



# A Piece of the Puzzle



Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation  
2024 Benefit Auction





# Every Piece is Essential

**Join us for the 2024 Corndog Kickoff Benefit Auction and Fair Food Grazing Party**

It all comes together at the William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building located on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.



## Saturday, July 13

**10 AM, July 12**

Online Silent Auction Opens

**6:30 PM, July 13**

Event Doors Open

**8 PM**

Live Auction

**8:30 PM**

Online Silent Auction Closes

**10 PM**

Flashing Thunder  
Fireworks Spectacular





# Foundation News

**Nothing compares to the Iowa State Fairgrounds! The Iowa State Fair was first held at its current location in 1886. While buildings and landmarks have changed over time, the Blue Ribbon Foundation has continued to raise funds to maintain our beautiful, historic Iowa State Fairgrounds.**

## **2024 Fairgrounds Projects:**

- A new Campground restroom is being built up the hill east of Gate 4.
- Exterior and interior work is being completed on the Iowa State Fair Police Headquarters building.
- New marquees will be placed at East 30th and East 33rd Streets.
- Paved handicapped parking spaces were added north of Gate 13.
- Hillcrest Dorm received a new roof in the fall. Next year, an update to the ventilation system, windows and restrooms will be completed. FFA members who serve as Grandstand ushers reside in Hillcrest during the Fair.
- The Ye Old Mill received new sheathing, fascia and architectural shingles on the roof of the main building. All of the boats have been refurbished, along with the mechanical system that operates the ride. The next steps include painting the whole structure, reroofing the tunnel and adding a new rock landscape in the "middle" of the tunnel. Next year, additional interior improvements will be made.
- Remodeling of the women's restroom west of the Administration Building.
- New lighting to be added to Parking Lot C on the northeast side of the Fairgrounds.
- Conversion of some water fountains into water bottle filling stations.
- The Agriculture Building's south and west doors will be replaced, as well as the ramp on the east side of the building.
- Plans to add picnic tables and shade structures on the lawn west of the Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center.

## **Livestock Barns Renovations:**

The livestock barns – sheep, horse, swine and cattle – are undergoing an extensive \$25+ million renovation over the next few years. Each barn will have upgrades for specific needs.

## **Sheep Barn:**

- Restoration of brick and terracotta masonry.
- Remodeled office spaces.
- Installation of new underground storm sewer on the north, west and east sides.
- New roofing on all lower level areas including wood sheathing repair and replacement.
- Remodeled existing restrooms and added brand-new restrooms to meet current accessibility standards.
- Repainting of the entire interior of the building.
- New sun-shading for the show arena.

**The Iowa State Fair is a tradition any Iowan can be proud of and the Blue Ribbon Foundation is dedicated to continuing that legacy. Thank you for your support.**

# 2024 Corndog Kickoff Patrons

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# Win a Luxury 7-Night Vacation for 14 People!

Have a luxurious vacation at Blue Island Villa in Turks & Caicos! Located directly on the brilliant blue waters of Chalk Sound National Park in Providenciales, this 7,250 sq. ft. luxury villa in an upscale neighborhood features 7 suites, 8 bathrooms, 2 gourmet kitchens, a large waterfront pool and expansive balconies for enjoying the stunning clear blue waters. You'll also enjoy use of a Jeep during your stay and have fun exploring the waters in glass-bottomed kayaks. It is a \$27,600 value!

Buy your \$100 raffle ticket(s) between July 1 and August 15, 2024. Only 500 tickets will be sold! The drawing will be held at noon on August 17 at the Anne & Bill Riley Stage during the Iowa State Fair. Winner does not need to be present.



Learn more by visiting  
[www.BlueRibbonRaffle.com](http://www.BlueRibbonRaffle.com)  
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# Rags to Riches

Purchase a souvenir bandana, or “rag,” for \$10 and you are in the Rags to Riches game sponsored by West Bank! After package #15 of the Live Auction, all participants will stand. To get started, hold it in your hand and you decide – to hold your rag up or keep it down at your side.

The auctioneer will flip a coin – heads is rags up and tails is down. If you chose correctly you remain standing and continue to play; when you’re wrong, you sit down. The game will continue until we have one participant left standing. The winner will receive half of the amount raised from the rag sales.

Rags can be purchased at the raffle table or from the volunteers strolling the crowd. Please have your rag purchased before package #14 of the live auction.

