

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025**SUNDAY FUNDAY****STEM DAY**

STEM Day at the Iowa State Fair will inspire Fairgoers with dozens of interactive, hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) experiments on the Grand Concourse, exciting stage acts on the MidAmerican Energy Stage, giveaways and information about the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council at the Iowa Department of Education and its statewide programming.

GATE ADMISSION

Adult (ages 12 and up): \$16

Child (ages 6-11): \$10

Under 5: FREE

After 7 p.m., there are no on-site ticket sales or entry/re-entry at the gates

SPECIAL SAVINGS

Sunday Funday: \$12 adult (ages 12 and up) admission and \$8 child (ages 6-11) admission. \$9 adult (ages 12 and over) admission with the donation of 3 cans of non-perishable food from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THRILL PARK WRISTBAND

Good during Fair time only on any ride or game in Thrill Town and Thrill Ville. Tickets and credits can be purchased and reloaded onto the Thrill Park Wristband at any Thrill Parks kiosk in Thrill Town or Thrill Ville.

\$1 for 1 credit*

*Thrill Park Wristbands are not valid in Thrill Zone.

*Upon initial purchase of a Thrill Park Wristband , a one-time \$1 fee is charged.

ENTERTAINMENT**Iowa State Fair Grandstand presented by Iowa Lottery – Krause Group Stage**

Fireworks Spectacular presented by Coca-Cola

The Fair's largest stage with 11 nights of top performers; buy Grandstand tickets at iowastatefair.org.

**Prices include facility fees charged on all tickets. Pricing varies based on Etix service fees charged for online and phone orders.*

6 p.m. KIDZ BOP LIVE Certified BOP Tour (\$29-44)

9 p.m. Fireworks Spectacular to follow Grandstand show

Anne and Bill Riley Stage

sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart

Local and national touring entertainment; Talent Search

1:30 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Search Finals

7 p.m. Rebecca St. James

Elwell Family Park

West outdoor arena with covered bleachers; action dirt events

Noon Figure 8 Races (\$; gates open at 11 a.m.)

Expo Hill

Free entertainment, MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center

10 a.m. Louie the Lightning Bug and/or Sniffy the Sniffasaurus Sighting!, MidAmerican Energy Wind Turbine and Education Center

10 a.m. Chainsaw Carvers Gary Keenan, T.J. Jenkins and Clint Henik

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Hy-Vee Fun Forest

Variety Star Accessible Playground, stage with kid programming, Blue Ribbon Kids' Club

Fun Forest Stage

sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union

11:30 a.m. Brad Weston

12:30 p.m. The Chipper Experience! - Where COMEDY & MAGIC Collide!

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3:30 p.m. Brad Weston

4:30 p.m. The Chipper Experience! - Where COMEDY & MAGIC Collide!

MidAmerican Energy Stage

with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI TV8

Local and national touring entertainment; KCCI TV8 live news

10 a.m. Blank Park Zoo Presentation & Demonstration

11 a.m. Grout Museum Presentation & Demonstration

1 p.m. Wartburg College Presentation & Demonstration

2 p.m. WOI-TV (The Local 5 Weather Lab Experience)

7 p.m. Journey from the Heart

The Lawn

West of Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center; outdoor entertainment; concessions

11 a.m. The Flying Royals

12:30 p.m. The Flying Royals

2 p.m. The Flying Royals

4:30 p.m. The Flying Royals

6 p.m. The Flying Royals

7:30 p.m. The Flying Royals

Strolling Acts

Around the Fairgrounds

11 a.m. Bandaloni

11:30 a.m. The Ice Cream Show with Greg Frisbee

Noon Hillbilly Bob

1 p.m. Bandaloni

2 p.m. The Ice Cream Show with Greg Frisbee

3 p.m. Bandaloni

4:30 p.m. The Ice Cream Show with Greg Frisbee

Susan Knapp Amphitheater

sponsored by Prairie Meadows with media sponsor WHO TV13

Local and national touring entertainment; WHO TV13 Hello Iowa show

8:30 a.m. Aimee & Jerry's Dance, Des Moines

10 a.m. Double Barrel Band, Webster City

Noon Java Jews (Klezmer Music)

