

Longmont State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation



2025 Benefit Auction

STIR IT UP

at the Iowa State Fair
Blue Ribbon Foundation's
2025 Benefit Auction

Saturday, July 12

William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building

**The recipe for a successful
Iowa State Fair starts with YOU.**

Recipe

10 AM, July 11
Online Silent Auction Opens

6:30 PM, July 12
Event Doors Open

8 PM
Live Auction

8:30 PM
Online Silent
Auction Closes

10 PM
Flashing Thunder
Fireworks Spectacular

Foundation News



There's no place like the Iowa State Fairgrounds! The Iowa State Fair has called its current location home since 1886. Although buildings and landmarks have evolved over the years, the Blue Ribbon Foundation has remained dedicated to raising funds to preserve the beauty and history of our iconic Fairgrounds.

2025 Fairgrounds Projects:

- Final Phase of Ye Old Mill exterior renovation
- Additional picnic tables and seating west of the Anne and Bill Riley Stage
- Lighting improvements west of the Administration Building
- Final Phase of the Agriculture Building roof replacement
- New doors for Agriculture Building and Pioneer Hall
- New windows for Hillcrest Dorm
- Repairs to the Youth Inn porch
- New staircase from the Cultural Center to Fairview Hill
- New display fixtures in the 4-H Building
- Paved handicapped parking in Lot B
- New sound system in the Livestock Pavilion
- Creation of pedestrian gate at East 30th and Maple St to access Gate 13
- Updated grounds-wide public address system for emergency announcements
- First Phase of Campgrounds Restroom #4 renovation
- New dirt for Jacobson Exhibition Center

Ron and Bev Shivers Family Plaza: Thank you to the Shivers Family for their generous donation to create a beautiful plaza. The project features open seating, landscaping, and brand new restrooms. Between JR's Southpork Ranch and Old West BBQ, the plaza enhances the Fairgoer experience by providing a gathering area where Fair visitors can relax, dine, and soak in the wonderful Iowa State Fair atmosphere.

Variety Star Playground: The Blue Ribbon Foundation partnered with Variety – the Children's Charity of Iowa to create a new inclusive playground, allowing children and adults of all abilities to enjoy playing together, creating an environment that encourages connection and fun.

Horse Barn: Phase One of the project (exterior painting, window replacement, masonry repairs, and north restroom renovation and construction) will occur prior to the 2025 Iowa State Fair. Phase Two (concrete floor with radiant heat, relocated offices, interior wash rack area, portable stalls, fire suppression system and enhanced ventilation) will begin this fall and be completed in time for the 2026 Fair.

The Iowa State Fair is a tradition that every Iowan can take pride in, and the Blue Ribbon Foundation is committed to preserving that legacy. We appreciate your support!

2025 Corndog Kickoff Patrons

\$10,000 Best of Show

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Cookies
Beattie Melon Patch
Big Acai Bowl
Bird's Nest
Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery
Bread & Butter Wines
Breakfast Bar
Bubbly Bar & Bistro
Campbell's Corndogs
Carter's Cotton Candy &
SnoCones
Cattlemen's Beef Quarters
Dairy Zone

Dawghouse Concessions
G. Pop's Candy Box
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JR's SouthPork Ranch
Kona Ice of Central Iowa
McConnell Concessions
Mountain Valley Water
Over the Top
Pineapple Whip
Pepsi
Schuler Concessions
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The Rib Shack
Travelin' Tom's Coffee of
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Turkey Time Concessions
Whatcha Smokin? BBQ
What's Your Cheez