The winner may pick up his or her prize at the cash out table following the conclusion of the live auction.



# Mystery Prize Game

**Purchase a Mystery Envelope for \$15 and win an Iowa State Fair prize! Only 250 Mystery Prize Game Envelopes will be sold during the Corndog Kickoff. More than \$3,400 worth of prizes available.**

## Prizes Include:

- Two Iowa State Fair Grandstand Concert Tickets of your choice
- Engraved Brick
- VIP Parking
- On-Grounds Parking
- \$5 Iowa State Fair Merchandise Coupon
- \$5 in Iowa State Fair Food Vouchers
- Iowa State Fair Admission Ticket
- Snakes Alive Ticket
- Ye Old Mill Ride Ticket
- Train Exhibit Ticket
- Sky Glider Ride Ticket
- Giant Slide Ride Ticket
- Free Bottle of Water
- Cup of Cookies Voucher
- Two Corndog Kickoff Admission Tickets for 2025

**Purchase your Mystery Prize Envelope at the designated table during the Corndog Kickoff. Every envelope is a winner!**





# The Winning Piece

**For the first time, the Blue Ribbon Foundation will host a reverse raffle with a puzzle twist.**

What is a reverse raffle? This raffle is just the opposite of a regular raffle where you **WANT** your name and numbered puzzle piece to be the **LAST** one drawn. In this crazy backwards game, 250 raffle tickets (or in our case puzzle pieces) will be sold for \$25 each. Throughout the night, puzzle pieces will be drawn and our giant puzzle will be put together. The owner of the last puzzle piece drawn will win \$1,000!

You can enter the raffle by buying your puzzle piece at the designated table the night of the event. The drawing will start at 8 PM with the winner announced during the Live Auction. **Must be present to win.**

# Dining Delights

**Give a donation and go out for dinner = win, win!**

The Blue Ribbon Foundation will feature “Dining Delights” – a restaurant gift card activity. For a \$20 donation, attendees will grab a mystery gift card as their prize. Try a great Iowa eatery while supporting the Blue Ribbon Foundation at the same time.

# Auction Rules

Please note that auction package content is subject to change from the time of printing. Packages will be sold based on the current description sheets placed next to each item and as described on GiveSmart. Contents are sold as is.

Please do not remove or relocate auction items. If you wish to look more closely at an item, please seek the assistance of auction staff or volunteers.

Restrictions and expiration dates do apply on several auction items. Every effort has been made to indicate such on the auction descriptions as accurately as possible; however, the Blue Ribbon Foundation is not responsible for any restrictions omitted or not otherwise indicated by the donor or prizes not claimed within the scope of the restrictions or expiration dates.

The items and certificates generously donated to the Blue Ribbon Foundation for the auction may not be redeemed for cash or returned to the business for cash or exchanged unless otherwise indicated.

# Silent Auction

**Bidding on the Silent Auction will be through the GiveSmart. A link to the event page for the auction can be found at [www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org](http://www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org) or use the QR Code.**



1. To bid, you must register as a bidder and provide the required information, including a valid credit card number. You can view auction packages without signing up as a bidder.
2. The silent auction will open for bidding at 10 AM on Friday, July 12. Bidding will close at 8:30 PM on Saturday, July 13.
3. You do not need to be present at the event in order to bid on a Silent Auction package.
4. All packages will be on display at the event for attendees to view.
5. All bidders on items containing alcohol or gift certificates for alcohol must be 21 years of age or older. These items must be picked up by someone 21 years of age or older.

# Live Auction

1. The Live Auction begins at 8 PM and concludes when all items have been sold.
2. To bid, you will need to register for a bid number at the bid card registration tables in advance of the Live Auction. All bidders must have an assigned bidder number.
3. Each Live Auction package has a number. The auctioneer announces the package number and gives a brief description of the items in the package.
4. To bid on a package, please raise your bid number for acknowledgment by the auctioneer or ringmen.
5. The auctioneer will announce the final bid amount and buyer.



# Silent Auction Highlights

## Vintage Iowa State Fair

This souvenir folder of Des Moines postcards is a treat for the eyes.

- Featuring eight connected two-sided postcards; they accordion into a folder. The set features highlights of Des Moines and the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The two cent stamp is postmarked 1925.