2 p.m. Blake Jack & South 35, Band, Brooklyn

7 p.m. Redferrin

BAR AND RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT

Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery

Located southeast of the Grandstand

10 a.m. Open Mic

1 p.m. Calf Fry Eating Contest

3 p.m. DJ Yacovana

4 p.m. Casey Muessigmann

Bubbly Bar & Bistro

Located west of Grandfather's Barn

Noon OneFourRising

2 p.m. Orphan Annie

3:30 p.m. Bubbly Trivia

5 p.m. Party Party

Iowa Craft Beer Tent

Located west of Jacobson Exhibition Center

4:30 p.m. Brian Congdon

Jalapeno Pete's

Located southwest of Thrill Ville

1 p.m. Haywire

4 p.m. Tony Bohnenkamp and Brad Seidenfeld

JR's SouthPork Ranch

Located west of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, on Rock Island Avenue

11:30 a.m. Emma Butterworth

1:30 p.m. The Sheet

4:30 p.m. Grupo515

LIVESTOCK AWARDS, JUDGING AND SHOWS

Bob and Deb Pulver Outdoor Arena

Livestock competitions; special events

9 a.m. Llama Show

Pioneer Livestock Pavilion

sponsored by Pioneer Seed

Livestock competitions; special events

9 a.m. Dog Show

9:30 a.m. 4-H Dog Show

6:30 p.m. Dog Agility Demonstration

Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center and Horse Barn

Horse shows and exhibitors; Horse Haven

8:30 a.m. Horse Show: Clydesdale, Percheron

9 a.m. Horse Haven

Noon Horse Show: Supreme Six Horse Hitch Showdown

Sheep Barn

Sheep; Big Ram; Sheep Stop

9 a.m. Sheep Show: All Other Meat Breeds

9 a.m. Sheep Stop

11 a.m. Have You Herd? Live Animal Demonstration, Outside, Southeast corner

1 p.m. Sheep Show: Jackpot Lambs

Swine Barn

sponsored by Corteva Agriscience

Swine; Big Boar; Pig Place; goats

9 a.m. Boer Goat Show

9 a.m. Pig Place

9 a.m. Swine Show: Hawkeye Market

FAIR DAY EVENTS

Avenue of Breeds (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

presented by Iowa Bankers Association, west of the 4-H Exhibits Building

70 breeds of unique Iowa livestock; managed by North Polk FFA

Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

sponsored by Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa

4-H exhibits, displays and presentations

9:30 a.m. Extemporaneous Speaking Event

1:30 p.m. Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Induction Program for Adair-Jasper Counties

3:30 p.m. Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Induction Program for Jefferson-Wright Counties

Department of Natural Resources Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Outdoor courtyard presentations; pop-up programs; aquariums

11 a.m. Nature for Health, Wellness and Quality of Life, Courtyard Stage

1 p.m. Snakes Alive! - Live Animal Program, Courtyard Stage

2 p.m. Habitat, Wetland and Water Quality - Trumpeter Swans - Live Animal Program, Courtyard Stage

3 p.m. Mammals of Iowa, Courtyard Stage

5 p.m. Tree - via - DNR Daily Trivia - Topic: Tree Products, Courtyard Stage

Elwell Family Food Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

sponsored by Choose Iowa

Competitive food judging and displays; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)

10 a.m. Hot Cookie Judging, Room 3

11 a.m. Food Bank of Iowa Chopped Judging, Rooms 1 and 2

11 a.m. ISF Mystery Sack: Youth Judging, Room 3

11 a.m. Quick Breads are More Than Just Banana Bread seminar, Cassandra Hyatt, Degree in Restaurant Management and Iowa State Fair Judge, Room 4

12:30 p.m. ISF Mystery Sack: Adult Judging, Room 3

2 p.m. Pasta or Pizza - The Ultimate Comfort Food Judging, Room 3

2 p.m. Pies by Dianna seminar, Dianna Zaiger Sheehy, Iowa State Fair Judge, Room 4

2:30 p.m. Lemon Meringue Pie Judging, Room 1

FFA Display Building and Headquarters (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Chapter exhibits; agricultural demonstrations and working displays

The Garden (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

sponsored by Corteva Agriscience

Display of crops, plants, vegetables and special events, managed by Bondurant FFA; Iowa State Fair Kids Makers Market

