



Dear homeschool teachers,

The Nebraska State Fair invites your K-6th grade students to attend Nebraska's Largest Classroom at the 2026 fair. Nebraska's Largest Classroom is a special educational event which operates as a self-guided tour of the fairgrounds. Over 3,000 students, teachers, and sponsors participated in the event in 2025!

Nebraska's Largest Classroom will be offered on Friday, August 28, Tuesday, September 1, and Wednesday, September 2. Admission is FREE for K-6th grade students. The Nebraska State Fair will provide complimentary gate admission for one teacher. Additional adults will be required to purchase gate admission tickets. Gate admission is free on opening Friday, \$2.50 a person on Tuesday for the fair's special America \$2.50 Tuesday deal, and \$12 a person on Wednesday. If your school has special needs, please contact our office. Friday's free admission is only good for gate entry before 12:00 pm. Check-in will be from 8:30 am to 10:15 am, but you may enter the main gate until 1:00 pm.

As indicated above, this year we are showcasing Nebraska's Largest Classroom in three full days of fun. Each school will have the choice of Friday, August 28, Tuesday, September 1, or Wednesday, September 2. Please choose which day works best for your school! There will be a limited amount of space available each day. Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Nebraska State Fair offers an optional lunch program for Nebraska's Largest Classroom participants. Lunch will be available from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Each lunch costs \$3 (\$3.10 by card). There is a limit of one lunch per person. Enclosed is the lunch registration form. Please note that advance registration for the lunch program is mandatory; they will not be accepted the day of Nebraska's Largest Classroom. **Registration and payment MUST be received by July 25th.** There will be no exceptions to the deadline and no refunds once payment is received.

If you have special dietary needs, wish to not participate in the lunch program, or have older children and feel the lunch items won't be adequate for their growing stomachs, we invite you to bring your own lunch, or eat at one of the food vendors on the fairgrounds.

To verify homeschool validity, please include the school's most recent exempt homeschool acknowledgement letter from the Department of Education. If you do not have a copy of this, please contact the office.

More information will be provided mid-summer, so it is important that you provide us with a contact person and their contact information. Largest classroom materials will be sent in July or early August. If you require additional tickets after registering, please reach out to the office as soon as possible. **Please fill out the included registration form and return it to the Nebraska State Fair, by email or mail (P.O. Box 1387, Grand Island, NE 68802) by July 25th, 2026.**

If you have questions or require further information, please contact our Events Manager at 308.382.1685, or lfoushee@statefair.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 Nebraska State Fair!



NEBRASKA'S LARGEST CLASSROOM

AUGUST 28, SEPTEMBER 1 & 2, 2026

Homeschool Registration Form

Please fill out and return this form by **JULY 25th, 2026**

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Homeschool Name: _____

Teacher Contact Name: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SUMMER CONTACT

Packets will be sent out in July. Please fill out the below section if you would like yours mailed to a different address than listed above.

Summer Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

TRIP INFORMATION

Please mark an 'x' by the date that your school will be attending. Schools may only attend one day.

☐ Friday, Aug. 28

☐ Tuesday, Sept. 1

☐ Wednesday, Sept. 2

Please indicate numbers for each item below:

Students: _____ Teacher/Sponsor: 1 Grade(s): _____ (K-6th grade ONLY)

Additional Teachers/Sponsors: _____	x Friday	<u>\$0</u>	= Total	_____
	Tuesday	<u>\$2.50</u>	= Total	_____
	Wednesday	<u>\$12</u>	= Total	_____

Buses: _____ School Vans: _____ Personal Vehicles: _____

*Please note that only buses and school vans will be permitted to park in the designated bus zone. All personal vehicles must utilize general admission parking. If you intend to bring additional adults, please visit statefair.org to find the best ticket bundle for you!

Please notify us immediately if any information on this registration changes.

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LUNCH REGISTRATION FORM

The Nebraska State Fair is offering a special lunch program for Nebraska's Largest Classroom, which will be available from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm each classroom day. Each lunch costs \$3 (\$3.10 by card). There is a limit of one lunch per person (the number of lunches must match the number of people attending). If you have special dietary needs, wish to not participate in the lunch program, or have older children and feel the lunch items won't be adequate enough for their growing stomachs, we invite you to bring your own lunch or eat at one of the food vendors at the fairgrounds.

If you choose to participate in the lunch program, please submit only one payment to the Nebraska State Fair. **Lunch registration and payment must be received by July 25th.** There will be no exceptions to the deadline, and no refunds once payment is received. Note that advance registration for the lunch program is mandatory and will not be accepted day-of. Please indicate whether your school will be participating in the lunch program below:

☐ Yes, our school would like to register for the Nebraska's Largest Classroom lunch program.

☐ No, our school will not register for the Nebraska's Largest Classroom lunch program.

Please indicate the number of lunches you would like to order: _____ (Limit one per person.)

School Name: _____

Teacher Contact Name: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PAYMENT DETAILS

Number of Lunches _____ x _____ \$3 = Total _____

Total for Additional Tickets from Page 2 = Total _____

Grand Total _____

Payment may be made via check, cash, or card (\$0.10 fee per lunch). For card payments, please contact (308) 384-0307.

Please make checks payable to the Nebraska State Fair.

Mail form and payment by July 25th to:

Lindsey Foushee

Nebraska State Fair, P.O. Box 1387, Grand Island, NE 68802

For more information, call (308) 382-1685 or email lfoushee@statefair.org