

2008 IOWA STATE FAIR CONTINUOUS ACTIVITIES

Most buildings open 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

4-H Exhibits Building sponsored by Qwest: Explore nearly 4,000 exhibits from some of the most talented and creative 4-H members in the state. This building offers great photography, quilts, customized classic cars, homemade furniture and numerous talent shows. Kids can participate in daily hands-on adventures and check out worthwhile programs like Share the Fun. Help support Iowa 4-H programs by bidding online in the Iowa 4-H eBay auction.

Anderson Erickson Dairy: Official ice cream of the Iowa State Fair.

Bank of America Ye Old Mill: Take a quiet ride on the "tunnel of love" style Ye Old Mill, the Fair's oldest permanent amusement ride dating from 1921.

Blue Ribbon Kids: Check out the Blue Ribbon Kids activities for Fairgoers ages 10 and under weekdays at 10 a.m. Children can sign up during the Fair at The Des Moines Register Service Center to participate in seven fun events taking place each weekday at the Fair. Blue Ribbon Kids is sponsored by Bankers Trust, KDSM FOX 17 and The Des Moines Register.

Cattle Barn sponsored by Toyota: Boulevard of Dairy Breeds; Super Bull; Hall of Champions.

Country School sponsored by Mrs. Clark's Foods: Come sample Iowa-made juices from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Reuseable Grocery Totes are given away at the top of each hour and limited to one per family. See our classic 1947 International Truck. A complete list of school activities is available under Today's Activities.

Crafts: Shoppers' Mart and Walnut Center sponsored by Royal Prestige.

Cub Cadet: Official sponsor of the Fair.

Dodge: Official vehicle of the Fair. Don't miss the new line-up of vehicles at the Dodge displays throughout the Fairgrounds.

Elwell Family Food Center sponsored by Blue Bunny: Food Department judging and exhibits. The Fair's Food Department is the largest of any state fair in the country.

Expo Hill: Mechbash Robot Combat (shows at 11 a.m., 1, 3 & 5 p.m.); Boogie Bodies; Playground; Remote Control Cars and Water Wars (not included with admission); MidAmerican Energy Wind Education Center.

FFA Display Building and Headquarters: Photography and chapter exhibits, agricultural demonstrations and working displays, FFA/Open Ag Mechanics Technology Show (inside and outside).

Fabric and Threads: Home to displays featuring counted cross stitch; counted thread techniques; crocheting; embroidery; hand and machine knitting; quilting; hooked rugs; tatting; toys and dolls; needlepoint; weaving; clothing; sewing for the home; demonstrations/working exhibits; "Make It and Take It" sessions held each day (1-2 hours long, \$10 fee) – Varied Industries Building second floor (additional quilts on display downstairs at east end of south hallway).

Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall: Iowa Museum of Agriculture; Heritage Competitive Classes; Rural Americana Olde Tyme Contests. Working Exhibits and Displays: Explore Your Heritage; vintage vehicle display; country antique market; blacksmith shop, Ron West, Baxter, and Steve White, Kilduff; pottery shop, New Harmony Pottery, Russ, Jackie and Jesse Leckband, Earlham; basket weaving and shaker boxes, Pinicon Farm Crafts, Marlys Sowers, Milo; Coon River Mercantile, manufacturers of 1860-1880 period clothing, Gerald and Linda Dubbin, Des Moines; 1920s newspaper and print shop, Larry and Mary Raid, Denmark; 1875 historical furniture making, Robb Pedersen, Story City; broom making, George and Pat Crawford, Milton; corn husk crafts, Esther Everett and Phyllis Clayworth, New Sharon; rug braiding, Helen Boertje, Pella; chair caning, Jan Gipple, Indianola and Bill Brubaker, Johnston.

Gammon Barn Museum: Birthplace of Polled Herefords (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.).

Governor's Very Special Arts of Iowa Festival sponsored by VSA Arts of Iowa – Various locations throughout the Fairgrounds (activities designated as "GVSA" in program).

Halls of Flame and Law: "Stop, Drop and Roll" fire safety demonstrations; Sparky the Fire Dog; exhibits from the Iowa State Patrol, Division of Criminal Investigation, Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, Iowa State Sheriff's & Deputies' Associations and Iowa Emergency Management; meet and greets from peace officers.