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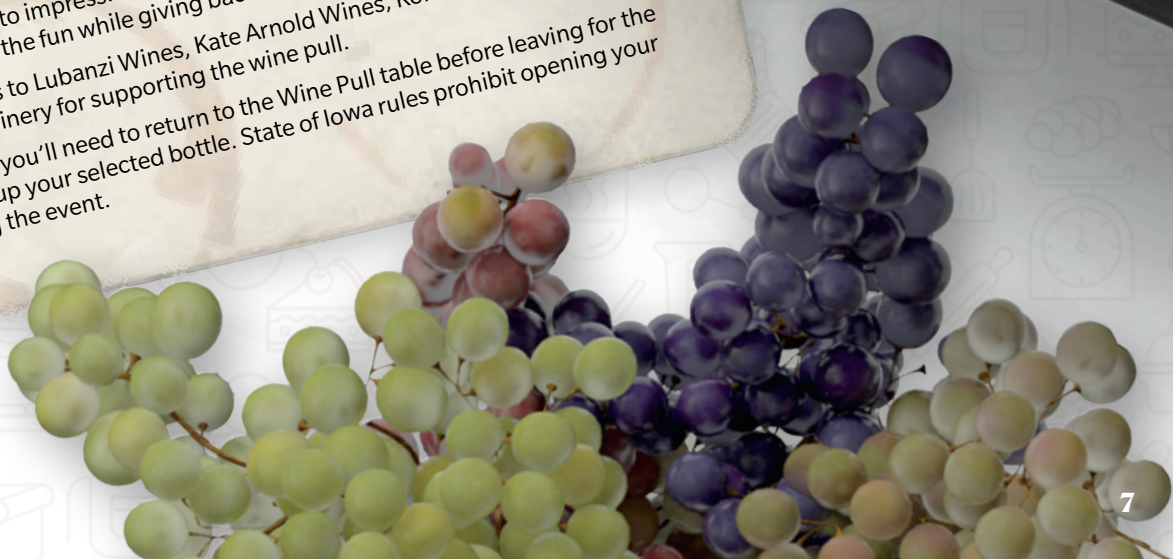
Wine Pull *NEW!*

For the first time, the Blue Ribbon Foundation will host a Wine Pull fundraiser at the Corndog Kickoff! For \$20, guests can pick a mystery bottle of wine, with a variety of premium selections up for grabs.

Whether you're a wine connoisseur or just looking for a fun surprise, there's a great bottle waiting for you. Take a chance - you might just walk away with a bottle that's sure to impress. Every pull helps us make a meaningful impact, so join in and enjoy the fun while giving back!

A special thanks to Lubanzi Wines, Kate Arnold Wines, Kokomo Winery and Klinker Brick Winery for supporting the wine pull.

Please note - you'll need to return to the Wine Pull table before leaving for the night to pick up your selected bottle. State of Iowa rules prohibit opening your bottle during the event.



NEW!

Bake Sale

During the Iowa State Fair, the Elwell Family Food Center becomes home to the largest fair food department in the nation. There are approximately 130 divisions, 600 classes and more than 6,400 entries.

Foodies show off their culinary skills with special techniques, fancy gadgets and secret family recipes passed down from one generation to the next. The Iowa State Fair is the perfect place to celebrate the spirit of competition found in the kitchen.

The Blue Ribbon Foundation is excited to host a classic bake sale during the Corndog Kickoff. We invite you to purchase a delectable item to satisfy your taste buds. From cookies and cakes to pies, pastries, jams and salsas, there will be plenty of mouth-watering options to choose from.

Look for the Bake Sale table during the event.



Mystery Prize Game

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

Prizes Include:

- Two Iowa State Fair Grandstand Concert Tickets of your choice
- Two Elwell Family Park Event tickets
- VIP Parking
- On-Grounds Parking
- Iowa State Fair merchandise coupon
- Iowa State Fair food vouchers
- Admission Ticket
- Snakes Alive Ticket
- Ye Old Mill Ride Ticket
- Sky Glider Ride Ticket
- Train Exhibit Ticket
- Giant Slide Ride Ticket
- Free Bottle of Water
- Cup of Cookies Voucher
- Iowa Wine Experience ticket
- Two 2026 Corndog Kickoff Admission tickets

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

Rags to Riches

Join in as we play a 50/50 raffle game after package #15 of the live auction. You are invited to purchase a souvenir bandana, or "rag," for \$10 to get in the game.

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

As a participant, hold your rag in the air or keep it down at your side. The auctioneer will flip a coin – heads is rags up and tails is down. If you choose correctly, you remain standing and continue to play; when you're wrong, you sit down. The game will continue until we have one lucky participant left standing. The winner will receive half of the amount raised from the rag sales.

