

Dear Campers:

The procedure for getting a camping spot at the Iowa State Fair is as follows:

1. Registration requests will be taken from January 1<sup>st</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>. Starting on January 1, 2012, a registration form will be available at [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org) to print off, fill out and mail to:

**Iowa State Fair Campgrounds  
P.O. Box 57130  
Des Moines, IA 50317-0003**

**\*Please do not phone your request to the office.**

2. The registration form must be mailed in every year. We give priority to those who have requested a spot for several years in a row. We also consider the postmark on the registration form. If you do not receive a spot in 2012, then you need to mail in a registration again after January 1, 2013.
3. Because of the Campgrounds popularity, submission of a request for a camping space does not guarantee receiving one. It is taking 10 years or more to get a camping spot.

Thank you for your interest in camping at the Iowa State Fair.

<u>For Duration of the Fair</u>	<u>Day to Day Basis</u>
Water/Electric/Sewer: \$375.00	With Electric: \$30.00
Water/Electric: \$345.00	Non-Electric: \$25.00
No Utilities: \$300.00	Sewer Charge: \$3.00 (Per day, if available)

(Prices may be subject to change)

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your inquiry about camping at the Iowa State Fair Campgrounds during the **2012** Iowa State Fair. The cost is as follows:

With **Electric, Water and Sewer** for duration of the Fair.....\$375.00  
With **Electric** for duration of the Fair.....\$345.00  
**Non-electric** (not on map) for duration of the Fair.....\$300.00

**Per Day:** With electric on the day-to-day basis.....\$30.00  
**Per Day:** Non-electric on the day-to-day basis.....\$25.00  
**Per Day:** Sewer charge (if available).....\$3.00  
**Per Day:** for the extra car parking in our separate lot. (**PERMIT REQUIRED**).\$10.00  
(Only one vehicle per sleeping unit to be parked in Campgrounds.)

Advance campers are allowed onto the grounds from Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. until Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. After that time, we will open the Campgrounds to people who are not advance pre-paid campers.

**If you do not hear from us by JULY 16<sup>th</sup>, then you will know that we do not have a spot for you. We will not send out a rejection letter.**

**If you wish to be a full time camper, please fill out the form below and mail it back to:  
Iowa State Fair Campgrounds  
P.O. Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317-0003.**

**PLEASE MAIL THIS ENTIRE SHEET BACK ONLY IF YOU WANT TO BE A FULL-TIME CAMPER**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for asking about our beautiful campgrounds and hope to see you at the **2012** Iowa State Fair.

**It's taking 10 years or more to get a camping spot. Please send in your name between January 1 and May 1 EVERY YEAR until you get a camping spot.**

**THIS IS NOT YOUR APPLICATION, DO NOT SEND MONEY.  
THIS IS TO BE ON THE ADVANCE CAMPING LIST ONLY!**

To Non-registered Campers:

1. The campgrounds will open on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. for non-registered campers. Non-registered campers are allowed to line-up in the North Parking Lot starting Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 a.m. There is a \$10 per day parking fee until August 5<sup>th</sup> when the campground opens. **Campers will NOT need to keep their tow vehicle hooked to their camper.**
2. We will be registering you in the North parking lot sometime after 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. **Please be at your camper and have your tow vehicle hooked to your camper at this time.** If you are not at your camper, or have your tow vehicle hooked to your camper when we come to register you, you will have to go to the end of the line.
3. On Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., we will be allowing ten campers at a time in to the Campgrounds.
4. Please do not have someone try to save your spot by standing on it, parking on it, or any other method. We are doing this so that people who have been waiting in line the longest will have first chance at the various camping spots still open.
5. Please be sure not to camp on any area where there is a yellow flag.
6. When you get your camper parked in the Campgrounds please fill out the white card and turn it in to the office. This is for emergency purposes only. It has nothing to do with getting you pre-registered for next year.
7. No Romex is allowed in the Campgrounds.
8. Please understand that the camping spot you find does not mean that you have a camping spot for 2013. You will not be sent information for 2013. A registration form will need to be sent to the Iowa State Fair between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. It is taking 10 years or more to get a permanent camping spot.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

## INFORMATION & CAMPING RULES FOR 2012

**Failure to comply with the following rules and regulations may result in eviction from the campgrounds.**

1. All pre-registered campers must bring their camper by August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 p.m. or your spot will be sold! If you call to tell us you will be late, we will try to hold your spot longer.
2. Reselling or subletting a campsite will not be permitted.
3. Each campsite must be registered individually (only one party per application).
4. If a camper leaves his campsite unoccupied, and upon return finds the campsite filled, the returning camper will receive the closest available space. It is wise to park something on your spot if you must leave and are planning on returning. **We will not be held responsible.**
5. Employees of the Iowa State Fair must pay for their sites.
6. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS OF MONEY PAID FOR CAMPSITES.
7. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 AND THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**
8. **Non-Registered campers may come to the grounds and stage for a non-registered space starting Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 a.m. Daily staging fee is \$10.00 per day until Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Campers will NOT need to keep their tow vehicle hooked to their camper. Tow vehicles MUST be hooked to their camper by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> prior to registration. At 1:00 p.m. the campground will be opened for non-registered campers to enter to locate a camp site.**
9. No vehicle may be driven around the Campgrounds after curfew (**10:00 p.m.**)
10. No excessive noise, which may disturb other campers, will be permitted.
11. No generators may be operated before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.
12. No drainage water or sewage may be disposed on the surface of the ground. If caught, you will be asked to leave the Campgrounds and will not be permitted to return the following year. **THIS INCLUDES "GRAY WATER."**
13. Violation of any rule may be reason for revocation of all Campgrounds permits, and immediate, on the spot expulsion from the grounds for the remainder of the Fair without refund.