Heritage Village: Susan Knapp Amphitheater sponsored by Chevrolet with media sponsor KDSM FOX 17; Barber Shop; Buckskinners' Rendezvous Camp; Country School sponsored by Mrs. Clark's Foods; First Church; General Store; Harper Telephone Building; Old Depot; Pioneer Hall; Richard L. Easter State Fair Museum Complex (Ralph H. Deets Historical Museum, Richard O. Jacobson Hall and Kenyon Gallery).

Hy-Vee Fun Forest: 1.5 acre grassy park with a snake walk path, sound pipes, wind chimes, decorated logs and boulders, butterfly and birdhouse garden, decorated gates, cement lions, a chainsaw-carved eagle and a wooden train engine. A trumpeting concrete elephant stands guard as a tribute to Baby Mine, the 1930s era pachyderm purchased by children's nickel and dime contributions. Art Under the Tent artist demonstrations and live entertainment throughout the day on the Fun Forest stage sponsored by Bank of the West.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Building: Natural resources exhibits and demonstrations daily.

Iowa Speedway: Located in the Varied Industries Building. Stop by the Iowa Speedway display to purchase your race tickets and pick up promotional material about the Newton racetrack.

Iowa State Fair Cookbook: The 14th Edition of prize-winning recipes from the Fair's Foods Department will be available for purchase in the Elwell Family Food Center and official Fair Souvenir Booths. The book, packed with more than 500 recipes from 2006 and 2007 competitions, sells for \$15. Copies of the 13th Edition of the Iowa State Fair Cookbook are still available.

Iowa Tourism Hall: Fairgoers looking to plan their next Iowa vacation won't want to miss the tourism exhibits featuring more than 12 attractions, communities and lodging properties from across the state. Located in the south conference rooms and hallway of the Varied Industries Building.

John Deere: Official tractor and utility vehicle of the Fair.

John Deere Agriculture Building sponsored by Alliant Energy: 4-H and FFA Horticulture judging and FFA Floriculture judging; Floriculture and Horticulture displays and crops; Alliant Energy displays; Apiary; Butter Cow; daily stage presentations; Discovery Garden; free beef, dairy, eggs, pork and soybean samples; Iowa State Patrol's "Trooper Bear" meet-and-greet; ice carving demonstrations by Bill Gordish; "Plant of the Day" by the Polk County Master Gardeners; "What's on Your Plate in 2008" demonstrations; FFA Hands-on Demonstrations; "The Holidays at Terrace Hill" in Gingerbread by Terry Johnson of Louisa Communications; holiday trees and gardens, DMACC and Christmas Tree Growers; holiday-inspired interior design, Harvey's Greenhouse of Adel.

Kernels of Truth sponsored by Iowa Corn Growers Association: Locate six kernels of truth throughout the Fairgrounds then enter to win daily prizes at the Agriculture Building.

Kitchen Craft: Official cookware of the Fair.

Leaf Guard: Official rain gutter protector of the Fair.

Principal Plaza at Legacy Terrace: Enjoy sparkling water fountains, benches, shrubs and shady trees in this courtyard on the Grand Concourse adjacent to the Grandstand. Plaques and monuments commemorate contributions to the Fair. Ask how to be a part of it by stopping at the Blue Ribbon Foundation's booth on the Grand Concourse.

Little Hands on the Farm: Children ages 2 to 10 actively participate in the workings of a kid-sized farm operation where they "plant," "harvest," "sell" and more. Buy State Fair and Little Hands on the Farm merchandise in the General Store located on the site. Sponsors include: Fareway Stores, Iowa Corn Promotion Board, Iowa Soybean Association, John Deere, Midwest Dairy Association and Pioneer Hi-Bred International.

Machinery Grounds: Farm Machinery and Equipment Showcase.

Maytag Family Theaters sponsored by AARP: Homemakers' Theater and Variety Theater activities.

Mighty Bluegrass Shows Midway (10 a.m. to midnight): Mega Passes are just \$25 and allow Midway maniacs to enjoy unlimited mechanical rides any one Fair day from open to close. Available while supplies last at statewide Walgreens, Des Moines-area Hy-Vee stores, the State Fair Ticket Office and megapassusa.com through August 6. The pass must be exchanged at the Fair for the one-day only Midway wristband. (Not good for gate admission.) Weekdays only, \$25 each day buys a wristband good for unlimited mechanical rides from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Available during the Fair at Midway ticket booths only.