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



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 GiveSmart. A link to the event page for the auction can be found at www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org or you can 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 10:00 AM on Friday, July 11. Bidding will close at 8:30 PM on Saturday, July 12.
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 and cannot be consumed at the event.

Live Auction

1. The live auction begins at 8:00 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 table 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

An Ozark Getaway

Spend three nights at a beautifully unique home and three-level bunkhouse at Lake of the Ozarks.

- Located in Gravois Mills, this modern home can accommodate 24 guests! The three bedroom, three bath home is beautifully furnished and features a game area, spacious decks overlooking the water and a hot tub.
- And there is a bunkhouse that accommodates 18 additional guests! This newly built bunkhouse has five bathrooms and seven bedrooms that are uniquely decorated for a private getaway for guests to stay.
- The property has a large two well dock with room for two jet skis to be stored at the dock, plus an empty well in the dock to house your boat. The dock also has its own patio area.
- There is an outdoor kitchen and relaxing patio space with beautiful fire pit area on the point where you can take in a spectacular view of the lake.
- The home is located just minutes from the bars, restaurants and stores of Gravois Mills.
- \$250 in Casey's gift cards for the drive and/or pizzas, beverages and snacks to enjoy.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery & Casey's

Good Day

You know it will be a good day when you watch Forrest Frank perform on the Grandstand stage from the front row.

- The concert date is Thursday, August 7 at 8:00 pm. Your four front row seats are in Sec P2, Row 1, Seats 1-4. Gate admission for four and a parking pass are included.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation

Patio Upgrade

Update the seating on your patio with two new cedar Adirondack chairs and a barn wood slate-topped table.

Donated by Kerry Johnson Works

Butter Fingers

Help Sarah Pratt sculpt the tail of the 2025 Butter Cow.

- Congratulate yourself for a job well done with an engraved brick placed at the Agriculture Building.
- A butter cow themed T-shirt pillow will be a souvenir of your experience.
- Gate admission for two and a parking pass.

Donated by Sarah Pratt, Karen Brockelsby & the Blue Ribbon Foundation

A Hosta Collection

Add to your hosta garden with three new hostas including the rare Emperor's New Clothes.

- This new and difficult-to-find variety is one of the most talked about in years. Unusual flecking adorns each leaf. This compact plant has leaves that are almost white in Spring with the flecks growing in size and number as the season progresses.
- The other two hostas will complement Emperor's New Clothes.

Donated by Quilted Gardens Nursery



Live Auction

1. Mirror Mirror

Mirror mirror on the wall – who’s the fairest fair of them all? Why the Iowa State Fair of course!

- Enjoy looking at, and into, this beautifully crafted mirror with an Iowa State Fair theme created by the talented artists at Sticks.
- The mirror will make a statement on your wall at 24”W x 40”H x .75”D in size.

Donated by Sticks, Inc.

2. Swinging

Have a unique swing on your patio!

- The materials used to make this swing are from a wind turbine blade. Recycling at its best!
- The two person bench-style swing is suspended from the circular end cut of the blade. The base of the swing can be bolted to the ground to keep it steady, if needed.
- The outer portion of the swing has been painted with a rural Iowa theme.

Donated by American Clean Energy

3. Pyrotechnic Spectacular

Every summer members of the Pyrotechnic Guild International assemble for their annual convention for a week of entertainment and education. It culminates in two showcase events – pyrotechnic spectaculars featuring integrated drones, fireballs, special effects and patriotic artistry you don’t want to miss!

- Be dazzled as some of the nation’s best fireworks enthusiasts create a tightly choreographed fireworks display set to music. You’ll watch two shows from the

Stage Right VIP box on Sunday, August 3rd and Friday, August 8th at the Iowa Expo Grounds in Boone. Your VIP Stage Right Box includes six tickets per night and a reserved parking pass for each show.

Donated by Pyrotechnics Guild International

4. The Hawkeye State

Cheer on the Iowa Hawkeyes at two sporting events during the 2025-26 school year.

- Two Press Box Seats and a Kinnick Society parking pass to any one 2025 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 2025-26 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 October 31.
- 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 1st – November 15th. Subject to availability. Additional nights may be purchased. Two guests must be 30 or older.