**Donated by Kelsey Warfield**

## Old School Cooler

This vintage Coleman cooler is packed full of things for happy camping, including a Coleman thermos and propane lantern in a protective carry-case.

- Ingredients and tools for making s'mores pack the cooler as well as roasting sticks and toast holders.
- There are additional lanterns, glow stick jewelry, candles, glasses and lots more.

**Donated by Back Street Vintage**

## Got the Autograph

The 2018 Iowa State Fair had a rock solid Grandstand line-up and we got their autographs!

- Hang this 2018 Nothing Compares to Iowa State Fair Moments poster that has been framed with an autograph mat.
- Acts appearing on the Grandstand included Casting Crowns, Reba, Daughtry, Old Dominion, Papa Roach, Jim Gaffigan, Thomas Rhett, Sugarland, Peter Dinklage, Florida Georgia Line & Earth, Wind & Fire.

**Donated by the Iowa State Fair**

## Backyard BBQ

Take your BBQ to the edge of backyard greatness with the new industry standard of pellet grilling, the Green Mountain Ledge Prime 2.0.

- With unrivaled heat consistency and temperature control from the 12-V direct power, the new peaked hybrid chamber design provided for optimal heat and smoke circulation.
- The Ledge Prime 2.0 has a 436 sq. inch cooking area and an 18 lbs. hopper capacity plus WiFi smart control.

**Donated by Prairie Ag Supply**

## A Painting Class

Throw a party that isn't at your house where everyone participates in the action and has a great memory to take home with them.

- Select a painting from the hundreds of styles offered and invite your friends for a painting party at Painting with a Twist in Urbandale.
- This party is good for a total of ten people and must be used by June 30, 2025.

**Donated by Painting with a Twist**

## Save Me

Jelly Roll sold out his August 10 concert at the Iowa State Fair in 45 minutes! Didn't get your tickets but really want some?

- Here's an opportunity to be center stage with four tickets in Section C10, Row 28, Seats 11-14.
- Gate admission for four and a parking pass are included.

**Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation**

## Learn from a Master

Eileen Gannon has a long history of showing and competing at the Iowa State Fair and will teach you some of her baking skills.

- Enjoy a private baking lesson in your home for you and three friends. Pick the dessert of your choice and Eileen will teach you all how to bake it.
- With over 600 ribbons under her belt as well as numerous other baking awards, you'll be sure to pick up a trick or two in how to create a mouth-watering dessert.
- Location must be within 1 hour of the Des Moines metro area on a mutually agreeable date. Must be used by June 30, 2025.

**Donated by Eileen Gannon & Sunday Night Foods**

## A Perpetual ISU Fan

Show your Iowa State pride with this large perpetual calendar created by Sticks.

- Measuring 38" x 38", the magnetic black calendar is framed by beautiful art that highlights important aspects of Iowa State University, past and present.
- In addition to the month and date magnets, an assortment of holiday magnets are included.

**Donated by Ben Kozlowski & Tom Synhorst**

# Live Auction

## 1. A Sticks Collection

The Fair-loving artists at Sticks have created a collection of one-of-a-kind works of art specifically for the Corndog Kickoff.

- A lazy susan proclaims "We love our Iowa State Fair" and colorfully evokes experiences enjoyed at the Fair.
- The ornament for 2024 features the Sky Glider as it celebrates 50 years. Take home the original art that was used to create the Sincerely Sticks piece.
- Frame a favored 4"x6" photo from your visit to the Fair in this "Make Great Memories" Sticks frame.

**Donated by Sticks Inc.**

## 2. Sporting Entertainment for Every Season

This package is perfect for entertaining groups of friends or clients no matter what time of year!

- For the summer months, enjoy an Iowa Cubs baseball game with 20 tickets in the Katecho suite at Principal Park. Select from any available dates for the 2024 season.
- During the winter, take your child's basketball team to enjoy an Iowa Wolves game with 12 tickets in Katecho's suite at Wells Fargo Arena. Select from any available 2024-25 season games.
- Since winter is so long, have another outing in the Katecho suite at Wells Fargo Arena with 12 tickets to watch the Iowa Wild play. Select from any available 2024-25 season games.
- In the spring, take in a Barnstormers game with 12 tickets in Katecho's suite at Wells Fargo Arena. Select from any available 2025 season games.