Orcheln Farm & Home: Official sponsor of FFA livestock exhibitor t-shirts.

Outdoor Arena: Livestock judging, horse shows, stock dog trials.

Patty and Jim Cownie Cultural Center:

- Atrium Exhibit: ice sculpting demonstrations with Elegant Ice Creations (daily at 11 a.m., 2 & 4 p.m. with extra demonstrations at 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday).
- Fine Arts Juried Exhibit (including adult, youth, junior and children's categories): Art Glass, Fiber, Mixed Media, Pastels, Prints, Watercolors, Drawings, Jewelry, Oils/Tempera/Acrylics, Pottery and Sculpture.
- Photography Salon Juried Exhibit (including adult and youth categories): People, Iowa Places, Places Outside Iowa, Things/ Still Life, Plants, Animals, Anything Goes, Toned Tinted or Solarized, Sports, Iowans Love A Fair, Downtown Places & Faces, Iowa Architecture.
- Dollhouse and Miniature Room Displays: People's Choice Voting.
- Woodcarvers' Display and Daily Demonstrations (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.): Featuring youth woodcarving .
- Creative Arts Display and Demonstrations (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.): China Painting, Iowa State China Painters Association; Decorative Painting on Wood, Glass and Metal, Sandy Gookin; Decorative and Fingernail Painting, Mom's Candleworks, Custom Matting, Joy Brace.
- Governor's Very Special Arts of Iowa Arts Showcase: Demonstrations in various arts by artists with disabilities (11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily).
- Working Exhibits: Profile Portraits, Marjorie Muench; Charcoal and Pastel Portraits, Kathy Cunningham; Metal Art, Bob and Cheryl Lyall; Wood Painting and Mixed Media, Stacy Edwards; Cardboard Art, Kevin Kooyman; Face Painting, Tracy Fuller; Origami, Sue Hansen; Stained Glass, Grant Dyer.

Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center: Learn about the animal birthing process in a state-of-the-art, agriculturally-based educational environment. Sponsored by Christensen Farms.

Pella Plaza: 99 Iowa county flags on display in this "pocket park."

Pioneer Livestock Pavilion: Livestock shows and judging; evening horse shows (\$4 adults, \$2 children 6-11, 5 and under free); open class horse shows sponsored by Prairie Meadows.

Richard L. Easter Museum Complex: Interactive exhibits of Fair history in Richard O. Jacobson Hall and Kenyon Gallery; renovated Ralph H. Deets Historical Museum featuring extensive collections of Fair memorabilia.

Sheep Barn: Giant Ram.

Shoppers' Mart: Loaded with crafts as well as demonstrations and merchants offering everything from never-before-seen products to as-seen-on-TV favorites.

Swine Barn sponsored by Toyota: Avenue of Breeds; Big Boar; Iowa Pork Producers exhibit.

Verizon Wireless: Official wireless provider of the Fair.

Walnut Center: Great showcase for Iowa crafters from cross stitch to woodworking; diaper-changing/nursing stations.

West Grand Exhibit Square: Interactive exhibits and sampling. Cookies Food Products, Komen on the Go, MTV's Rock Band Mobile Tour, Gillette Fusion Tour (Aug. 7-10), CSPAN Campaign 2008 Bus provided by MediaCom (Aug. 11), DTV Road Show (Aug. 11-15), BP Invigoration Station (Aug. 12-17).

William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building sponsored by Principal Financial Group: Fabric and Threads (second floor); Iowa Tourism Hall (south conference rooms); red carpet in the facility sponsored by Terrible's Lakeside Casino.

SERVICES

Most buildings open 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Accessibility Guide Listing Services for Disabled: Available at State Fair Information Booths, The Des Moines Register Service Center, Administration Building and iowastatefair.org.

