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## **EDVENTURE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM PRESENTS FARMVILLE** **A Family-Friendly Farm Festival**

COLUMBIA, SC– March 18, 2011– EdVenture Children Museum is proud to present Farmville, the second annual family-friendly farm festival on April 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Through unique hands-on learning experiences, children will see the concept of farm to market to table in action by getting up-close-and-personal with farm animals, farm machinery, fresh produce and local farmers who bring us the food that keeps us healthy. Families will discover what foods and products are raised right here in South Carolina and learn the science behind the agricultural technology of tomorrow.

Children will have a good time participating in The Great Tractor Race, Vegetable Guess and Bees Buzz in addition to learning how a peach is grown, how much a cow eats and how a combine works. Children can plant a seed, taste fresh produce from the farmers market, pet farm animals and learn the art of square dancing.

“Along with learning the tools and technology of agriculture, a visit to Farmville will give guests a chance to see, touch and taste the wide array of produce and products made and grown here in our state” said Wayne Thornley, director of marketing at EdVenture.

Farmville attendees will enjoy live bluegrass music and performances by the South Carolina Square and Round Dancing Federation as well as Fusion Cloggers.

Farmville is free with museum admission or \$5 for the event only. Farmville will take place outdoors at EdVenture on 211 Gervais Street. \*The event is free for EdVenture's Anytime, Passport and First Families Society members!

### **About EdVenture**

The mission of EdVenture is to inspire children to experience the joy of learning. EdVenture is dedicated to lifelong learning through its 92,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor interactive exhibit space and in its educational outreach programs and after school programs. The museum has welcomed visitors from all 50 states and 18 foreign countries, creating shared experiences and memories for families learning together. For more information about EdVenture, visit [www.edventure.org](http://www.edventure.org) or call (803) 779-3100.

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