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Registration Open for South Dakota's Largest Classroom Held during the South Dakota State Fair

HURON, S.D. – Registration is now open for South Dakota's Largest Classroom at the 2018 South Dakota State Fair. The Largest Classroom event will take place on Thursday, Aug. 30, and Friday, Aug. 31, 2018.

Participating schools will be able to take part in specialized programming, including visiting the Noah's Way Exotic Animal Petting Zoo, watching an acrobatic trampoline show and learning from the Zstonish magic show. Visits to a one-room schoolhouse, the Dakotaland Museum and 4-H and open class exhibits are also part of the classroom agenda.

"The Largest Classroom is a great way for teachers to kick off the school year and a great way for students to learn outside of the classroom," said Peggy Besch, State Fair manager. "I encourage schools to take advantage of this hands-on learning opportunity."

The classroom is open to public, private and home schools. Teachers are encouraged to register as soon as possible. The South Dakota's Largest Classroom program is free to students, teachers and chaperones. Lunch and parking will also be provided. The registration form can be obtained at sdstatefair.com or by calling 605.353.7340.

The 2018 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 30, through Monday, Sept. 3. Channel Seeds Preview Day will be Wednesday, Aug. 29. This year's theme is "Experience the Magic." For more information on State Fair events, contact the fair office at 800.529.0900, visit sdstatefair.com or find us on Facebook or Twitter.

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