



October 3, 4, 5, 6, 2024

Markham Fair has been a celebration within York Region since 1844, and we have been educating students about our food supply, sustainability, and environmental stewardship annually. You may know the Fair for the sights and sounds of the midway, the tastes of festival food, or the excitement of entertainers, but at the heart of our celebration is an educational encounter for children and families as they explore the agricultural heritage of York Region.

Our admission pricing for anyone arriving on a school-organized trip on Thursday, October 3rd and Friday, October 4th (Children and adults) is just \$2 per person. No registration is required; a volunteer will meet your bus and exchange ticket information when you arrive at the Markham Fair.

Those attending a school visit to the fair will encounter farm animals and displays, heritage farm equipment, livestock competitions and demonstrations, homecraft displays, plus the enjoyment of stage and on-ground entertainers. A complete listing of events can be found on the www.markhamfair.ca website.

The Markham Fair recognizes the importance of the Ontario Curriculum and has developed the attached guides for teachers to assist with classroom visits. In addition, the anticipated 2024 Markham Fair colouring sheets distributed to school – aged children over 30 years are also attached.

Food is available for purchase, but groups are encouraged to bring their lunch and snacks, and there are plenty of areas where they can gather and eat together. The Midway doesn't open during the day so that children won't be distracted by that element of the Fair.

A team of 700+ volunteers organize the Markham Fair, and we showcase the spirit of community engagement through volunteerism, an important secondary lesson we teach the children in attendance.

We hope you will encourage your school communities to visit Markham fair and to continue the legacy that generations of children in the York Region have experienced – by attending the Fair as a school group.

Should you have any questions regarding the Fair or our programming, please don't hesitate to contact us or visit www.markhamfair.ca

Best wishes,

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