Donated by Pennie Carroll & Associates Real Estate

6. Watch the Chiefs in Action

While they didn’t get a ring in 2025, the Kansas City Chiefs have proven to be the team to beat!

- Enjoy a 2025 regular season game against the Washington Commanders at Arrowhead Stadium on Monday, October 27 at 7:15pm. Your two tickets are in Sec 228, Row 6, Seats 19 – 20.
- Not only will you have the two tickets, there is also a parking pass and access to the Bud Light Locker Room Club. You’ll start, and can finish, your gameday just steps from the Chiefs’ locker room. This is an exclusive space that opens 2.5 hours before kickoff and offers all-inclusive food and beverage, access to view the post-game press conference and more!
- During the game, enjoy access to the Signature Room Club. This is the newest luxury lounge located on the Community/America Club level where you get a personalized gameday experience with all-inclusive food and beverage featuring upscale menu options.
- A \$100 Casey’s gift card provides gas for your drive to and from Kansas City.

Donated by Marcus and Angela Pitts & Casey’s

7. Life Is a Highway

Follow the highway to the Iowa State Fair Grandstand to listen to one of the most influential groups in modern country music history, Rascal Flatts. Bring eleven of your country music loving friends to their

concert on Tuesday, August 12.

- 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 Rascal Flatts concert with Neal McCoy on Tuesday, August 12. 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 2025-26 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 2025-26 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 Tyrese Haliburton bobblehead, CY Town Owala water bottle, a belt bag, polo shirt, quarter-zip and more!
- An Iowa State themed pillow features an Iowa State Fair T-shirt.

Donated by Todd & Connie Rueter, 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!

- Waverly – Enjoy an overnight experience at the Bremer County Poor Farm compliments of the Spirits of Iowa Paranormal Society. The members of SIPS will take you through the hallways, echoing with laughter and sorrow, to enhance your paranormal investigator's skills with hands-on training.
- Great River Investigative Paranormal Society – This group will take you on a 12-hour investigation for an adventure you won't soon forget. Using various techniques and equipment, you'll enhance the possibility of experiencing the unknown. Good for 2-6 people. This would pair wonderfully with a stay at Malvern Manor!
- Riverside – The members of the Riverside Iowa Paranormal group will include you in one of their events hosted in Iowa, Illinois or Indiana. They keep them small and intimate for a great experience – both for the living and the dead.
- 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 8 guests plus an overnight stay.
- Manilla – Built in 1897, the Klondike Hotel is now a museum that has reported paranormal activity in most of the rooms and has been said to serve as a major depot for spirits searching for their next step with the staircase serving as the spiritual freeway. Enjoy a tour and overnight investigation.
- Be ready for these ghostly adventures with several books about haunted locations, an EVP recorder, an EMF detector and some flash balls.
- This trip will take you all over Iowa and beyond, use \$200 in Casey's gift cards for gas.

Donated by the Spirits of Iowa Paranormal Society, Great River Investigative Paranormal Society, Riverside Iowa Paranormal, Malvern Manor, Klondike 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 EZGO two passenger golf cart.

- With a blend of function and style from the most reliable brand on the market, you'll enjoy this EZGO Valor, with a 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 2025 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.
- The headlining acts include Forrest Frank, Parker McCollum, Megan Moroney, Pitbull, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Rascal Flatts, Hairball, Def Leppard, Hank Williams Jr., T-Pain 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. Rock of Ages

Still packing arenas after 40+ years of iconic live performances, get your big hair ready to rock at Def Leppard's concert on Thursday, 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 Def Leppard's concert with Phil X & The Drills on Thursday, 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. A Caribbean Get-Away

Bask in the sunshine by crystal clear, aquamarine waters during a seven-night stay at Blue Island Villa in the Turks & Caicos.