10 a.m. "I Picked" at The Garden

10 a.m. Iowa State Fair Kids Makers Market

Grand Concourse

Main east-west road on the Iowa State Fairgrounds

Food Bank of Iowa

STEM Day of Fair Display, In Front of Service Center

9 a.m. Local 5 Weather Lab Experience & Broadcast Booth, In Front of Administration Building

10 a.m. National Anthem, In Front of Administration Building

5:30 p.m. Local 5 Broadcast News, In Front of Administration Building

Grandstand Shoppers' Mart (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Shopping

Heritage Village

Celebrate Iowa's past on the Iowa State Fairgrounds

Country School (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Old time school, coloring activities

Farm Bureau Pioneer Hall (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Heritage competitive exhibits and contest

Working exhibits and displays

Gas engine display

Vintage vehicle display (between Fair museum and country school)

Country antique market

Blacksmith shop, Ron Koske, Altoona, and Randy Mills, Des Moines

Coon River Mercantile, manufacturers of 1860-1880 period clothing, Gerald Durbin, Des Moines

1920s Newspaper and Printing, Friends of Pioneer Hall

Wheel Thrown Pottery, Leslie Nelson of Lotus Moon Ceramics, Urbandale

Spinning Wool on a Wheel, Janice Cook, Monroe

The Art of 1900s Gold Leaf and Traditional Hand Lettering Plus Glass Glue Chipping by John Parker, Carlisle

Handmade Kitchen Utensils from Fallen Trees, Tim McGuire of Wild Cherry Spoon, Quad Cities

Rug Braiding, Molly Vriezelaar, Altoona (Aug. 8-10)

Chair Caning and Rush Seat Weaving, Michelle Schanz, Amana (Aug. 7-10 and Aug. 14-16)

Wool Rug Braiding, Molly Vriezelaar, Altoona (Aug. 15-17)

Tall Corn Contests - Iowa's Tall Corn Contest and America's Tallest Corn Contest entries on display (judging held Aug. 6; on display Aug. 7-17)

7:15 a.m. Catholic Mass

8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Worship Service

10 a.m. Onion Creek Band, Ames

11:30 a.m. Onion Creek Cloggers and Onion Creek Band, Ames

1 p.m. Mother/Daughter Look-A-Like Contest

3:30 p.m. Heart of Iowa Cloggers, Central Iowa

5 p.m. Jim Dandy and the Kountry Rebels, Old Country and Rock 'n Roll Music, Grand River

First Church

Replica of Iowa's first church

11:30 a.m. Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing

6:30 p.m. Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing

Next to First Church

10:30 a.m. Hot Glass Academy

12:30 p.m. Hot Glass Academy

2:30 p.m. Hot Glass Academy

4:30 p.m. Hot Glass Academy

6 p.m. Hot Glass Academy

Horseshoe Courts

Fair sporting competition located east of Pioneer Hall

9:30 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching: Iowa Men State Championship Top 8

Mountain Man Camp

1800s re-enactment camp, east of Susan Knapp Amphitheater

9 a.m. Mountain Man Camp

1 p.m. Mountain Man Skills Demonstration

Richard L. Easter Museum Complex (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Ralph H. Deets Historical Museum and Richard O. Jacobson Hall (Ronald and Margaret Kenyon Gallery);

Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store (until 5 p.m.)

9 a.m. Barnyard Yoga: Bunny Yoga (\$; pre-registration required), South of Poultry and Rabbit Building

Vermeer Grandfather's Barn (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Iowa Wine Growers Association with Iowa wine tasting and sales

John & Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn

sponsored by Vermeer

Cattle; Super Bull; shopping; vendors; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store

9 a.m. "I Milked a Cow" presented by ISU Dairy Science Club (\$3), Boulevard of Dairy Breeds

9 a.m. Boulevard of Dairy Breeds, North Annex

9 a.m. Cattle Corner, North Annex

3:30 p.m. Woodcarvers' Auction, Blue Ribbon Foundation, Penningroth Media Center

John Deere Agriculture Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

sponsored by Alliant Energy

Floriculture; horticulture displays; world-famous Butter Cow; egg-on-a-stick; gingerbread building display; shopping; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store

