

THE BEST AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCES AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

BEST DAYS EVER
august
10-20
2023

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LITTLE HANDS ON THE FARM

Children can learn what it is like to be an Iowa farmer. From farm to market, children pretend to be farmers while exploring the farm! Kids can experience step-by-step, hands-on experiences as they move through the nine different buildings.

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ANIMAL LEARNING CENTER

The Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center shows the various stages of life through various farm animals, ranging from cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens and more. Located just south of Little Hands on the Farm, you can see mamas and babies as you explore the building!

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BARN EDUCATION AREAS

Want to learn more about agriculture in Iowa? Explore and visit the education centers located in each barn. Find the Cattle Corner in John and Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn, Horse Haven in the Horse Barn, Sheep Stop in the Sheep Barn and Pig Place in the Swine Barn!

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FAIR TIME YOGA

A guaranteed experience loaded with giggles, cuddles, and just the right amount of cuteness to put you in a good mood, you can attend one of the three Barnyard Yoga classes with mini horses, goats or bunnies. Or, take an evening to relax in one of the most beautiful spots on the Fairgrounds: The Garden with Sunset Yoga. Buy tickets at iowastatefair.org. Spots fill up quickly; get yours before it's filled!

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CUDDLES AND SNUGGLES

A VIP experience for families who have always wondered what it takes to care for the mamas and babies in the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center. Cuddles and Snuggles Chore Time is your chance to help with morning chores; grab some baby animal snuggles and check out the behind-the-scenes action. Buy tickets at iowastatefair.org

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SENSORY-FRIENDLY MORNING

On Wednesday, Aug. 16, certain buildings and activities will be open early for our sensory-friendly morning. There will be a sensory walk and Little Hands on the Farm and The Garden will open at 8 a.m. Thrill Ville and Thrill Town will open with the lights dimmed and you can find Make and Take crafts in Fun Forest and so much more from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.!

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THE GARDEN

Just north of the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center is filled with crops, plants, trees and vegetables. This unique space is enjoyable for all ages! Kids can attend the "I Picked" at The Garden event every day or adults can relax and enjoy the Wine Down In The Garden in the evening!

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FAIR AFTER DARK

Enjoy one or both of our Fair After Dark with a walk through history at A Night at the Museums or a night filled with agricultural Farm Challenges, all with a drink in your hand! Tickets are limited to a behind-the-scenes VIP events. Attendees must be 21 and over; tickets at iowastatefair.org.

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HY-VEE FUN FOREST

Children of all ages will love the Hy-Vee Fun Forest with a playground, stage and crafts! Join the Blue Ribbon Kids' Club Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m. for children to enjoy various activities such as Meet and Greet, Make and Take crafts and more.

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GRANDFATHER'S BARN

Visit the oldest building on the Fairgrounds, just up the hill from the Patty and Jim Cownie Cultural Center! Color the bug mural, take part in a grape and wine scavenger hunt and if you're over 21, visit The Wine Experience daily starting at 10 a.m.!

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IN THE KITCHEN

Kids and adults can join workshops at the Iowa State Fair Kitchen! Kids can take part in a Kids in the Kitchen Cupcake Decorating Workshop, where they will learn the techniques of buttercream icing. An adult charcuterie workshop will teach the basics of making a board along with recipes and assembly. Buy tickets at iowastatefair.org

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AVENUE OF BREEDS

Located just west of the 4-H Bruce L. Rastetter building on the southwest corner of the Fairgrounds, the Avenue of Breeds showcases 100 different types of animals and breeds local to Iowa!

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CATTLE BARN

Learn all about cattle at the Cattle Barn with "I Milked a Cow" located in the Milking Parlor. Find the Boulevard of Dairy Breeds to pet a calf and get all your dairy questions answered in the north annex of the Cattle Barn!

