



BOB THOMAS EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Students can view the fascinating activities in the Horse Show Complex - from halter classes to costume classes - as exhibitors from across the United States compete for honors. Different Horse Events will be offered daily, so come on down..... there's lots more to do and see at the Horse Show.

HORSE SHOWS:

Everyday except Monday, February 20th.



AG-VENTURE BUILDING

Ag-Venture is a special venue where students can touch, see, feel and learn about Florida Agriculture. You won't want to miss this hands-on experience.... Students can make butter, make a plant necklace, squeeze and taste orange juice & much more.



LIVESTOCK BARN

Students can see a variety of animals being exhibited by open and youth exhibitors from around the Southeast region. In the Livestock barn, students will learn about beef and dairy animals, pygmy goats, dairy goats, sheep, and swine. The different species and breeds will be judged and on display at various times during the Fair. Students can also participate in the "You Be The Judge" program or talk one-on-one with youth exhibitors in the Ask Me Booth.

SHOW TIMES:

Feb. 9, 2012	10 AM	BRAHMAN BLACK BRANGUS RED BRANGUS ZEBU ANGUS SANTA GERTRUDIS
Feb. 10, 2012	9 AM	YOUTH BEEF SHOW
Feb. 13, 2012	10 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 4 PM	DEXTER HEREFORD LIMOUSIN SIMMENTAL
Feb. 14, 2012	9 AM	YOUTH BEEF SHOW
Feb. 15, 2012	10 AM	YOUTH STEER SHOWMANSHIP
Feb. 17, 2012	8:30 AM	OPEN DAIRY SHOW
Feb. 20, 2012	8:30 AM	YOUTH DAIRY SHOW



MILKING PARLOR PRESENTED BY DAIRY FARMER'S, INC

Students will see a modern milking parlor in operation. The process is explained by our Milk Man and students might get a chance to help out.

DAILY MILKING DEMO. SCHEDULE:

11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM



RABBIT AND POULTRY BARN

In the Rabbit and Poultry barn, students will see a wide variety of different breeds of rabbits and chickens. At educational displays, students can see eggs hatching, baby chicks, litters of baby rabbits and Champion Row. There is also extensive educational signage.



AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME / AG SHOWCASE

The Ag Hall of Fame/ Ag Showcase building is a presentation of Florida’s wide variety of agricultural products. This years focus is “The Power of Youth”, which will highlight two outstanding organizations - 4-H and FFA. Students can learn about the opportunities available in 4-H and FFA. In addition, you can learn about Florida strawberries, citrus, bees, poultry, beef cattle and MORE!!!

- ◆ **Ag Hall of Fame** - Also located in the Ag Showcase building, students can take a look at the lives and accomplishments of the past Ag Hall of Fame Inductees. Four computers allow students to see video presentations on famous people in Florida’s agricultural history.
- ◆ **Insect Encounter** - As part of the Ag Showcase Building, students can learn about insects. The booth will have information on insects with exotic animal common names (ant lion, zebra swallowtail, etc) and they will learn about metamorphosis. There will be hands-on activities, such as being able to scoop out an ant lion larvae and measure it.



SALUTE TO AG EXHIBIT/ MOOTERNITY WARD PRESENTED BY DAIRY FARMER’S, INC.

The Salute to Ag Exhibit is a feature exhibit that takes you into the world of animal agriculture. Students will see beef cows, dairy cows, chickens, a sow and litter, as well as a variety of other animals. You might also have a chance to watch a calf being born in our Moo-ternity Ward.



PUREBRED DOG TENT

The Purebred Dog Exhibition is an opportunity to learn about all the different breeds of dogs and see hourly demonstrations on agility, breed parades and more.



FLORIDA LIVING CENTER

This building is a true showcase of Florida and its citizens.

- ◆ **Fine Art Exhibit** - View a variety of art done by students from across the state.
- ◆ **Fine Furniture Exhibit** - Learn about and see the various types of wood used in furniture.
- ◆ **4H/FFA Agriculture Exhibits** - The State Fair features exhibits from 4H Clubs and FFA Chapters throughout Florida. These unique exhibits allow students to see the great diversity of Florida agriculture and industry. Also included in this area, the State of Florida Exhibit which will be a massive sand sculpture depicting the entire State of Florida.



FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXHIBIT

This fascinating exhibit is presented and explained by employees of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Students can see a variety of native fresh & salt water fish, as well as snakes, a bear, a panther and more.

All acts, concerts, scheduled times, exhibitors, prices, and other advertised events are subject to change and/or cancel without notice.



CRACKER COUNTRY

Cracker Country is a village concept where cultural and architectural history has been preserved for future generations. History is presented in a living, interpretative atmosphere that accurately reflects life as it was in Florida at the turn of the century.

- ◆ **School House** - Stop by the one room school house built in 1915 in the Castalia Community in what is now Hardee County. This one room school house features an animatronics teacher and students interacting in a school lesson from the early 1900's.
- ◆ **Blacksmith** - See a real Blacksmith at work. The blacksmith was one of the most important members of the pioneer community. The pioneers depended on him to make cooking utensils, horse shoes, and farm tools.
- ◆ **Train Depot** - The Okahumpka Depot was built in 1898 in what is today Lake County, as part of the Henry B. Plant railroad system. In the freight room of the depot is a 500 square foot model train display of Central Florida at the turn of the century. This display took over 3,000 hours to build. The caboose that sits along side the depot was built in 1917 and was one of the last wooden cabooses used in Florida.



FLORIDA FOREST DISCOVERY CENTER

The Florida Forest Discovery Center is an interpretative, educational exhibit consisting of numerous displays for visitors to learn about the ecological and economic value of forests. Among the numerous displays to be found in the Center will be "Tree Products" display highlighting many tree products found in homes everywhere, a collection of antique forestry tools, and a "Smokey & Friends Stage and Screen" where many presentations concerning wildfire prevention efforts will be featured.



STEAM ENGINES

Students can see the concept of simple machinery in action through a variety of steam engines that have been restored to their original condition and are fully operational and functional.