11 a.m. "Meet the Masters" - Iowa Master Farmer Association & Foundation, Stage

2 p.m. Kids and Bees Expo, Iowa Honey Producers Association, Stage

5 p.m. Plant Sale Stage

Kids' Zone

For Fairgoers of all ages; north of Animal Learning Center

9 a.m. Little Hands on the Farm

10 a.m. Cowboy Boot Camp

Maytag Family Theater

The Kitchen sponsored by Fareway Meat & Grocery and Warners' Stellan

Cooking demonstrations; tastings

10 a.m. Kids Can Cook Cooking Show, East Theater

11 a.m. Homemade Poptarts and Sprinkles; Jessdesserts - Jessica Anderson, The Kitchen, West Room

1 p.m. All-Iowa Shrimp Boil; Choose Iowa & Partners, The Kitchen, West Room

2 p.m. Kids Can Cook Cooking Show, East Theater

3 p.m. Family Chopped; Iowa State Fair, The Kitchen, West Room

4 p.m. Kids Can Cook Cooking Show, East Theater

5 p.m. Family Chopped; Iowa State Fair, The Kitchen, West Room

Mobile Marketing (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Organization and company displays

9 a.m. Verizon, Machinery Grounds

9 a.m. Cookies Food Products, North of Elwell Family Food Center

9 a.m. United States Air Force, North of Elwell Family Food Center

9 a.m. Iowa Legal Aid, West of the DNR Building

9 a.m. RAM, West of the DNR Building

2 p.m. Dr Pepper, Gate 15

Oman Family Youth Inn

Dormitories, special events competitions and tournaments

11 a.m. Cribbage Tournament (\$; registration at 10 a.m.)

Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural Center (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

Atrium sponsored by Bankers Trust

Fine Arts juried exhibits; photography; creative arts: woodworking; dollhouses; art demonstrations; Art Fair; artWORKS

9 a.m. Face Painting, Miguel Flores (\$), 1st Floor

9 a.m. Henna Tattoo Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

9 a.m. Lego® Activities (\$), Creative Arts, 2nd Floor

9 a.m. Make-and-Take: Mom's Candleworks (\$), 2nd Floor

9 a.m. Make-and-Take: Name Bracelets (\$), 2nd Floor

9 a.m. Wood Carving Demonstrations by the Mid Iowa Wood Carvers, 2nd Floor

9 a.m. Wood Turning Demonstrations by the Des Moines Wood Turners Inc., 2nd Floor

9 a.m. Wood Working Demonstrations by the Des Moines Woodworkers Club, 2nd Floor

10 a.m. Art WORKS Art Carnival, 3rd Floor

10 a.m. Contemporary Oil Painting Demonstration, Robin Hesselgess, 1st Floor

10 a.m. Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

10 a.m. Natural Stone Jewelry Demonstration, J & K On The Rocks, 1st Floor

10 a.m. Origami Demonstration, Sue Hansen, 1st Floor

10 a.m. Polymer Clay Jewelry Demonstration, Lydia Miller, 2nd Floor

10 a.m. Rug Weaving Demonstration, Rugs & Tugs, 1st Floor

10 a.m. Tie-Dye Demonstration, Shawn Reeves, Tri-Dyes, 2nd Floor

10 a.m. Wheel Thrown and Hand Sculpted Pottery Demo, Blue House Pottery, 1st Floor