**Donated by Katecho**

## 3. In Our Own Time

Enjoy the bloom of flowers in your home every season of the year with this stunning painting of a zinnia with a butterfly guest.

- Bob Kling is a painter, potter, photographer and educator living in Indianola. He is an award-winning art educator at Simpson College and taught at the Indianola High School for 33 years. Bob has a very realistic style of painting and enjoys including his gardens and travels in his art.
- "We All Awaken in Our Own Time" is an original oil on canvas painting measuring 36" x 48".

**Donated by Bob Kling**

## 4. The Hawkeye State

Cheer on the Iowa Hawkeyes at two sporting events during the 2024-25 school year.

- Two Press Box Seats and a Kinnick Society parking pass to any one 2024 Big Ten home football game with a "VIP Hawkeye Fan Package" which includes club room access, coaching shirts, hats, a media guide, football calendar and more. Please confirm your preferred game and shirt sizes by August 1.
- Two priority tickets and a priority parking pass to any one 2024-25 Big Ten home men's or women's basketball game with a "VIP Hawkeye Fan Package" including club room access, coaching shirts, hats, media guide and more. Please confirm preferred game and shirt sizes by November 1.
- An Iowa themed t-shirt pillow to show your allegiance to the black and gold.

**Donated by University of Iowa Athletic Department & Karen Brockelsby**

## 5. Beach Bound

Spend time enjoying the summer from Fort Myers Beach, Florida with a five day, four night stay in a canal home with pool that sleeps 16 and is just minutes from the beach.

- The house has five bedrooms and three baths, a huge pool, spa and you might spot a dolphin or manatee in the canal behind the home.
- This sought after destination home is 6 minutes by car to the sandy beaches of Fort Myers and all the active night life, shopping and great restaurants. Flights are direct and affordable into Punta Gorda or Fort Myers.
- Available May 1 - November 15. Subject to availability. Additional nights may be purchased. Two guests must be 30 or older.

**Donated by Pennie Carroll & Associates Real Estate**



## 6. 20/20 Vision

If you are nearsighted, farsighted or have astigmatism, LASIK surgery may offer the vision you want without the constraints of glasses or contacts.

- Wolfe Eye Clinic will perform a bilateral LASIK procedure in either their West Des Moines or Cedar Rapids clinics.
- You'll receive your initial evaluation appointment at any Wolfe Clinic main office; pre and post operative medications and drops, the procedure and LASIK-related follow up visits for one year and enhancement within two years post-op if necessary.

**Donated by Wolfe Eye Clinic**

## 7. Part of the Home Team

With 21 number one singles, Thomas Rhett knows how to entertain his Home Team country music crowd. Bring eleven of your country music loving friends to his concert on Tuesday, August 13.

- Your seats will be in the Spectator Suite located on the west side of stage seating. The suite offers an air-conditioned area, lower level patio seating and deck seating on top. It's the perfect spot to catch the show and hang out with your friends.
- The package includes 12 concert tickets and 12 gate admission tickets for the Thomas Rhett concert with Priscilla Block on Tuesday, August 13. This is not a private suite but is limited to 24 people.
- Complimentary water and snacks will be provided in the suite.

**Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation**

## 8. Cheer on the Cardinal & Gold

Cheer on the Iowa State Cyclones at two sporting events during the 2024-25 school year.

- Two tickets to a Saturday ISU home football game. The donor will provide several game dates for winning bidder to select a game. These seats are in the Club section.
- Two ISU men's basketball tickets for a Big 12 2024-25 season game. Donor will provide several game dates for winning bidder to select from once the schedule is released.
- Shout out your school allegiance with this selection of Iowa State gear. It is loaded with a cooler tote, hats, hoodie, mini-helmet, socks, decor, t-shirts and more!
- An Iowa State themed pillow features an Iowa State Fair t-shirt.

**Donated by Todd & Connie Rueter, Bill & Deb Fennelly, the Iowa State University Marketing Department & Karen Brockelsby**

## 9. A Fresh Baked Pie

A delicious, homemade pie created by a prize-winning baker.

**Donated by Elysa Koss**

## 10. The Chills & Thrills Continue

Test your paranormal courage by exploring several of Iowa's most haunted places. Scary – we haven't run out of new places!