Advance Discount Tickets: Save big with advance tickets sponsored by Taco John's. Buy your gate admission tickets by Wednesday, August 6, and save! Regular \$10 adult admission tickets are just \$7 and \$4 tickets for children (ages 6-11) are \$3 when purchased in advance. Children 5 and under are admitted to the Fair free everyday. Tickets, good on any one Fair day, may be purchased at participating Hy-Vee and Hy-Vee Drugstores; Dahl's Food Marts; Fareway Stores; the Iowa State Fair Ticket Office in the Administration Building on the Fairgrounds. Not good with any other discounts. The backs of all tickets have a special offer for Taco John's Potato Olés.

Air Conditioned Buildings: 4-H Exhibits Building, Cattle Barn Penningroth Media Center, Elwell Family Food Center, FFA Display Building, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, Maytag Family Theaters, Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center, Richard L. Easter Museum Complex, The Des Moines Register Service Center, Walnut Center & William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building.

Assisted Listening Devices: Available for the Cattle Barn Penningroth Media Center, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, Sheep Barn Sale Ring and Swine Barn Sale Ring when the State Fair sound system is being used. For more information, call 515/262-3111, ext. 522, at least 48 hours in advance.

Automated Teller Machines (ATMs): An ATM is located just outside The Des Moines Register Service Center. During the Fair, an additional ATM is located just inside the Grandstand entrance. Five more ATMs are located adjacent to the northeast corner of the William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building.

Baby Diaper Changing/Nursing Stations: Located in both The Des Moines Register Service Center and Walnut Center. The stations provide mothers and their children with a private, safe and comfortable atmosphere.

Blue Ribbon Foundation: Selling official State Fair souvenirs, including charm bracelets, cookbooks, lapel pins, "Our State Fair: Iowa's Blue Ribbon Story," pottery pieces, blankets, collectors' plates, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, John Deere collector 4320 toy tractor, children's clothing and hats. Located on the Grand Concourse, Cattle Barn Foyer, John Deere Agriculture Building and Jacobson Hall/Kenyon Gallery (Museum Complex). "U Gotta Love It" 2008 logo souvenir booths selling t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, ceramics and glassware are located on the Grand Concourse by the Pepsi Clock and in the south atrium of the Varied Industries Building. All proceeds aid Fairgrounds renovation.

DART Buses: Catch one of DART's buses for the quickest and easiest ride to the Fair. Downtown buses drop riders off near Gate #10, located at East 30th and Walnut Streets. Southeast Polk buses drop riders off near Gate #9, located at East 30th

Street and Logan Avenue. Parking is free at all locations listed below. Most buses are wheelchair-accessible.

Pay just once and board free at the Fair with roundtrip fares of \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors and children 11 and under.

- Southeast Polk High School (S.E. 80th Avenue and Highway 163): Six miles east of the Fairgrounds; 8:30 a.m. to Midnight every Fair day via DART's Pleasant Hill Route.
- State Capitol (East 12th near the State Capitol bell): 6 p.m. to Midnight weeknights; 8:30 a.m. to Midnight Saturdays and Sundays via DART's #1 Route.
- Center Street Park 'n' Ride (7th and Center Street, enter on 7th Street): 6 p.m. to Midnight Fridays; 8:30 a.m. to Midnight Saturdays and Sundays.
- #1 West Des Moines/Fairground Route: 6 a.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday. Park and ride lots along this route include: the East High School parking lot, enter from East 12th Street (north of I-235) and walk to East 12th and Grand; State Capitol parking ramp at Penn and Grand, enter from Penn Avenue; all State Capitol visitor lots, catch the bus at East 12th and Grand.

The Des Moines Register Service Center: Just west of the Administration Building, services include first aid, phones, ATMs, lost children/people headquarters, restrooms for the disabled, diaper changing and nursing area, TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) and an official Fair Information Station staffed by State Fair volunteers.

Electric Scooters: Available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reservations accepted); rental cost: \$55 per day or \$35 per half day and deposit of driver's license is required – Inside Gate #11 and Gate #15.

First Aid Stations: Medicap Pharmacy Health and First Aid Center is located east of the John Deere Agriculture Building. A satellite station is located in The Des Moines Register Service Center, west of the Administration Building. Both are staffed by representatives of the Central Iowa Chapter, American Red Cross.

Half-Price Admission: Monday-Thursday, 5-10 p.m. and all day Extreme Sunday, August 17 (not good with any other discount).

