No pre-payments will be accepted.
- Please select one group representative to pay for all admission. Be prepared to provide the school name, address, phone number, number of students and number of chaperones paying the \$1

admission fee, and number of student admissions being waived.

- School groups should enter through Gate C (west of the Days of '47 Arena).

## Parking

- Parking is free to buses, marked school vehicles, and any chaperone vehicles immediately following the buses.
- Buses should park in the main lot (enter off 300 North or 1000 West).
- Any groups not entering with the buses or marked school vehicles must pay to park at \$10.00 per vehicle. Free street parking is available.

## Trax

- TRAX operates from approximately 5:30 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. Monday thru Thursdays, until 1:00 A.M. on Fridays and Saturdays, and from 9:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. on Sundays.
- The Fairpark Station is on the Green Line.

## Lunch Storage

- Schools are welcome to bring their own lunches onto the grounds.
- Lunch storage is available in the Administration Building. We are sorry but no refrigeration is available.
- If a lunch area is needed, picnic tables are located on the Center Mall and throughout the Fairpark. Grass areas may also be utilized as lunch areas.



# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## Elementary students could:

- Identify materials that come from agriculture in Fair exhibits or displays (wool, cotton, wood, etc.)
- Identify recycled/reused materials in Fair exhibits or displays
- Talk about the importance of hand-washing in disease prevention
- Look for meaningful patterns or symbols in the quilt display
- Carry pedometers to collect data on how far they walk around the fair
- Create their own map of the fair

## Middle school students could:

- Critique art entered in competitions at the fair
- Use carnival games in the Midway, to understand mathematical relationships related to place value, number sense, and data analysis.
- Study the difference between a producer and a consumer
- Calculate the sales tax on a potential purchase
- Write a creative short story based on their visit to the fair
- Listen to a musical show and discuss characteristics of sound

## High school students could:

- Identify genetic characteristics of different livestock breeds
- Investigate the cost of raising a livestock animal
- Explore the cost of playing Midway carnival games
- Measure and see principles of physics at work on midway rides
- Develop a marketing campaign for the State Fair

## FIELD TRIP CHECKLIST

### Name Tags

Please make sure all students and chaperones are wearing tags with the school's name, teacher's name, and group leader's phone number clearly printed on them. (Group leader phone numbers are required in case of injury or lost child.)

We recommend you give your group members something that helps them be easily identifiable from a distance such as color coded name tags, bracelets or all wear one color of shirts.

### Schedules

Check the Daily Schedule & Map for educational presentations, shows, events and activities happening during your visit (available on our website or download the Utah State Fair App)

### Be Prepared

Wear comfortable walking shoes, sunblock, and be prepared for inclement weather.

Bring water, it can get hot!

## Where is it

### First Aid Station

The First Aid Station is located on the north side Of the park inside the Guest Services Building.

### Lost Child Center

Instruct students to find a security or police officer if they become separated from the class. Found children will be escorted to the Lost Child Center inside the Guest Services Building (See map).

### Hand-Washing Facilities

These are located in the restrooms and agriculture areas. For your safety, we recommend that you and your students wash your hands every time you exit an animal or midway area and before eating.

### Restrooms and Drinking fountains

are marked on the maps found around the Fair, our website, and the App.



# AGRICULTURE EDUCATION EXHIBITS



## Utah Farm Bureau's Barnyard Friends

### West of the Pond

Barnyard Friends is an engaging experience that combines agricultural education with delightful displays of baby farm animals. Here's what kids can discover:

- **Animal Care:** From feeding to grooming, kids will understand how to keep these furry and feathered friends healthy.
- **Role in Agriculture:** Each animal has a vital role in production agriculture. Kids will discover how cows provide milk, sheep make wool, and chickens lay eggs.
- **Live Hatchings:** Witness the magic of life as you watch a chick hatch from its egg. It's a captivating moment that teaches kids about growth and development.
- **Newborn Wonders:** Marvel at the adorable sight of newborn baby lambs, goats, calves, and piglets. These little creatures represent the future of our farms.

Barnyard Friends brings the farm to life, fostering curiosity and appreciation for the natural world.



## Little Hands on the Farm

### West Grounds

Little Hands on the Farm is an interactive simulated farm that includes interactive barns. Designed for ages 2-10, kids engage in the agricultural process as a farmer would.

They will "harvest" products, do chores on the farm (ranging from collecting apples, to gathering eggs from the chicken coop, to planting a tomato or pepper seed and milking a cow).

They then receive money for their work that they can use to buy food at the grocery store. It is the perfect environment for receiving the complete agricultural experience.



