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Today, an estimated 30,000 children in South Carolina and over 4 million children nationwide are homeschooled students according to recent data. With frustration abundant by traditional learning systems, paired with the prior Covid-19 measures and precautions, a growing number of parents are seeking other opportunities for their children. Parents are doing everything it takes to provide their child a first-rate, in-home or cooperative, education. This is not always an easy paradigm shift for parents, even in an area where homeschooling is an actively sought after method of education. Guidance, support, tools, and resources are both important and essential to this growing homeschool community. This is exactly why The Homeschool Community of the Upstate is hosting the 2nd Annual Upstate Homeschool Expo! Join us for an evening of connection and community, with longer hours and even more to offer this year! The Upstate Homeschool Expo will be held, June 1, 2023, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., at North Greenville University in Tigerville, SC, advanced registration is required to attend.

“We are so ecstatic to bring The Upstate Homeschool Expo to our homeschooling parents in Greenville and Spartanburg Counties once again!

With a wide variety of homeschool co-ops, associations, classes, activities, sports, community groups, and more - this is a great opportunity for parents to come see what is offered. The number of resources we have in our area is second to none!" says Amanda Sanford, Event Manager for the Expo. "This is the perfect event for seasoned homeschoolers, newcomers, or curious parents alike. This event will have a plethora of important and inspiring information for all!"

The 2nd Annual Upstate Homeschool expo will be packed with local educational resources, breakout sessions, educational & fun mini field trips for the family, homeschool Q&A opportunities, demonstrations, & the chance to talk to sought after local homeschool resources face to face. There will be a variety of programs, associations, and co-ops there to answer questions, provide information, and help any parent in the homeschooling process. Breakout sessions include topics like, "How to Choose Curriculum," & "How to Find Your Homeschooling Style." As well as higher education specific topics taught by North Greenville University staff like, "Dual Enrollement."

The Expo is family-friendly and affordable. Parents can attend Q&A sessions and roam from booth to booth to discover all there is to offer. While mom and dad are busy learning, kids alike, will also be busy discovering in this year's mini field trips! Art projects, interactive activities, demonstrations, and more will be available for kids in attendance - of all ages! Dinner, snacks, & drinks will be available for purchase in the cafe downstairs, as well as snow cones & cake pops for the kids.

"Our group has a strong belief in the homeschool process," says Carrie Knepper, founder of the Homeschool Community of the Upstate, the group that coordinates the expo. "We love to help families find their stride in homeschooling, socially and educationally. The Upstate Homeschool Expo is here to celebrate the value in homeschooling, and provide parents with an opportunity to come together and learn, build relationships, and discover all that the local community has to offer in support for their homeschool journey. Taking charge of our children's education can be both scary and daunting, and we are working to bridge the gap, and make the process simple and attainable."

Helping to make all this possible are the wide variety of Expo exhibitors who have signed up to support and participate in the Upstate Homeschool Expo, our generous sponsors, and our host venue this year, North Greenville University. It's not too late to register to attend OR participate as a vendor. Exhibitor space is just \$65, prime locations are first come first serve! Admission includes breakout sessions, and is only \$6.75 for adults; children are free. For more information and sign-up, visit: [2023 Upstate Homeschool Expo | Homeschool Community of the Upstate \(homeschoolupstate.com\)](https://www.homeschoolupstate.com/2023-upstate-homeschool-expo)

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