THE IOWA STATE FAIR, America's classic state fair, welcomes everyone to lowa's largest celebration held annually in August.

THE FAIR BOARD is committed to making the Fair's facilities accessible to all. No qualified individual shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participating in or be denied the benefits of public services, programs or activities held on the Fairgrounds.

SUGGESTIONS for improvements and additional services are always welcomed by the Fair Board, which will continue efforts to make the Fairgrounds accessible to everyone.

RENOVATION always complies with federal specifications and guidelines related to accessibility. As maintenance and modernization funds become available, the special needs of all lowans will be kept foremost.

Services that provide convenient assistance and accessibility to Fairgoers:

ADA/ACCESSIBLE PARKING: The largest area of parking reserved for visitors who need ADA/ accessible parking is in the North Lot. Admission to this lot is through Gate #2 at East 33rd Street and East University Avenue. Vehicles with either a DOT parking permit or a windshield place card designation will be directed to the reserved parking area north of Gate #15. Vehicle parking is \$10 on a space-available basis; some hard-packed surface parking is available.

Some hard-packed surface parking is available; however, the rolling nature of the terrain means most of the parking area is unpaved. Designated accessible parking spaces on main streets in the inner grounds will not be available during the Fair. Parking personnel will do their best to direct visitors to the closest, most convenient parking available. ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES: Available for the Penningroth Media Center Cattle Barn, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center, 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. 322, at least 72 hours in advance.

During the 11 days of the Fair, a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) will be available 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. for outgoing local/credit calls located in the Administration Building.

BUILDINGS: Ramps, curb cuts, street-level entrances and observation ramps make most buildings and facilities accessible to those using mobility aids. Accessible seating is available in the Grandstand, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion and Jacobson Center. Donations from Iowans across the state have paid for the replacement of many blocks of sidewalks each year to help eliminate and reduce barriers that impact those with mobility aids.

DART STATE FAIR PARK & RIDE BUSES:

Most buses are wheelchair accessible. For further information call DART at 515/283-8100.

FIRST AID: Hy-Vee Health and First Aid is located east of the John Deere Agriculture Building, and at the Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center just west of the Administration Building. Locations are staffed by the Des Moines Fire Department EMS.



GRANDSTAND SEATING: When ordering Grandstand tickets through etix.com or the State Fair Ticket Office, please request ADA/ accessible seating; room for one person and one companions will be provided in an accessible seating area. For information on Grandstand shows and ticket buying procedures, call 515/262-3111, ext. 305.

ON-GROUNDS TRANSPORTATION: Courtesy Carts

Golf cart mini-shuttle service (not wheelchair accessible) from north parking lots to inner gates is available. Golf carts are not available for rent for safety and liability reasons.

Campground Shuttle:

Campground shuttles will run from the First Church to the campgrounds and will be stopping at Pioneer Hall.

Due to safety protocols, the inner grounds trams will not be running. Please plan accordingly for additional walking or contact HomeTown Mobility at 1-877-928-5388 to reserve a scooter. Scooters are available at Gate 8, 10, 11, 13 & 15. Personal golf carts are not allowed on the Fairgrounds.

Blue Line Shuttle: For convenience the Fair will provide the Blue Line Parking Shuttle which is a free tram that runs daily from 5 a.m. until 1 a.m. The Blue Line Parking Shuttle has 6 routine stops that include the North Lot, University, and the Northeast lot and will stop at Gate 13 & 15 for entry to the Fair.

PAGING: Representatives of the Iowa State Fair Police offer paging for lost children, senior citizens and emergencies ONLY from 8 a.m. to midnight in The Hall of Law, located East side of the Grandstand. After midnight this service is available at Iowa State Fair Police headquarters, located at the west end of the Grand Concourse.

RESTROOMS: Facilities with ramps, widened doorways, handrails and stalls built to

accommodate those using mobility aids are available in major buildings across the Fairgrounds. They include The Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center, Grandstand, Walnut Center, Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural Center, Elwell Family Food Center, Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center, Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building, Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center, William C. Knapp Varied Industries Buildings, Stalling Barn, Putney Family Cattle Barn, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, plus MidAmerican Energy facilities east of the Susan Knapp Amphitheater, north of Gate 15 and north of Ye Old Mill. Locations are identified on the map located within this guide.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS: Sign

language interpreters will be on hand in Fun Forest to assist visitors with hearing loss. All shows on the Fun Forest Stage will be ASL interpreted. To arrange for a sign language interpreter for a specific event, please call 515/262-3111, ext. 222, at least one week in advance.

WHEELCHAIR & SCOOTER RENTAL:

HomeTown Mobility accepts reservations online or by calling 1-877-928-5388 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday – Friday. They are also open 7 days a week during the Fair to accept call-in reservations and answer questions. There is an additional \$5 processing fee for all call-in reservations. To avoid the processing fee, reserve online at HTMIA.com. A limited number of wheelchairs and scooters are held for walk-up customers on a first come first serve basis. Reservations will ONLY be accepted for full day Scooter and Wheelchair rentals. Reservations need to be made 24 hours in advance. A driver's license or state ID is required for all rentals. Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance to receive a full refund. less a \$5 cancellation fee. Rental locations are: Gate 8, 10, 11. 13 & 15

SCOOTERS: \$65 per full day (8 a.m. to 11 p.m.); \$45 per half day (8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.) WHEELCHAIRS: \$25 per day

DISCOUNTED GATE ADMISSION:

Monday through Thursday Evenings

\$10 adult admission, \$6 child (ages 6-11) admission available at the gate from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Monday, August 16 Veterans' Day

Gate admission is \$10 until 5 p.m. for all active and retired members of the U.S. military and their spouses. Must have military ID.

Wednesday, August 18 Older Iowans' Day

\$10 admission for Fairgoers ages 60 and older, with ID. Groups traveling by bus on August 18 may enter through Gate #9, purchase tickets and unload at the Elwell Family Food Center. The driver may then relocate the bus to the north parking lot (remembering to ask for proper reentry credentials). The bus will re-enter through thhe Elwell Family Food Center, pick-up at Gate #11 and exit through Gate #9.

Sunday, August 22 *Extreme Sunday*

\$10 adult admission (ages 12 and over) and \$6 child admission (ages 6-11). \$7 adult admission (ages 12 and over) with the donation of 3 cans of non-perishable food.

Questions? Call 515/262-3111 or 800/545-FAIR Additional information is also available at: iowastatefair.org



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