

**LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CAMPING**

Limited space is available for livestock exhibitors to camp in the Livestock Exhibitor Camping lots (on-grounds and off-grounds). Registration and payment for these lots will be required in advance.

**GENERAL RULES**

1. No one is guaranteed a camping spot. Please remember that campers in the Livestock Exhibitor Camping lots (on-grounds and off-grounds) must have an entry on file for the 2026 Iowa State Fair. All others, even those who have camped in the Livestock Exhibitor Camping lots in the past, but who are not current livestock exhibitors, will be referred to the main public campgrounds.
2. Registration **must** be made in the name and address of the exhibitor as it will appear on the entry form. Any camper that does not have an entry on file after the entry deadline will not be allowed to camp in the Livestock Exhibitor Camping lots.
3. **Registration form must be completely filled out or it will be returned.**
4. Camping fees must be paid at time of registration. The cost is as follows:
 

Camper for entire Fair camping period (on-grounds).....	\$496
Camper for entire Fair camping period (off-grounds).....	\$448
Camper on a per night basis (off-grounds) .....	\$40
5. Livestock trailers used as camping units must have factory manufactured living quarters. All other livestock trailers must be parked in the livestock trailer parking lots. **Supply/tack vehicles will not be allowed in the Livestock Exhibitor Camping lots.**
6. Spot assignments are up to the discretion of Iowa State Fair Staff.
7. Camping units may be checked for length upon arrival. Camping spots are based on camper length. If your camper is shorter or longer than the length listed on your registration form, you may be moved to another spot at the discretion of Iowa State Fair Staff and/or Livestock Control. If an alternative spot is not available, you may be asked to remove your camper from the lot. There will be no refunds.
8. One vehicle permit will be issued with each camper permit. The vehicle permit must be displayed and easily visible in the vehicle. Vehicles must be unhooked from the camping unit and parked in an area designated by Iowa State Fair Staff and/or Livestock Control. **Any vehicle not parked in the designated area or without the proper parking permit will be towed at the owner's expense.** Vehicle permits for an alternative parking lot may be purchased on Open Class Livestock entry forms or on the Youth Discount Ticket Order form.
9. No drainage water or sewage may be disposed on the surface of the ground. If caught, you will be asked to leave the Livestock Exhibitor Camping lots and will not be permitted to return the following year. THIS INCLUDES "GRAY WATER."
10. No excessive noise, which may disturb other campers, will be permitted. **No generators may be operated between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.**
11. No animals are allowed in the livestock exhibitor camping lots.
12. If you cancel your entry or do not exhibit livestock\* at the Fair, you will forfeit your camping spot and be removed from the return camper list. **In order to receive a refund of camping fees, cancellation must be made in writing (letter or e-mail) by July 21.**
13. It is a privilege, not a right, to camp in the livestock exhibitor camping lots. Please remember that we try to accommodate the best we can. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**ON-GROUNDS CAMPING**

14. To be added to the waiting list for on-grounds exhibitor camping during the 2026 Iowa State Fair, please send a letter of request (including exhibitor name, mailing address, email, phone number and camper length) by May 1 to: Iowa State Fair, Livestock Exhibitor Camping, PO Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317 or email [camping@iowastatefair.org](mailto:camping@iowastatefair.org). **Requests to be added to the on-grounds waiting list must be submitted every year by May 1.**
15. Camping spots in the on-grounds lot will be offered first to those who submitted a camping registration form, exhibited livestock\* and camped in the lot during the 2025 Fair. **The on-grounds registration form must be postmarked by June 1.** After June 1, spots will be issued to exhibitors on the waiting list. Returning campers: Please keep in mind if you acquire a new camper that space in the on-grounds lot is very limited. If your camper is too large for your spot, you may request to move. However, we may not be able to accommodate a larger camper.
16. Camping units in the on grounds lot are limited to one per household.
17. Camping units will be limited to 43 feet or shorter in length (including hitch) in the on-grounds lot. The maximum width is 15 feet, including all slide-outs, awnings, etc. No tents allowed.
18. **Campers in the on-grounds lot must arrive on Sunday, August 9 at the assigned time and remain until Sunday, August 23.**

**OFF-GROUNDS CAMPING**

19. The off-grounds livestock exhibitor camping lot is located two blocks south of the Fairgrounds at East 32<sup>nd</sup> Court and East Court Avenue. (From Dean Avenue, turn south on East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and then east on East Court Avenue. The entrance to the lot is on East 32<sup>nd</sup> Court.) Dry camping only. Water and electric will not be available.
20. Registration forms for camping in the off-grounds lot will be accepted on a space available basis only. Spots will be assigned according to postmark and dates requested. Arrival/departure times must be listed. **The off-grounds registration forms must be postmarked by July 15.**
21. The maximum width is 15 feet, including all slide-outs, awnings, etc. No tents allowed.
22. Arrival may be no earlier than the time listed on the registration form and departure may be no later than the time listed.
23. **Campers in the off-grounds lot may arrive no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 9.**

**TENT CAMPING**

24. Tent camping may be available in the main public campgrounds. Spots are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. Water and electric will not be available. The main campground entrance is located on Dean Avenue.

\* Camper must be listed with an entry in the official show program and entry must be exhibited in the show.