## Mobile Dairy Classroom

Each classroom carries a live cow and features a fully operational milking parlor.

Southwest Dairy Farmers trained instructors will demonstrate how to milk a cow, describe how milk goes from the farm to the consumer, and then answer questions from the audience.

Presentations leave the audience with a basic knowledge of dairy farm practices to include the farmer, their animals, milk production and processing.

This innovative program teaches:

- The modern milking process
- The importance of dairy foods in a healthy diet
- Modern environmental, animal care practices and food safety practices on a dairy farm
- Characteristics and anatomy of dairy cows
- An educational program relating to math, science, health/nutrition, sanitation, and food safety

Southwest Dairy Farmers



# WILDLIFE EDUCATION EXHIBITS



## Little Rays Nature Centre's Wildlife Rescue *Miracles In Conservation*

### Pioneer Building

Wildlife Rescue is a live educational animal exhibit about animals and the people who have dedicated their lives to helping them survive.

Wildlife populations around the world are under enormous stress due to pollution, deforestation, and habitat encroachment. Many species are becoming endangered while others are on the brink of extinction.

Learn about the amazing conservation success stories happening around the world in this fascinating exhibit.

Professional animal handlers from Little Ray's Reptiles will facilitate animal meet-and-greets and perform live educational presentations daily. Check schedule for times.

## Wildlife Building

The Wildlife building, run by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is where you'll find live aquariums full of live Utah native fish, taxidermy waterfowl, upland game animals, and several unique, interactive displays. This year's educational display will be called UTAH'S WATCHABLE WILDLIFE showcasing wildlife viewing opportunities in Utah. The exhibit will highlight what species you can see throughout certain seasons and regions of Utah.

Knowledgeable Division staff will be there to help answer questions you have. They'll also have the latest guidebooks, fishing brochures, and other materials to help locals navigate fishing, hunting and more.



# COMPETITIVE ARTS EXHIBITS

## AG/HORT BUILDING



### Agriculture/ Horticulture Displays

Embark on an educational adventure through the agriculture and horticulture exhibits! This exhibit offers students a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of agriculture while fostering creativity and curiosity about the natural world.

Witness a fascinating array of fruits and vegetables, from the familiar to the exotic, offering students a hands-on exploration of diverse produce.

Marvel at the imaginative creations crafted by individuals of all ages, showcasing the intersection of art and agriculture. Young learners, aged up to 10, are invited to unleash their creativity by sculpting vegetable figures or designing innovative vegetable structures, fostering an appreciation for agricultural ingenuity.



### Beekeepers' Exhibit & Observation Hive

Within the observation hive, students have the unique opportunity to delve into the intricate dynamics of a honey bee colony without causing any disturbance to the bees. Here, they can witness various facets of hive life, including the structural organization of the colony, the fascinating process of comb construction, honey production and storage, as well as the intricate communication through the renowned bee dance.

Moreover, students can identify the queen bee, discern the different castes of honey bees, and grasp their respective roles within the hive. To enhance their learning experience, local beekeepers are present to offer guidance and answer any inquiries, providing invaluable insights into the world of beekeeping.



### Floriculture Displays

The floriculture exhibit serves as an enriching educational platform, integrating science, art, culture, and practical skills to inspire and educate students.

Students can study artistry and design through the arrangement of flowers, teaching principles of color theory and balance. Students also gain cultural understanding, discovering the symbolic meanings of flowers across different societies and ceremonies. The experience may spark interest in careers in floriculture or related fields.

On the science side the Floriculture exhibit provide students with a multifaceted learning experience. By exploring diverse plant species, students delve into botany and plant biology, grasping concepts like growth cycles and plant structures. They also learn practical horticultural techniques such as pruning and fertilizing, fostering an understanding of plant care and cultivation methods.



# COMPETITIVE ARTS EXHIBITS

## Bonneville Building



### Fine Arts

Embark on a captivating journey through the vibrant world of Utah's artistic landscape in the fine arts exhibit. Students will be immersed in a breathtaking array of mediums, from the rich textures of oil paintings to the dynamic hues of acrylics and the delicate transparency of watercolors. Explore the intricate details and evocative expressions crafted by Utah's talented artists, each piece offering a unique glimpse into their creative vision.

During your visit, students can witness a master at work, breathing life into their creations before your very eyes. As you roam through the exhibit, keep an eye out for our "working artists" who will be showcasing their skills and sharing insights into their artistic process. Engage with these artisans firsthand, gaining valuable insights and inspiration as they demonstrate their craft. Be sure to check the daily schedule to plan your encounter with these passionate creators, ensuring you don't miss out on this enriching experience.