- Granger House – Built in 1848, this Victorian Italianate home is one of Marion's oldest structures. Enjoy a ghost tour where you might see full body apparitions, hear disembodied voices or witness objects moving "on their own."
- Malvern – Featured on Paranormal Lockdown, Malvern Manor has lots of visitors – living and ghostly. Enjoy a day tour of the Malvern Manor for you and 10 guests plus an overnight stay.
- Villisca – Visit one of the most infamous and haunted sites in Iowa, the Villisca Axe Murder House. Eight people were slain here in 1912 and it's said their spirits remain. Will you see them as you spend the night? Valid for up to five people on a Monday – Thursday night in December – February.
- Strawberry Point – Built in 1903, enjoy an overnight stay at the historic Franklin Hotel between December and May.
- East Prairie, MO – The Brooks Estate is a charming 19th century home filled with history and a few lingering spirits. Enjoy a one night stay for up to 6 people that might leave you spellbound.
- Be ready for these ghostly adventures with several books about haunted locations, an EVP recorder and an EMF detector.
- This trip will take you all over Iowa and beyond, use \$200 in Casey's gift cards for gas.

**Donated by the Granger House Victorian Museum, Malvern Manor, the Brooks Estate, Villisca Murder House, Franklin Hotel, Back Street Vintage & Casey's**

## 11. Easy Cruisin'

You'll be cruising around the golf course, or the streets of your neighborhood, in style with a brand new 2023 EZGO two passenger golf cart.

- With a blend of function and style from the most reliable brand on the market, you'll enjoy this closed loop EFI gas engine that is ready for wherever the road takes you.

**Donated by Golf Cars of Iowa**

## 12. A Concert Series

Can't decide what concert to go to? Why not all of them? Have your own Concert Club area in the Grandstand at the 2024 Iowa State Fair with eight seats to each of the eleven concerts. Your tickets are in stage seating, section C10, row 28, seats 1-8.

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- The headlining acts include Lauren Daigle, Foreigner, Jelly Roll, Greta Van Fleet, Brett Young, Thomas Rhett, Mötley Crüe, Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias, The Avett Brothers, Ne-Yo and Kidz Bop.

**Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation**

## 13. A Fresh Baked Pie

A delicious, homemade pie created by a prize-winning baker.

**Donated by Elysa Koss**

## 14. A Most Notorious Rock Band

Still packing arenas after 43 years of iconic live performances, get your big hair ready to rock at Mötley Crüe's concert on Wednesday, August 14.

- Your seats will be in the Spectator Suite located on the west side of stage seating. The suite offers an air-conditioned area, lower level patio seating and deck seating on top. It's the perfect spot to catch the show and hang out with your friends.
- The package includes 12 concert tickets and 12 gate admission tickets for Mötley Crüe's concert with Pop Evil on Wednesday, August 14. This is not a private suite but is limited to 24 people.
- Complimentary water and snacks will be provided in the suite.

**Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation**

## 15. Host an Easy Party

Host a party to celebrate an engagement, anniversary, graduation, birthday or maybe a special occasion at work. This package will make it a piece of cake.

- The location is The Farmhouse Studios & Venue in the heart of old-town Altoona. Custom made Farmhouse tables are provided as well as stunning black Chiavari chairs, creating an elegant and earthy backdrop for your special day. You tell them your guest count and they will set up your tables and chairs for you. The space can hold up to 75.
- Food and beverage will be provided by Great Caterers of Iowa, well known for their delicious food, wide selection and outstanding service. The food credit value is \$500.
- Damon Dotson is a singer/songwriter based out of Des Moines, though originally from Okoboji. Damon has opened for legendary performers like BB King, Willie Nelson, The Beach Boys, Huey Lewis, as well as modern artists like Matt Nathanson, The Band Perry, Edwin McCain, and The Lone Bellow. He was named Des Moines' "Best Local Musician" for 2023 by City View Magazine.
- Damon will provide two hours of entertainment on either a Monday or Tuesday.
- Homemade and huge is the description for this delicious double layered chocolate cake that serves 30. Please give a three week advance notice to have your cake ready for pick up or delivery in the metro area.
- All subject to availability and expire 7/31/2025.

**Donated by Farmhouse Studios & Venue, Great Caterers of Iowa, Pennie Carroll & Associates Real Estate & Damon Dotson**

# Rags to Riches: Time to Play

If you have purchased a rag for \$10, you are in the game! Hold your rag up or keep it at your side as the auctioneer flips a coin. The last person standing receives a cash reward. For official game rules, please refer to the description on page 12 of your auction book.



