

2022 Piedmont Interstate Fair CONTESTS

1. Iconic Spartanburg Places

A contest of an individual's ability to construct a 3D model of an Iconic Place in Spartanburg! Winners will be showcased at the Spartanburg Library after the Fair for the remainder of October to show off!

2. Scarecrow

A contest for groups, classes or clubs to construct a scarecrow made entirely of recyclable materials! Put trash to use and make an awesome scarecrow and win awards! Show off your creation to all the Fair patrons!

3. Bowling Buddies Contest

Open to all ages from 1st Grade to Senior Citizens! Simply pick up a free bowling pin at the Fair beginning August 1 and transform it into a person, animal, profession or celebrity of your choice with paints, cloth, paper, etc. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded in five (5) categories. *Sponsored by Paradise Lanes FEC and the Piedmont Interstate Fair.*

4. The "Piedmont Perfect" Car and Truck Show

Will be held on Saturday between 1 and 2 p.m. in front of the Front Gates at the Fair! Open to all classic "rides" that have a legal tag. So if your car or truck has the best wheels or the prettiest paint job or the most original interior, etc. come on out to the Fair and display it for a chance at a trophy and prizes. Winners announced and prizes awarded at 2 p.m. Saturday. *Sponsored by Carolina Driveline.* Call 1-866-742-3848 for info!

5. The Let's Have A Party! Competition

Open to adult individuals or groups – This competition invites you to use your creativity and good taste to decorate a 60" round table in a formal, casual, or holiday-themed style. Only twenty (20) spaces are available for this event. Entry forms will be accepted on a first-come basis. *Sponsored by the Piedmont Interstate Fair.*

JOIN IN!

*Win cash, ribbons and prizes,
and best of all . . . bragging rights!*

*Full details, rules, entry forms and entry deadlines for
all contests can be found on the Fair's website*

<https://piedmontinterstatefair.com/contests/>



Piedmont Interstate Fair

More Than Just A Fairgrounds
~ Facilities Available for Rental Year-Round ~

Ask most people about the Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds and chances are good they'll describe it as a fun place that draws 50,000 people each October to the annual fair serving Spartanburg, Union, Cherokee, Laurens, Polk, and Rutherfordton counties. But we are much more than just a fairground. We have some of the best facilities and logistics in the state for events of all kinds. We have an all-weather commercial display and recreational center for a variety of activities that features 11,000 square feet of floor space.

We can also offer virtually unlimited parking, both outside and inside the fairgrounds, with security services available for protection of patrons and their vehicles during events. The fairgrounds are well illuminated. We also have a grandstand area that seats 2,500 and an additional 6,000 square feet for Agriculture exhibits. There are 10 acres of fenced, open space immediately adjacent to our buildings and 6 acres of open space in front of the grandstand.

Our facilities and complimentary services make the fairgrounds the ideal venue for functions such as trade shows and exhibits, special company functions like annual parties and picnics, revivals and musical programs, jamborees and conventions, sports activities, circuses, fundraising events for civic and charitable groups, dog, cat, and reptile shows, machinery shows, and flea market type sales.

Our rate schedule can be tailor-made depending on your needs and the services you require. Our personnel can also offer valuable advice on organizing your events based on years of experience. We meet with all clients and groups to answer any questions and explain the advantages of securing the fairgrounds for your next event or program.

Check us out and allow us to discuss your particular needs. Our prices are very competitive, and we feel we have a unique, one-of-a-kind entertainment complex in this area.

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Check out our Event availability calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?tab=rc>

Rental Schedule 2023 Prices

Event Center or Commercial Building

1st and 2nd days.....	\$850/day
3rd and 4th days.....	\$700/day
5th and 6th days.....	\$600/day
Each day thereafter	\$500/day

(Additional charge if air conditioning is used.)

Grandstand w/Infield-Pavilion (Including Parking Lot)

1st day	\$700/day
2nd day	\$600/day
3rd day	\$500/day
Each day thereafter	\$400/day

Midway

(Including Parking Lot)

1st & 2nd days	\$1200/day
3rd & 4th days.....	\$900/day
5th & 6th days.....	\$700/day
Each day thereafter.....	\$600/day

Agriculture Barns and Parking Area

1st and 2nd days.....	\$700/day
3rd and 4th days.....	\$600/day
Each day thereafter	\$500/day

Pavilion and Infield (Including Parking Lot)

1 st Day.....	\$1000/day
2 nd Day.....	\$850/day
3 rd Day.....	\$600/day
Each day thereafter.....	\$500/day

Variable/Incidental Fees

- Any Piedmont Interstate Fair labor used will be charged at \$25.00 per hour.
- Client is responsible and must furnish Certificate of Insurance with the Fair as Additional Insured.
- Each client is responsible for clean up and any damages. A security deposit and 1/2 of the total rental approved must be paid ten (10) days before use of property.
- A fee will be charged for days of set-up and/or dismantling outside of normal business hours, negotiated on an individual basis.
- Piedmont Interstate Fair reserves all concession rights at events. Different arrangements will be considered by management on an individual basis.

