October is a time for fun and learning for students taking part in the Annual Fall School Tours at the Clemson University Outdoor Education Trail located at the Clemson Pee Dee Research and Education Center in Florence.

The tours, hosted by Clemson and the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, are available to students in the first through fifth grades. The program features the Clemson Corn Maze where students learn about plants, how they grow, and the benefits they provide to people and nature. As part of the program, students also view educational displays on the different crops grown in South Carolina, how weather affects crops, and the importance of wildlife and habitat to the farmer.

“The tours are tailored to each grade level” notes Clemson Trail coordinator Dr. Jim Frederick. “We focus on topics related to agriculture, natural resources, and the environment that support and enhance the South Carolina teaching standards. Although the Fall School Tours filled up quickly this year, tours will also be offered in the spring.”

The public can also tour the Trail during the Rural Heritage Celebration to be held on April 25, 2009.

For more information about the programs conducted on the Clemson Outdoor Education Center, visit the Trail’s website at www.clemson.edu/oet.