



*S*parkleberry Country Fair

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Dear Sparkleberry Fair Exhibitor:

The Sparkleberry Country Fair Committee invites you to participate on **Saturday, April 29, 2017** in this wonderful community fair in Richland County. Please mark your calendar and make plans to set up your exhibit. Your participation is greatly appreciated by the 25,000+ citizens who attend each year. The Sparkleberry Fair Committee and the Clemson University Staff appreciate your cooperation. The educational displays and interactive events that you provide make this community fair such a huge success. Each year the Country Fair gets better with new exhibits and participants.

This letter is your invitation to participate in the Sparkleberry Country Fair conducted at the Clemson University Sandhill Research and Education Center. The theme of "Building the Future from the Past" will showcase antique tractors, antique cars, petting zoo, aviation displays, military displays and much more. The Sparkleberry Country Fair demonstrates, agriculture both past and present, and those attending the Fair enjoy all sorts of fair events, learning about South Carolina Agriculture and Wildlife. With your participation, these urbanites have the opportunity to interact with farm animals, develop an appreciation of how food is produced, and will learn about wildlife in the surrounding communities.

The Fair promotes community spirit and unity. Over the past 21 years – the Fair has raised more than \$800,000. Last year the Fair provided \$23,000 for scholarships for students attending in-state universities, colleges and tech schools and \$23,000 went for grants to local schools).

Please e-mail your confirmation along with the attached registration form to Deborah K. Koon at dkoon@clemson.edu (mobile 803-414-8844) confirming you plan to participate. You have the option to mail your application to the address above. You may contact me at my mobile telephone 803-606-0137. With your participation, we are looking forward to a great Sparkleberry Country Fair in 2017.

Sincerely,

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Building The Future From The Past