

Eligibility

- **Vet Camp:** Grades 4-7
- **Advanced Vet Camp:** Grades 8-12

Registration

Registration will open May 1, 2022

- The programs are free with Fair admission, but limited spots are available per session.
- This year, registration can be done by visiting iowastatefair.org/visit/kid-friendly-activities. Follow the instructions under the Vet Camp & Advanced Vet Camp headings.

Registration deadline:

JUNE 1, 2022



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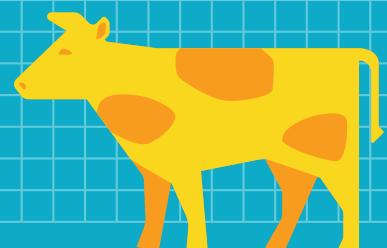
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Vet Camp

Vet Camp is an educational, exciting, hands-on learning program aimed at encouraging children to learn about animal health, welfare and what it's like to be an animal doctor. Vet Camp is a two-hour program focusing on both large and small animal veterinary medicine. Vet Camp is **FREE** with paid Fair admission. Only 45 spots are available per session.

Vet Camp Dates

Thursday, August 11

- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, August 14

- 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 13

- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Advanced Vet Camp

Advanced Vet Camp is a two-hour program aimed at youth who would like to learn more about the field of veterinary medicine and have an interest in attending vet school. Advanced Vet Camp is **FREE** with paid Fair admission and only 45 spots are available per session.

Advanced Vet Camp Dates

Friday, August 12

- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, August 14

- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Vet Camp Stations

Large animal veterinary science

To be a large animal veterinarian, you need to know everything about your farm animal clients. In this station, you will tour the Iowa State Fair animal barns, learn general facts about each species and what the Iowa State Fair vets are looking for when they examine the thousands of animals on the Fairgrounds each year. Learn the basics about animal medication labels, how to tell if an animal is sick and try your hand at an animal health exam. This station will have you hands-on with some of the Fair's biggest animals!

Back to the basics

Dissection and animal anatomy is an essential part of veterinary medicine. In this station, you will learn basic dissection skills by dissecting your very own worm while learning animal anatomy.

"Cud" it out

Cows chew their cud, but what does that mean? In this station, learn all about large and small animal digestion and what ruminant and non-ruminant means. What basic nutrition does a cow versus a dog need? Learn how to tell if your pet is getting what they need and how to form a basic animal feed ration.



Advanced Vet Camp Stations

Scalpel, please

Every veterinarian must know the different instruments used in surgery, along with the four basic suture patterns. You will try your hand at suturing closed an incision at this station.

Parasites

Before any animal is cleared for surgery, they must have a clean bill of health. This station will also go over pre-surgery evaluation along with common parasites animals may have and need to be tested for before any surgery approval.

Porcine dissection

In this station, you learn the anatomy and dissection techniques of a fetal pig. This will be a very hands-on station, so be ready to get your hands dirty.

The path to a career in veterinary medicine

There are many different career paths in veterinary medicine: Veterinary technicians, veterinary assistants, animal behaviorists to veterinarians. Learn how specific courses in high school and internships can assist you on this path, learn about each of these career paths and about activities you can be involved in now that can help you down the road. This station will be done all together at the end of the camp.