## 16. A Golden Glide

It's the 50th year of the Sky Glider on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. We're celebrating with a golden Sky Glider chair that was used on the ride.

- The 50th chair on each of the two Sky Gliders have been painted the same gold color.
- For the 2024 Iowa State Fair, enjoy two unlimited ride passes for Sky Glider rides. Yes, you read that right – ride as much as you want each and every day of the Fair!

**Donated by Tracy Shedd**

## 17. Enjoy the Iowa State Fair as Never Before

You won't just see, you'll truly experience the Iowa State Fair with this package!

- Two tickets to come every day plus a VIP parking pass for the whole Fair!
- Be a judge at the New Foods Contest on July 16 where you'll sample 11 new Fair foods and help pick which three will be featured at the 2024 Iowa State Fair.
- There were definitely more than 11 new foods submitted to the Concessions Department. Use \$250 in food coupons and a listing to taste all of the new foods debuting at the 2024 Fair.
- Take in the concert of your choice with two Grandstand concert tickets and enjoy a private tour of the Fairgrounds during the Fair given by Iowa State Fair CEO Jeremy Parsons.
- Experience Thrill Park rides with two re-loadable wristbands with 35 credits each and two State Fair Value Packs for other thrills plus tickets for the SkyGliders.
- Be one of the judges in the "Sunday Night Foods Baking Championship – Division 66" contest on Friday, August 9 at 2:00 PM.
- Got milk? See how full your bucket gets as you milk a goat in the Celebrity Dairy Goat Milking contest held on Friday, August 16.
- Either before or after the Fair, have a behind the scenes tour of areas not open to the public and hidden gems many don't know about given by the Blue Ribbon Foundation staff.
- To finish it all off, a bag full of Iowa State Fair swag plus an Iowa State Fair t-shirt pillow.
- Commemorate your 2024 Iowa State Fair with an old-fashioned 8" x 10" portrait for up to four people. You can select a matted or poster format. Valid only at the 2024 Iowa State Fair.

**Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation, the Iowa State Fair, Old Time Portraits, Karen Brockelsby & SkyFair**

## 18. Visit the Emerald Isle

Enjoy a 7-night stay for up to twelve guests at the luxurious Birchwood Estate near the village of Adare, Ireland's prettiest village.

- Located on the grounds of the prestigious 5-star Adare Manor, host to the 2027 Ryder Cup, the 10,000 sq. ft manor has 6 suites, 5 bathrooms, a large gourmet kitchen, dining and living rooms, a home gym, game room and an indoor swimming pool.
- The lavish estate is just a short walk to the village of Adare, boasting of beautiful, thatched cottages, a castle, and a rich history dating back to 1200 AD. Enjoy the tranquility of the village while shopping at fashion boutiques, or treating yourself to lunch in award winning restaurants, coffee shops and bars. Or enjoy the many walking trails in the picturesque countryside.
- Adare is also the preferred base for golfers playing in the world-renowned parkland and links courses in this region.
- The manor is roughly 2.5 hours to Dublin and less to Cork and Galloway or the dramatic seaside Cliffs of Moher.

**Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation & Luxury Estates International**

## 19. A Fresh Baked Pie

A delicious, homemade blueberry pie created by a prize-winning baker.

**Donated by Eileen Gannon & Sunday Night Foods**

## 20. A Hydrotherapy Retreat

Lounge in style as you reap a multitude of hydrotherapy benefits with an Artesian Spas 5-person hot tub.

- With all season shield covers, 53 stainless steel jets, LED lighting and maintenance free Grandwood Cabinets you'll enjoy hours of relaxation with family and friends.
- This Artesian 853DL model measures 91 x 91 x 36 inches and comes with a cover, lifter, and 2-year warranty.

**Donated by Hot Spring Spas of Iowa & Minnesota**

## 21. Table It

Accent your room with the rugged elegance and natural beauty of a live edge wood table with ocean colored epoxy rivers.

- Made from two slabs of walnut, the top is approximately 4' x 8'. The epoxy rivers are in multiple locations in a dark blue with navy graining throughout, creating a striking contrast between the grain of the wood and color of the epoxy.
- The legs are steel with a walnut board featured between them. The table stands 30" tall.