10 a.m. Woodburning Demonstration, Mallory Joan, 1st Floor

10:30 a.m. Acrylic Painting Demonstration, Kaitlin Flury, 1st Floor

10:30 a.m. Metal Jewelry Demonstration, Robert and Brooks Lyall, 1st Floor

11 a.m. 3D Printing Demonstration, Bottom Floor Prints, 1st Floor

11 a.m. Airbrush Demonstration, The Paleks, 2nd Floor

11 a.m. Coin Jewelry Demonstration, Ken Sims, 1st Floor

11 a.m. Henna Tattoo Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

11 a.m. Wood Folk Art Demonstration, Carden Farms, 1st Floor

Noon Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

Noon Hand Stamped Stainless Steel Ring Demonstration, Kris Jones, 1st Floor

Noon Polymer Clay Jewelry Demonstration, Lydia Miller, 2nd Floor
Noon Wheel Thrown and Hand Sculpted Pottery Demo, Blue House Pottery, 1st Floor
12:30 p.m. Metal Jewelry Demonstration, Robert and Brooks Lyall, 1st Floor
1 p.m. Art Attack, Courtyard
1 p.m. Art Fair Demonstration: John Jannenga, Drawing, Courtyard
1 p.m. Henna Tattoo Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor
1 p.m. Painting Demonstration, Mallory Joan, 1st Floor
1 p.m. Rug Weaving Demonstration, Rugs & Tugs, 1st Floor
2 p.m. 3D Printing Demonstration, Bottom Floor Prints, 1st Floor
2 p.m. Airbrush Demonstration, The Paleks, 2nd Floor
2 p.m. Contemporary Oil Painting Demonstration, Robin Hesselgess, 1st Floor
2 p.m. Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor
2 p.m. Hand Stamped Stainless Steel Ring Demonstration, Kris Jones, 1st Floor
2 p.m. Polymer Clay Jewelry Demonstration, Lydia Miller, 2nd Floor
2 p.m. Tie-Dye Demonstration, Shawn Reeves, Tri-Dyes, 2nd Floor
2 p.m. Wheel Thrown and Hand Sculpted Pottery Demo, Blue House Pottery, 1st Floor
2:30 p.m. Metal Jewelry Demonstration, Robert and Brooks Lyall, 1st Floor
3 p.m. Art WORKS Perk Up Café and Live Performances, 3rd Floor
3 p.m. Crocheted Wire Jewelry, Barb Vaske, 1st Floor
3 p.m. Henna Tattoo Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor
3 p.m. Natural Stone Jewelry Demonstration, J & K On The Rocks, 1st Floor
3 p.m. Woodburning Demonstration, Mallory Joan, 1st Floor
4 p.m. 3D Printing Demonstration, Bottom Floor Prints, 1st Floor
4 p.m. Art Fair Demonstration: Debbie Simpson, Watercolor, Courtyard
4 p.m. Art WORKS: "Let's Dance" with Janice Baker, 3rd Floor
4 p.m. Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor
4 p.m. Polymer Clay Jewelry Demonstration, Lydia Miller, 2nd Floor
4 p.m. Rug Weaving Demonstration, Rugs & Tugs, 1st Floor
4:30 p.m. Metal Jewelry Demonstration, Robert and Brooks Lyall, 1st Floor
5 p.m. Airbrush Demonstration, The Paleks, 2nd Floor
5 p.m. Art WORKS: Student Performances, 3rd Floor
5 p.m. Hand Stamped Stainless Steel Ring Demonstration, Kris Jones, 1st Floor

5 p.m. Henna Tattoo Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

5 p.m. Painting Demonstration, Mallory Joan, 1st Floor

6 p.m. Art WORKS: Comedy Hour hosted by Bill Blank "Let's Laugh", 3rd Floor

6 p.m. Coin Jewelry Demonstration, Ken Sims, 1st Floor

6 p.m. Hair Shimmer Demonstration, Liz Sweeney, 2nd Floor

6 p.m. Origami Demonstration, Sue Hansen, 1st Floor

Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

sponsored by Christensen Farms

Birthing center; baby animals; ag-based children's educational center; Ag Art Contest display; Way We Live award winners display

1 p.m. 2025 Ag Careers Trading Card Signing

3 p.m. 2025 Ag Careers Trading Card Signing

Robert G. Horner and Sheri Avis Horner Service Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

sponsored by Mattress Firm

First aid; ATMs, telephones; Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store; calming room

Ruan Plaza

Vendors and concessions; floral display; Farm Bureau free games and prizes

Thrill Town (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

For little Fairgoers and their families; located east of Gate 10 and north of the Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center lawn

Thrill Ville (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

presented by Travel Iowa

Family-friendly atmosphere with jaw-dropping rides; located between the Grandstand and Ye Old Mill

Thrill Zone (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

Intense amusement rides near Gate 11 on the Grand Concourse

Walnut Center (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Iowa crafters and merchandise

9:30 a.m. Pottery Throwing Demonstration, Val Neumann

1 p.m. Pottery Trimming Demonstration, Val Neumann

William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

sponsored by Principal®

*Vendors; competitive fabric and threads exhibits and classes; Iowa Food and Family Project; shopping;
Blue Ribbon Foundation Merchandise Store*

9 a.m. Hourly demonstrations - Iowa DOT rocks

10 a.m. Christmas Tree Ornament Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor, Classroom 1

12:30 p.m. Star Ornament Sewing Class (\$), 2nd Floor, Classroom 1