Advanced Registration <b>with</b> Water/Sewer/Electric:	\$375.00*
Advanced Registration <b>with</b> Water/Electric:	\$345.00*
Advanced Registration <b>without</b> Electric:	\$300.00*
One Night Basis <b>with</b> Electric:	\$30.00*
One Night Basis <b>without</b> Electric:	\$25.00*
Sewer Hook-up (per day if available)	\$3.00*
Car Parking (In Campground Lot)	\$10.00*
14. A one hour PASS will be issued to those individuals wishing to make deliveries to a camper. The time of admission will be written on the PASS. Anyone still in the Campgrounds after the 1 hour time limit, will be assessed a \$10.00\* fine plus \$2.00\* for each hour over the time limit. NOTE: This PASS will be checked by the Gate Staff upon exiting the Campgrounds. Visitors who wish to park in the parking lot for more than 1 hour may do so at a cost of \$10.00\* per day.

15. **No bicycles, mopeds or golf carts are allowed by campers in the Campgrounds.**
16. **No wood fires.** No enclosed smoker of any kind. Charcoal fires are the only type permitted.
17. **NOTE:** Not all lots are 20 foot wide. The length also varies throughout the Campgrounds. This is the only space to which you are entitled. Spots located in the number 1 row or the end spot in a row are not wider. The Campground personnel may place someone in a spot that blocks your "view." Having the "end spot" does not mean that your spot is wider or longer than the assigned spot.
18. The registered camping vehicle assigned to your camping spot is the ONLY vehicle registered to be on your spot for the duration of the Fair. If an alternate camping unit is to be brought in and placed on your camping spot, a camping charge will be assessed for the remaining days of your camping stay.
19. **SPECIAL PARKING PERMIT STICKERS** allow you to come in and out of the Campground gate. This sticker will be placed on the inside of your **windshield instead of the outside.** It will have your lot number written on it. If you wish to go home and decide to bring a different vehicle back, the sticker must be placed on the vehicle you are driving back into the Campgrounds. Any vehicle found in the Campgrounds without this car sticker will be towed. The reason we are doing this is that we had many vehicles in the Campgrounds that did not have stickers on them. Many of these vehicles were parked on a camping spot in which they did not belong.
20. Pets must be confined or on a leash 6 feet or less in length. Unattended pets are subject to immediate removal and impoundment. With the exception of service animals, pets are not allowed in bathrooms or shower buildings and pet waste must be picked up and properly disposed. Do not attach pet leashes, ropes, chains, clothes lines, etc. to trees or shrubs.
21. A space can only be purchased when you actually enter the campgrounds with your camper. You may not pay for a site and set up a tent to hold the space for a camper which will arrive later.
22. No tents, vehicles, or other means may be used to save non-registered sites for later arrivals.
23. Romax wire can't be used in place of extension cords. Avoid peak cooling times for cooking if possible.
24. **The Campgrounds has a booster station that allows constant pressure in the range of 40-60 psi. That amount of pressure may cause damage to plumbing fittings on your camper. The Iowa State Fair strongly advises the use of a pressure regulator for your camper. This is a standard reduction valve available at all camper supply outlets and reduces pressure to 40-45 psi. The Iowa State Fair WILL NOT assume responsibility for damage caused to your camper if you chose not to install this pressure regulator.**

Thank you for making the Iowa State Fair safe and fun for all.

\*Prices subject to change.

## **Campers**

Another camping season is upon us. The Iowa State Fair would like to ask for your assistance.

The Iowa State Fair Campgrounds, during the Fair, becomes the seventh largest city in Iowa. This population creates a huge demand on the Iowa State Fair's electrical system.

We ask for your help to maximize your safety and minimize disruption in your electrical service during the Iowa State Fair.

**(Romex wiring cannot be used in place of extension cords)**

### **The following tips are to help in preventing electrical disruptions.**

1. No extension cords over 100ft. or crossing major roadways.
2. Use extension cords rated for service size.
  - a. 20 amp service, #12 extension cord.
  - b. 30 amp service, #10 extension cord.
  - c. 50 amp service, #8 extension cord.
3. Turn air condition thermostats up or off when leaving for the day.
4. Any additional appliances take additional electrical load. Avoid running additional electrical appliances during peak usage times. (Noon – 2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

By adhering to these times, we can minimize electrical disruptions in the Campgrounds.

# 2012 IOWA STATE FAIR CAMPING SPOTS

-  SHOWER HOUSES (2)  
Showers, Sinks, Toilets
-  GENERAL STORE
-  TOILETS (4)  
Toilets, Sinks
-  SECURITY
-  DUMP STATION (5)
-  Septic Service (1)
-  Shelter (1)  
Showers, Sinks