**Donated by John and April Marmon**

## 22. An Iowa Farmers Market

You watched Amy Wood Thomas create her "Farmers Market" mural at the 2023 Iowa State Fair. Now you can enjoy it in your own home.

- The 3' tall x 5' wide painting is in the shape of Iowa and features a colorful produce stand at a farmers market.

**Donated by the Iowa Food & Family Project**

## 23. A Sparkling Pair

Let Charles Ganske host you and nine of your friends for a wine exploration class in his Urbandale jewelry boutique.

- Sip wines, learn about their story and learn more about beautiful jewelry too.
- You'll also have a \$1,000 credit for an in-store purchase!
- Simply find a mutually agreeable date, time, and a wine related topic. Charles can teach to the level of wine experience of your group.

**Donated by Charles H. Ganske Personal Jeweler**

## 24. A Good Egg

The Big Green Egg is acclaimed as a high quality, versatile and simple to use outdoor cooker. From appetizers and entrees to desserts, you'll enjoy using this Large Egg to handle your roasting, smoking and baking needs.

- The Large Egg has the space to cook a 20-pound turkey, 12 burgers, 8 steaks or 7 racks of ribs vertically. It comes with the integrated nest holder and side shelves.
- Start roasting or smoking with a meat bundle from Brewer Family Farms of Dallas Center, a sixth generation family farm.

**Donated by Prairie Ag Supply & Brewer Family Farms**



## 25. Vintage Glamping

Step back in time to the Good Ole' Days with a Newton/Des Moines KOA row camping experience for a party of twelve.

- Spend two nights and three days in a vintage 1969 Shasta, 1968 Forrester and two 1970 Airstream campers that together will accommodate 12 people. All you have to do is show up at the campground ready for the fun weekend that's planned for you.
- You'll enjoy specialty bratwurst, hot dogs and summer sausage from Ulrich Meat Market, 4 lbs. of grassfed beef hamburger patties, buns, assorted sides, condiments and a pan of gourmet brownies, homemade chocolate chip cookies and free ice cream vouchers from the camp store.
- Two bundles of firewood will be provided at each camper plus you'll have four bottles of wine and a s'mores kit. Don't miss the pancake breakfast provided in the lounge Saturday morning. Plus you'll have coolers with ice ready and waiting for your arrival.
- Catch fish in the pond with two containers of worms, four fishing poles and tackle.
- Capture your visit with a one hour photo shoot to document the fun. Maybe you could all wear your "what happens in the cornfields of Iowa..." complimentary shirts?
- While I don't think anything is missing from this experience, use \$100 in Casey's gift cards to supplement your snacks and beverages.

**Donated by Newton/Des Moines East KOA & Casey's**

## 26. Night in the Museum

Enjoy a private dinner for six catered in the Ralph Deets Historical Museum during the holidays. Ellen Hammond, our resident historian, will take you on a behind-the-scenes tour and entertain you with fun Fair stories she's collected over the years.

- The Girls' Catering will provide a family-style meal, which includes appetizers, salad, entrée and two sides. Bread, dessert and cocktails too, making for a special night of dining right in the heart of the museum.
- While enjoying your meal, Ellen will play the piano to create a festive background. She is an accomplished pianist and might even have you singing along to a few carols.
- End the experience with a horse drawn carriage ride through the Fairgrounds. The carriage will hold six – a perfect fit.
- To be used in November – December 2024 on a mutually agreeable date.

**Donated by Ellen Hammond, The Girls' Catering, Stan Jensen & the Blue Ribbon Foundation**



## 27. Slow Sipping

From the world's most decorated distillery along the Kentucky River, we bring to you some of the most sought after brands in bourbon. This package contains some of the hardest bourbons to find in Iowa and across the United States.

- For your sipping pleasure, included are Blanton's Gold, Weller Special Reserve, EH Taylor Small Batch, Eagle Rare 10 year and Buffalo Trace all distilled with pride at Buffalo Trace Distillery.
- Showcase your bourbon in a sleek tray created from oak barrel casks.
- Store and enjoy your bourbon from a whiskey barrel bar with a 36" top and four oak stave stools with wooden swivel seats.
- A set of four 8 oz Executive on the Rocks glasses and four 15 oz Deluxe Cooler glasses with Iowa State Fair logos will come in handy.