Check the daily schedule to see artists schedules.

## Grand Building



### Photography

Discover what it takes to capture the essence of a moment and compete for the prestigious blue ribbon as students explore a diverse array of photographic masterpieces. From striking landscapes to captivating portraits, students will be immersed in the art of visual storytelling.

During your visit, you'll encounter a wide range of photographic styles and techniques, showcasing the talents of both amateurs and professionals alike. Be inspired by the creative vision of teens aged 13-17 and the imaginative perspectives of children aged 5-12, celebrating the artistic expression of every age group.

## Zion Building



### Fiber Arts

At a Fiber Arts Exhibit, educational opportunities can extend far beyond simply admiring the displays. Marvel at the intricate patterns and vibrant colors of the quilts on display, each one a testament to the skill and creativity of its creator. From traditional designs to innovative techniques, students can explore the rich history and cultural significance woven into every stitch.

Immerse yourself in the world of delicate fine linens and intricate needlework, where every thread tells a story. Witness the meticulous craftsmanship firsthand and gain insight into the techniques passed down through generations.

Demonstrations may be onsite, allowing students to learn the basics of quilting, weaving, embroidery, and more. Exhibits may provide insights into the history of different textile traditions around the world, showcasing how cultural influences shape artistic expression.

Students have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of fiber arts and gain inspiration for their own creative endeavors.



# LIVESTOCK



## Livestock Barns & Livestock Show

### “Barn Alley” (Southwest Grounds)

Visit the different livestock barns on your field trip. The types of animals being shown rotate throughout the 11 days of the fair and will include various breeds of cattle, goats, sheep, pigs and more.

Find out which shows will occur while you are here by visiting the daily schedule on our website or on the App.

The livestock shows at the Fair can provide a hands-on learning experience that combines elements of biology, agriculture, economics, and ethics, helping elementary students develop a well-rounded understanding of the world around them. Seeing the dedication and hard work of the participants in preparing and showing their animals can instill a sense of responsibility and work ethic. Students student can learn a variety of valuable lessons at a livestock show:

**Animal Biology:** Learn about different types of livestock, their breeds, anatomy, and basic biology.

**Animal Care:** Observe how animals are groomed, fed, and cared for, learning about the responsibilities of animal ownership.

**Agricultural Awareness:** Students can gain an understanding of where food comes from and the role of agriculture in providing for society.

**Competition and Sportsmanship:** Students can learn about healthy competition and good sportsmanship by observing how participants interact with each other and their animals.

**Financial Literacy:** Kids may learn about the economic aspects of livestock farming, such as the costs involved in raising animals and the potential income from selling them.

**Environmental Awareness:** They can learn about the impact of agriculture on the environment and the importance of sustainable farming practices.



# COMPETITIVE ARTS EXHIBITS

## PROMONTORY HALL



### Creative Arts Displays

students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the diverse world of artisanal craftsmanship. As they browse through the entries of Utah's talented artisans, they can explore the intricate beauty and skillful techniques employed in creating works of art from various materials such as leather, fabric, wood, and metal. Each piece on display offers a unique glimpse into the creative process, showcasing the fusion of tradition and innovation that defines artisanal craftsmanship.

Engaging with these exhibits provides students with a rich educational experience, offering insights into the cultural heritage and contemporary artistic expressions of Utah's artisan community. They can learn about the history and significance of different craft traditions, as well as the practical skills and creative vision required to produce high-quality artisanal goods. From leatherworking to metal forging, students can gain a deeper appreciation for the craftsmanship involved in transforming raw materials into objects of beauty and utility.



### Butter Cow

The Butter Cow exhibit at the Utah State Fair, an iconic spectacle that has captured hearts and minds since 1989. This incredible sculpture, sponsored by Unbottled, not only delights fairgoers with its awe-inspiring and often hilarious designs but also serves as an educational tool, offering insight into the vital role of Utah's dairy industry.

Crafted by the talented artists Debbie Brown and Matt McNaughtan, the Butter Cow is a true 'moo'sterpiece, showcasing the creativity and skill required to transform 600-800 pounds of butter into a magnificent work of art, and it typically takes about 80 hours of meticulous sculpting to bring these buttery marvels to life.

As you admire the Butter Cow, don't forget to ponder some frequently asked questions: Who are the masterminds behind this buttery creation? How much butter does it take to sculpt such a masterpiece? And just how many hours of labor go into its creation? Whether you're a dairy enthusiast, an art aficionado, or simply seeking an unforgettable experience, a visit to the Butter Cow exhibit promises both entertainment and enlightenment for all ages.



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