

HAVE THE BEST DAY AT THE FAIR WITH OLDER IOWANS' DAY

BEST DAYS EVER
august
10-20
2023

TICKETS

Buy advance admission tickets and save \$5. You can buy them at any local Hy-Vee, Fareway or online at www.iowastatefair.org. Before August 10, tickets are \$11. If you do not buy them in advance, don't worry, you can buy them at the gate! Wednesday, August 16, is Older Iowans' Day; admission will be \$12 for anyone 60 and older.

PARKING

There are two ways for you to park. One is parking right on the Fairgrounds; we have accessibility parking in Lot A. Entrance to Lot A would be driving through Gate 2 right off University Ave. The Lots do fill up quickly though, so the easiest way to park for the Fair is by taking the DART Park and Ride. There are three locations: Center Street Park and Ride, State Capitol and Southeast Polk High School. If you buy Fair tickets in advance, Park and Ride tickets will only be \$1. (If you do not buy the Fair tickets in advance, tickets are \$2.) The DART Park and Ride will then drop you off right at Gate 10.

1 ANIMAL LEARNING CENTER

Start your morning off right by seeing the cutest baby animals and their mothers at the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center.

2 FAIR MUSEUM

Take the east Sky Glider (located between Thrill Ville and Ye Old Mill) or the Camp-ground Tram up the hill to visit the Ralph H. Deet's Museum Complex. Learn about the history of the Iowa State Fair; maybe you will even remember some events that happened at the Fair.

3 PIONEER HALL

Watch fun contests or even participate in some at the Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall.

They also have a lot of demonstrations and music! Some events happening on August 16:

- Country Antique Market at 9 a.m.
- Alice's Gospel Old Songs/New Sounds at 9:30 a.m.
- Cow Chip Throwing Contest at 11 a.m.
- Beverly Kaye, Vocalist 40s-70s Music at 11:30 a.m.
- Ladies Rubber Chicken Throwing Contest at 2 p.m.
- Jerry Beauchamp Band Old Country Variety to include Waltz and Polka at 4:30 p.m.

4 GRANDFATHER'S BARN

Just south of Pioneer Hall is one of the oldest buildings on the Fairgrounds, Grandfather's Barn.

- The Wine Experience: Best of Show Sampling at 10 a.m. (\$)

5 CULTURAL CENTER

On your way down the hill see the best art in Iowa. See wood carvings, photographs, paintings, dollhouses and more in the Patty and Jim Cownie Cultural Center.

6 BUTTER COW

See the iconic Iowa State Fair Butter Cow in the John Deere Agriculture Building. Joining the butter cow this year are Caitlin Clark, Jack Trice and Kurt Warner. You can also find the best vegetables, fruits, egg on a stick and vendors inside the Agriculture Building. Outside you can see the giant pumpkins and the beautiful Discovery Garden.

7 FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Have your residents rest while enjoying the best entertainment at the Fair. Some popular events happening on stage:

- Anne and Bill Riley Stage
- Bill Riley Talent Search at 12 p.m.
- MidAmerican Energy Stage
- If you missed Beverly Kaye, Vocalist 40s-70s at Pioneer Hall, she will be performing again on the MidAmerican Stage at 3:30 p.m.
- Susan Knapp Amphitheater
- Hello Iowa - WHO 13 at 11 a.m.

8 LIVESTOCK

See the Biggest Boar, Super Bull, Big Ram and more in the livestock barns.

9 4-H

Enjoy some cool air conditioning and stop by the 4-H Building to see all the projects and exhibits kids have been working on this year.

10 AVENUE OF BREEDS

See approximately 100 animals and 70 different breeds at the Avenue of Breeds. Open 9 a.m.-8 p.m., west of Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building.

11 ELWELL FOOD CENTER

On your way back to the Grand Concourse, stop by the Elwell Family Food Center to watch food seminars and see blue ribbon-winning dishes.

12 VARIED INDUSTRIES BUILDING

The William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building is the place to get all kinds of free things. The aisles get crowded fast, but in the South Hallway, there are smaller rooms with vendors. The second floor features Fabrics and Threads and Quilts.

13 DNR BUILDING

The DNR Building is located across from the Varied Industries Building on the Grand Concourse. See all kinds of fish located in Iowa and visit the shaded courtyard with a pond.