- This luxury home features seven designer decorated suites, all with private bathrooms and some with private balconies and an eighth bedroom with dual twin bunks. The panoramic views from anywhere in the house will take your breath away! Each room has a television, along with complimentary Wi-Fi to help you stay connected while in paradise. The home can accommodate up to eighteen people.
- Blue Island Villa features approximately 7,250 square feet of unparalleled waterfront living space. The home comes with a house manager and daily cleaning staff.
- Residing in a secluded Providenciales community adjacent to Chalk Sound National Park, you can spend your day lounging by your very own private waterfront pool with an outdoor kitchen area, several spacious decks as well as a private boat dock perfect for kayaking on Chalk Sound.
- Kayaks are provided, as well as a paddleboard and snorkel gear. You also have the option of two transport trips to either Taylor Bay or Sapodilla Bay Beach where you can explore these new waters in your kayaks.
- The use of a Jeep Wrangler during your stay is also included.
- Consult with your house manager to plan fun-filled days with activities such as snorkeling, scuba diving to the most amazing reefs, caves, grottos or wrecks, horseback riding, island hopping tours, and more!
- All stays are Saturday to Saturday and good for one year. Excludes all holidays.
- Package must be booked within a year of the auction.

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 9 of your auction book.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation

16. 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

17. 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.

- Use a three hour rental of The Carriage House to host your party. It is located at 3232 Hubbell Avenue in Des Moines. Nestled into trees, you'll have access to an outdoor patio that sits under Edison lighting. The venue holds 6 low tables, two high tables, and two beautifully crafted wooden booths and access to two extra 8ft long folding tables. Comfortably accommodates forty. Date

subject to availability.

- A delicious BBQ menu is provided by Whatcha' Smokin' BBQ in Luther. It would be a catering pick-up meal for 50 guests. Must provide 48-hour notice and is subject to date availability.
- Homemade and huge is the description for this delicious double layered chocolate cake that serves thirty. 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 expires 7/31/2026.

Donated by Pennie Carroll & Associates Real Estate & Whatcha' Smokin' BBQ

18. A Classic Ride

This chair used to hang on the north Sky Glider ride but was transitioned out for newer chairs. You can hang out in this cherry red chair at your own home now!

- For the 2025 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 & the Blue Ribbon Foundation

19. 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 15 at 1:00 pm where you'll sample eleven new Fair foods and help pick which three will be featured at the 2025 Iowa State Fair. Use \$100 in food coupons to sample other new food options during the 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 Peter Cownie, executive director of the Blue Ribbon Foundation.

- 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 junior and intermediate seed art contest held in the Agriculture Building on Thursday, August 7 at 10:00AM. Entrants will be using seeds, grains, rice and other dried plant material to create Bluey, a raccoon, sunflower or longhorn cow. All contestants are between the ages of 7 and 16.
- Got milk? See how full your bucket gets as you milk a goat in the Celebrity Dairy Goat Milking contest held on Friday, August 15.
- 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 2025 Iowa State Fair with a full color or B/W caricature for two drawn as you pose. Valid only at the 2025 Iowa State Fair.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Foundation, the Iowa State Fair, Wildman Caricatures, Karen Brockelsby & SkyFair

20. Kick Back & Relax by the Fire

Upgrade your patio experience with a new firepit and a set of Adirondack chairs with side tables.

- "The Chief" is a 37" one-of-a-kind tilting fire pit made of carbon steel. Built in Kansas City, its rugged steel cauldron can be adjusted for directional heat and wind blockage. This version is actually owned by Patrick Mahomes!
- It comes equipped with a fire pit lid and a grill grate for open-fire cooking. Even better, the cauldron has a lifetime warranty.
- Six taupe-colored Adirondack chairs made of composite wood provide a comfortable place for family and friends to gather around the fire. Three side tables can be evenly spaced amongst the chairs so everyone has a place to set their drink or hold their s'mores.

- A \$200 Hy-Vee gift card to use to fill your cooler and buy supplies to roast or toast over the fire.
- The small Coleman cooler is already filled with s'mores supplies and some "fishing rods" will help get the roasting and toasting started.

Donated by John and April Marmon

21. A Fresh Baked Pie

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

Donated by Elysa Koss

22. Be Game Ready

Be game ready with a classic cocktail arcade table with 19" monitor! This new but vintage-looking case holds a gaming system of 60 classic games.