Information Booths: Open 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.; The Des Moines Register Service Center, west end of Grand Concourse, north side of Fun Forest, north side of the Administration Building, Administration Building Porch, in front of Cattle Barn, northwest of Agriculture Building, First Church, Walnut Center and southeast entrance of the Varied Industries Building. Sponsored by Allied Insurance.

Iowa Workforce Development: Employment office is open August 5-8 and August 11-14 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Office is located in southeast corner of the William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building. Fairgrounds office phone number: 515/262-3111, ext. 316.

Lost and Found: Public Safety, located at the west end of the Grand Concourse. Public Safety can be reached by phone at 515/262-3111, ext. 312.

Lost Children Headquarters: Until Midnight lost children should be taken to The Des Moines Register Service Center. "KidFind" wristbands available from Star 102.5 in front of the Grandstand. Paging is done from the Service Center from 8 a.m. to Midnight and is only available for lost children, senior citizens or medical emergencies. After Midnight children should be taken to Iowa State Fair Public Safety at the west end of the Grand Concourse.

Lost People Station: The lost people station for individuals over age 12 is located on the south side of The Des Moines Register Service Center.

On-Grounds Transportation:

- Iowa Telecom trams provide convenient transportation from north parking lots to several Fairgrounds locations. Operating daily beginning at 8 a.m., trams feature a curbside electric/hydraulic lift, making them wheelchair accessible.
- Free Campgrounds shuttles sponsored by the Iowa Soybean Association, operated by Clearfield Lions and pulled by John Deere Tractors, board at the northwest entrance in front of the First Church beginning at 8 a.m. daily. One wheelchair-accessible unit will be available approximately every 15 minutes. These shuttles run continuously round-trip between the Campgrounds, Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall, Richard L. Easter Museum Complex and the inner grounds.
- Golf-cart mini-shuttle service (not wheelchair accessible) from north parking lots to inner gates is available all 11 days, beginning at 8 a.m. This service is provided by the Des Moines Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. While offered as a free service, riders are encouraged to make donations to the Crippled Children's Hospital and Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Transportation Fund. Golf carts are not available for rent for reasons of safety and liability.

Sign Language Interpreters: Sign language interpreters will be on hand at the Governor's VSA Arts of Iowa Festival in Fun Forest to assist visitors with hearing loss. To arrange for a sign language interpreter for a specific event, please call 515/262-3111, ext. 222 at least one week in advance.

Storage Facilities: Available just west of the Administration Building. \$3 for 4 hours or \$5 for all day. (Fees subject to change.)

Strollers: Available on a first-come, first-served basis; rental is \$8 per day and deposit of driver's license is required – Inside Gate #11 and Gate #15.

Taxicab: Taxicab stewards will be available directly outside Gate #11 from Noon to Midnight everyday of the Fair to help Fairgoers find a taxicab and assist with loading. To order a taxicab to the Iowa State Fair, call 515/282-8111.

TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf): During the 11 days of the Fair, a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) will be available 24 hours a day for outgoing local/credit calls located outside The Des Moines Register Service Center, west of the Administration Building.

U.S. Postal Station: First class, certified, registered, insured and express mail services will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the northwest side of the Administration Building daily (excluding Sundays).

Wheelchair-Accessible Shuttles: See Shuttles

Wheelchairs: Available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reservations accepted); rental cost: \$10 per day and deposit of driver's license is required – Inside Gate #11 and Gate #15.

The Iowa State Fair Board strives to make the Fairgrounds accessible to all people. No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation or be denied the benefits of public services, programs or activities held on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

The Iowa State Fairgrounds are located at East 30th and East University in Des Moines:

- Telephone number: 515/262-3111
- Adult gate admission: \$10, Children (6-11) \$4, free for ages 5 and under
- North parking lot: \$6 per vehicle, motorcycle parking allowed in the North Lot only for \$6 (all vehicles must be removed by 1 a.m. curfew)
- Bicycle parking allowed in Southwest Lot for \$2
- Parking reserved for visitors with disabilities is located in the North Lot of the Fairgrounds for \$6. Admission to this lot is through Gate #2, East 33rd and East University Avenue.
- A limited number of spaces for the disabled are located on the inner grounds for \$6 and are accessible through Gate #10, East 30th and Walnut. All vehicles must carry a DOT parking permit or license plate distinguishing a disabled driver or passenger.