

EVENT FLOW

February 13th, 2026

- Volunteer Check-In will begin at 5:00pm or earlier (varies by team)
- Food for all volunteers (*except Buddies*) will be ready at 5:30pm in the Kitchen area. Please eat whenever you can by entering the Kitchen area through the Dance Hall doors or VIP doors, whichever is closest to your serving area.
- Honored Guest Check-In will begin at 6:00pm
- All Volunteers will park in designated parking areas– either in front of the building or in the back of the side parking lot. Honored Guests will park closest to the cargo door entrance.
- Volunteers (except Red Carpet Volunteers) will enter through the front main office of the Columbia County Exhibition Center for Volunteer Check-In. Beautification, Food Service Team, and Buddies will check in by entering through the double doors to the left of the main office and checking in at designated stations.
- Honored Guests will be dropped off/park in the side parking lot and will enter through the double doors near the cargo door to check in based on last name.
- The Parking Team and Butler Team will greet and assist Honored Guests and their Parent/Caregiver (VIP) from their cars to the check-in area.
- At Honored Guest Check-In, Honored Guests will be paired with a Buddy. (Please note that Honored Guests cannot check in without their VIP.) After check-in, VIPs can choose to stay at the venue or leave.
- The Buddy will then escort the Honored Guest and their VIP* through the Beautification area.
 - *VIPs that stay at the venue can go to the VIP Area or they can stay with their Honored Guest through Beautification and then join the Red Carpet if they'd like to see their Honored Guest introduced.*
- When the Honored Guest has finished in the Beautification area, their Buddy will escort them to the Flower Tents located outside double doors to get their corsage or boutonniere and wait for the Red Carpet. As the Buddy escorts their Guest outside, Navigators will escort the VIPs to the Red Carpet area or VIP Area.
- The Buddy will then escort their Honored Guest down the Red Carpet located in the front of the CCEC and into the building. Each Honored Guest will be introduced as they walk down the Red Carpet. This area will be filled with “paparazzi” (Red Carpet Volunteers) who are cheering for the Honored Guest as

they walk down the Red Carpet with their Buddy.

- All activities except for Limo Rides will be open as soon as Honored Guests leave the Red Carpet– Karaoke will be in its own room to the left and straight ahead will be the Dance Hall, where food will be available.
- Limo Rides will be located in the front office of the CCEC and begin at 7:00pm and end at 8:45pm.
- At 8:45 all Honored Guests, Buddies, & VIPs should make their way to the Dance Hall for the Crowning Ceremony. After crowning and a final dance, the event will wrap up at 9:00pm and VIPs will meet back with their Honored Guest to leave. Buddies must stay with their Honored Guest until they are paired back with their VIP.
- As Honored Guests and their VIPs exit the building, volunteers will give them a gift bag.