~ **Note: All rules are subject to negotiation.** ~



Piedmont Interstate Fair

~ 75 Years of Family Tradition ~

The Piedmont Interstate Fair Association was formed in 1945 with the first fair being held at its present location in 1946. Capital was raised for the purchase of the assets of the Spartanburg County Fair by selling memberships to businessmen and farmers from six counties, Polk and Rutherford Counties in North Carolina and Spartanburg, Cherokee, Union and Laurens in South Carolina. Over nine hundred memberships were sold at \$20.00 each with a maximum of 50 memberships that could be owned by any one individual. These funds, as well as fine stewardship by the Board of Directors and staff, has culminated in the facilities, activities and services the Fair provides every year to the community.

In 2017 the Piedmont Interstate Fair Association entered into an agreement with the City of Spartanburg to acquire ownership of the property where the Fair is held. The Association and the City, in partnership with the Mary Black Foundation and School District 7, exchanged properties to allow for the construction of the new Franklin School on Howard Street. Prior to this agreement the City of Spartanburg had leased the Fair property to the Association and the Association had owned all of the property fronting on Howard Street and the parking lots. This new agreement ensures the Fair will remain at its current location for the foreseeable future and the exchange provided for continued redevelopment of the Northside area of the City. The Fair Association, in agreement with the City, also maintains a city park on our property.

The Association has made numerous improvements to the grounds over the past 72 years. The food court, two large exhibit halls, a pavilion, offices, barns, the Ag building and the grandstands; all of these venues are vital to hosting a successful Fair. They are all also available for events throughout the year. Car shows, rodeos, circuses, community events and parties are hosted on a regular basis. You are encouraged to inquire about rentals at our Fair office. The Fair has also undertaken parking lot improvements, new road signage, and upgraded landscaping.

The Fair is governed by a 20-member volunteer board with three full-time employees; an executive director, an administrative assistant, and facilities superintendent. During Fair week the Association employees more than 100 associates to assist with making the Fair a successful and enjoyable experience for our patrons. We also employ Spartanburg Police Department officers and Spartanburg Sheriff's Office deputies to ensure the safety of our patrons. Spartanburg Medical Center EMTs are also on site for medical emergencies.

This year we also proudly recognize our new beverage sponsor, Pepsi Beverages Company of Spartanburg, a division of Pepsico. We welcome this local Spartanburg company as the exclusive beverage provider for the Piedmont Interstate Fair.

In 2000, our organization attained a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit status with the IRS. Our Fair has a long standing record of providing good, wholesome, family-oriented entertainment for its patrons suitable for the entire community. In addition, our Fair provides countless opportunities for members of our community to display their talents, hobbies, and prize possessions and receive recognition and awards for their efforts.

As a part of the Fair Associations commitment to the community we also engage in activities to assist the community. Every year the Fair Association hosts the

Herald-Journal Goodfellows Campaign food distribution on our property. The Fair Association Board also sponsors the yearly School District 7 Cleveland Academy of Leadership's Barrier Island field trip for fifth grade students.

The Fair conducts numerous contests for school age children each year giving them an opportunity to be involved in their county fair, win prizes for themselves and for their schools, and be helpful to others in their community. This year students can also write an essay for our *Why I Love The Fair* contest and be recognized for their creative writing skills.

The Art Department receives exhibits from the young novice as well as the more seasoned and talented artist. This department, as well as the House of Flowers, have been an integral part of the Fair and draws a large number of patrons that can view the talents and creativity of community members. There is something for everyone at the Piedmont Interstate Fair.

The Fair places emphasis on agriculture, commerce and educational opportunities for children. Our cattle barns have a wide array of farm animals and fowl at our annual event for the benefit of all our patrons. The Agriculture Building has competitive exhibits of farm products and food arts from cakes to pickles. In addition, there is a live beehive, an American Legion educational display, handmade birdhouses and numerous other educational displays. To all of these beautiful, interesting, and educational exhibits, we add a traditional carnival with all the thrills, lights, sounds and aromas so familiar from our childhoods. The Agriculture Building also presents our *Bowling Buddies* and *Pumpkin Faces* contests, providing avenues for creativity for all ages.

The Piedmont Interstate Fair also sponsors South Carolina Meat 4-H/FFA Goat Project. This show held every year on Tuesday night allows youth to display their animal husbandry skills at the Junior Meat Goat Show.

Over the past fifteen years, the Piedmont Interstate Fair Association has won many state awards under the leadership of our Executive Director, Wayne Harmon. The Fair swept all the state awards two of those years and has won at least one state award in thirteen of the past fourteen years. Our Fair has received awards for most improved facilities six times and best new program eleven times. In addition, the Fair has been honored with six South Carolina Fairman of the Year awards. These honors awarded to the Piedmont Interstate Fair and staff cast a bright spotlight on our organization and our community.

This year also marked the retirement of our beloved Executive Director Wayne Harmon after 15 years as the Association Director. Wayne, with the assistance of his wife Nancy, has made the Piedmont Interstate Fair a tremendous asset to Spartanburg and our associated counties. Their passion for the Fair, Spartanburg and our associate counties has ensured continued success for the Fair. Our new Executive Director Bill Michels, who has been associated with the Fair for over ten years, is looking forward to ensuring the Fair continues to be a vital part of the community.

Tradition and history are always at the forefront of the Fair. There is no other venue like a county fair and no other fair like the Piedmont Interstate Fair. For 72 years we have strived to provide our community with a great experience. Each year our leadership looks for new and innovative ways to provide an exceptional experience to our patrons, for the most affordable price. The Piedmont Interstate Fair Association will continue to be a valuable community asset to Spartanburg and all of the surrounding areas.