- Take your game on the road to McLean, IL and the Arcadia: America's Playable Arcade Museum. Arcadia's mission is to provide a place for families to bond while experiencing the near-forgotten excitement of a real game arcade. It is the closest thing to a real, old-fashioned arcade so you can show your kids the magic you experienced in your youth.
- Stay next door at the Hotel Arcadia, a newly remodeled apartment in the historic downtown. A one-night stay is included and each additional night is offered at a 50% discount.
- The apartment has a gaming set up, kids loft, pinball machine and four arcade games on free play. It will sleep six people with one bed and two sleeper sofas. Upon request, guests can also have access to the Arcadia after hours until 11 pm!
- Plus, a Roger Sharpe autographed DVD and movie poster of "Pinball: The Man Who Saved the Game."

Donated by Customcades, Dan & Leann Livengood, Arcadia & the Arcadia Hotel

23. Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery

Enjoy a VIP experience in the newest permanent concession at the Iowa State Fair.

- For two hours enjoy a reserved VIP booth at the Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery. This experience includes hosted drinks and food for six guests while enjoying live entertainment.
- Gate admission for six and a parking pass included.
- Reservation must be made prior to the start of the Iowa State Fair and is subject to availability.

Donated by the Blue Ribbon Bar & Eatery & the Blue Ribbon Foundation

24. A Trip to Hilton Head

Enjoy a 7-night stay at Marriott's Grande Ocean Resort in Hilton Head, SC the week of September 13-20, 2025.

- The two-bedroom condo unit has a private balcony with ocean view, kitchen, dining area, living room and can sleep up to six people. The bedrooms include one with a king-sized bed and the other holds two full-sized beds, plus there is a sleeper sofa in the living room.
- A \$500 Visa gift card can be used for travel, golf or other activities.

Donated by Jeff and Meg Courter & Glenn and JoAnn Smith

25. 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

26. Horseshoe Bend Vintage Airstream Getaway Staycation

This getaway will take you to the great outdoors of Yellowstone - Dutton family style (but much closer to home)! No drama here though - just rest and relaxation as you enjoy a two night stay in the newly refurbished vintage sleeping campers at Timberline Campground in Waukee, Iowa. Each camper is beautifully decorated after a character in the iconic Yellowstone series. Step into the boots of Beth, Rip, Jimmy and Teeter. Lodging, linens, food, grills and more will be ready for you and a posse of eleven guests.

- Your staycation is for two nights of sleeping accommodations for up to 12.
- It includes four bundles of firewood, four bottles of wine to enjoy by the fire and eight 8lb bags of ice in four provided coolers plus linens and towels, the use of two gas grills and twelve Horseshoe Bend T-shirts.
- Enjoy eating cookout meals for twelve that will feature gourmet brats, premium beef hot dogs and premium hamburgers. All cookout meals include three side salads, assorted chips, in-season fruit, brownies or cookies for dessert, plates, napkins, utensils, cups and condiments.
- Plus twelve free ice creams from the camp store and a case of bottled water.
- While we don't think anything is missing from this experience, use \$100 in Casey's gift cards to supplement your snacks and beverages.
- Reservations are required and staycation expires October 1, 2026.

Donated by Timberline RV Campground & Casey's

27. Night in the Museum

Enjoy a private cocktail party for up to 20 people in

the Ralph Deets Historical Museum. Set for Monday, December 8, Ellen Hammond 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 heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages making for a special night of dining right in the heart of the museum.
- While enjoying your appetizers, 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.

Donated by Ellen Hammond & The Girls' Catering

28. Am I Okay?

We know you'll be okay as you and your friends take in the powerful vocals of Megan Moroney during her concert on Saturday, August 9.

- 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 Megan Moroney's concert with special guest Kameron Marlowe on Saturday, August 9. 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

29. Getting Around

Here's your opportunity to bring a golf cart onto the grounds with a 2025 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

30. Location, Location, Location!

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

- Jacobson Square is located just north of the Oman Family Youth Inn and features full hook-ups on a concrete pad.
- 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.
- A keepsake pillow constructed using an Iowa State Fair T-shirt.

Donated by Winnebago Industries, Karen Brockelsby, & 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. 371 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.
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.

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 13 – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Varied Industries Building, south side

Monday, July 14 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday, July 15 – 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Wednesday, July 16 – 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

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