

# Ready, Set, Fair!

## Prepare for the Ohio State Fair in 3 Easy Steps

### Step 1: Safety

It is important to think about your safety and plan before going to the Ohio State Fair.

- ☐ Have a safety plan on how you will ask for help or get help if you need it.
  - Become familiar with the Ohio State Fairgrounds and where to go for help. [View the Fair Map](#).
  - Create a plan for what to do if you get separated and review it several times before going. Include a [social narrative](#), [communication board](#), or other visuals with your plan and bring them with you!
- ☐ If you are supporting someone else, plan for their safety.
  - Make an emergency contact card for the person to carry with them. The [American Red Cross](#) offers printable fill-in cards.
  - Stay alert to changes in the environment, such as weather, large crowds, or the person's needs.
- ☐ Bring essentials like medication, communication tools, sunscreen, sensory items, preferred food/drinks, and an ID card.

Being prepared helps you and others stay safe and enjoy the Ohio State Fair!

### Step 2: Attractions

Enjoy rides, games, food, farm animals, and activities – all in one place. With so many attractions, it is important to plan how you will spend your time at the Ohio State Fair.

- ☐ Review the Ohio State Fair [Daily Schedules](#), [Sensory-Friendly Activities](#), and [Food and Dietary Options](#).
  - Select the activities you want to do and the foods you like.
  - Add them to a schedule, list, or communication board to bring with you.

- ☐ Explore the [Ohio State Fair Map](#) or download the Ohio State Fair App and become familiar with where you can find the things you want to do.
- ☐ Plan for what to expect at the Fair and what might support you with enjoying the day. Read [Going to the Ohio State Fair](#) and use the schedule to plan your day.
- ☐ Be ready for crowds and waiting for your turn. Bring along a [wait cue](#) (i.e. card or object) to support turn-taking.

Planning ahead helps you make the most of your day at the Ohio State Fair!

### Step 3: Accessibility

The Ohio State Fair is dedicated to providing a more accessible and welcoming experience for guests of all ages. Consider the supports available as you prepare for your visit.

- ☐ Review the [Ohio State Fair Accessibility Guide](#) and plan ahead for your Fair experience.
- ☐ Be sure to consider parking and the spaces that might work best for you to easily enter the Fairgrounds. View the [Ohio State Fair Map](#) and Parking Areas marked with the letter P. The Blue Zone includes accessible parking.
- ☐ Locate the accessible restrooms, available in 13 locations, including one restroom with a universal changing table. View the Ohio State Fair Accessibility Guide, Map or App to find an accessible restroom.
- ☐ Need a break? Cool down in the [Natural Resource Park](#) located on the Fairgrounds or the Quiet Room in the Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center to reset and reengage with Fair activities.
- ☐ Experience the Fair with the lights and sounds lowered by attending the [Sensory Friendly Morning](#) on July 24, 2025, 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Visit the OCALI Tent at the Cardinal Gate if you have questions or need help that morning.

Start planning your adventure today and access supports available to enhance your visit!