**Donated by Bill & Myndi Taylor, Jay & Michelle Knudsen, Mike & Karla Blanchard & GlassAmerica**

## 28. A Fairly Great Painting

James Navarro worked his artistic magic at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in 2021 and 2023, creating the magnificent murals everyone was photographing. Now you can take one of his fair creations home with you.

- James has painted an original work featuring the Iowa State Fair we all know and love.

**Donated by James Navarro**

## 29. I Need a Favor

Do your friends a favor and bring them to enjoy Jelly Roll's sold out concert on Saturday, August 10.

- Your seats will be in the Spectator Suite located on the west side of stage seating. The suite offers an air-conditioned area, lower level patio seating and deck seating on top. It's the perfect spot to catch the show and hang out with your friends.
- The package includes 12 concert tickets and 12 gate admission tickets for Jelly Roll's concert with special guest Dax on Saturday, August 10. This is not a private suite but is limited to 24 people.
- Complimentary water and snacks will be provided in the suite.

**Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation**

## 30. Getting Around

Here's your opportunity to bring a golf cart onto the grounds with a 2024 Iowa State Fair golf cart registration sticker.

- An all-Fair VIP parking pass for the lot to the east of the Livestock Pavilion will provide easy access to your golf cart which can safely be left at the Blue Ribbon Foundation's hospitality area.
- Two wristbands provide easy admission to the Fair and a bag of swag gets you appropriately outfitted.

**Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation**

## 31. Location, Location, Location!

**This camping spot is better than beachfront property because you are camped in the heart of the action!**

- Jacobson Square is new for 2024! This camping space is located just north of the Oman Family Youth Inn and has been improved to feature full hook-ups and new landscaping.
- Winnebago is providing an RV for you to use the duration of the Fair.
- Two admission wristbands, allowing for 11 days of entry, are included as are two parking passes for your campsite.
- You'll also have several tickets to ride the Sky Glider, Ye Old Mill and the Giant Slide.
- Commemorate your 2024 Iowa State Fair with an old-fashioned 8" x 10" portrait for up to four people. You can select a matted or poster format. Valid only at the 2024 Iowa State Fair.
- A keepsake pillow constructed using an Iowa State Fair t-shirt.

**Donated by Winnebago Industries, Karen Brockelsby, Old Time Portraits & the Blue Ribbon Foundation**



# Payment and Sale Conditions

1. Payment for all items purchased by the final bidder must be made at the conclusion of the auction event or before the bidder leaves the auction.
2. Payment in full is required at the conclusion of the auction event. There will be two options available for payment.
  - a. The payment table will open at 8:30 PM. Cash, check or credit card are the accepted methods of payment at the payment table.
  - b. Payment may also be initiated through your user profile on GiveSmart.
3. All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds are available unless a disclaimer is mentioned in an individual package. Package content is sold as is.
4. Buyers claim items by presenting a paid auction receipt to a silent or live auction assistant.
5. Auction packages are to be claimed the night of the auction if buyer is present at the event. In the event you cannot remove your purchase, please make arrangements before leaving.
  - a. If you are unable to arrange transportation of your purchase because of the package's size, please call the Foundation at 515-262-3111 Ext. 373 to discuss delivery options.

- b. If you were bidding online for a silent auction package and were not present at the event, please plan to pick up your package(s) at one of the following times listed below. Items purchased will not be mailed unless the buyer arranges with the Foundation to pay for shipping and handling. If you have any issues with the published times, please call the Foundation office at 515-262-3111 Ext. 371.

**Pick-up times:** Other than Sunday, the location is at the Blue Ribbon Foundation office on the Fairgrounds, north of the Fun Forest and MidAmerican Energy Stage

**Sunday, July 14** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Varied Industries Building, south side

**Monday, July 15** 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Tuesday, July 16** 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, July 17** 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

6. If the auction packages you won are not picked up by July 31 at 4:30 PM, or other arrangements have not been made with the Blue Ribbon Foundation, we will consider your items to be a donation back to the Foundation and will use the unclaimed items in future events.

## Tax Deductibility

The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. While contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible, the purchase of items at value are not fully deductible. Only the amount you pay for an item or service over the actual market value of the item or service may be considered a tax-deductible contribution. Please retain your receipt and consult your tax advisor.



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