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# 2012 Field Trip Program

The Iowa State Fair’s field trip program and its activities are designed to promote agricultural education and support Iowa Core Curriculum standards (Grade K-2) via educational programming and hands-on learning.

This year the Fair has developed a Field Trip Guide that identifies 30 kid-friendly learning destinations throughout the Fairgrounds and includes a description of each activity and hours of operation. The Guide also contains exclusive contact information for select learning destinations that offer additional programming for field trip groups. The Fair invites you to utilize the Guide to plan your day and tailor your learning experience to fit the needs of your group.

New lesson plans are included in the Guide featuring eight learning destinations including The Boulevard of Dairy Breeds, Grape Getaway and Horse Haven.

Program benefits include:

- Exclusive access to the Fair’s Field Trip Guide
- Discount admission to Fair attractions
- Convenient drop-off and pick-up located at Gate #16
- Free bus parking
- Affordable box lunch options from Hy-Vee Catering

To book your group, please complete and mail the attached form. All reservations must be made by July 13. A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of your reservation form. All payments will be processed July 13. Tickets, parking information and the Field Trip Guide will be mailed July 16. Additional tickets may be purchased after July 13 through public ticketing locations or upon arrival at the Fair (fees vary).

The Fair’s field trip program is offered all Fair weekdays except Wednesday, August 15. Pre-registration is required for field trips.

## Field Trip Fees

Ages 5 and Under Admission	Free	Bus Parking	Free
Child Admission (Ages 6-11)	\$3.00	Bus Driver (in uniform)	Free
Adult Admission (Ages 12 and up)	\$7.00	North Lot Parking (Car Parking)	\$10.00*
Ye Old Mill Ride	\$2.50 (reg. price \$3)		
Train Exhibit	\$1.00 (reg. price \$3)		
Fair Square	\$1.00 (reg. price \$2)		

\* Parking not sold in advance, available on a first come first serve basis.

### **Ye Old Mill**

Cool off in the Fair's old-fashioned tunnel of love. Experience the Fair's oldest permanent ride while your fiberglass boat floats along the enclosed 950-foot paddle wheel powered canal.

### **Train Exhibit**

Be awed in this ever-changing model railroad display. View more than 3,000 square feet of display that is 1/87<sup>th</sup> of actual size. With 10-15 trains going on this several mile track, you will see everything from a drive-in to Superman! The display features an "I Spy" style game for children of all ages.

### **Fair Squares**

A Fair Square is the Fair's signature crisped rice cereal treat on-a-stick. Available in regular and peanut butter, tickets can be redeemed for Fair Squares at its booth at the Northwest corner of the Administration Building on Grand Avenue.

## **Additional Policies**

### **Program Dates**

Field trip groups are welcome any weekday during the Iowa State Fair, August 9-19, 2012. However, the Fair is not able to accept field trips on Wednesday, August 15 due to the large volume of buses for Older Iowan's Day.

### **Reservations**

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### **Tickets**

Additional tickets may be purchased after July 13 through public ticketing locations, including participating Hy-Vee, Fareway and Dahl's stores, online at [iowastatefair.org](http://iowastatefair.org) or at the Fair (fees vary). Tickets must be presented at the Fair gate to enter. If you receive an incorrect amount, notify the Fair prior to arrival. If you forget your tickets you must purchase additional tickets at the gate.

### **Chaperone policy**

To help ensure the safest and most enjoyable visit for your group and other visitors, the Fair requires one chaperone (age 18+) for every 10 students. Additional chaperones are welcome and need to be included on the reservation form. Chaperones that are not included on the reservation form are responsible for purchasing on their own tickets through public ticketing locations.

### **Lunches**

Box lunches are available through Hy-Vee Catering and are available for pick-up at the Youth Inn. Lunch arrangements are your responsibility, please call Hy-Vee directly at 515-262-7944 and speak with Jim Cousins to arrange for your lunches. Lunches may be eaten in the Youth Inn or taken elsewhere on the grounds. Additional group friendly concessions can be found on our website; <http://www.iowastatefair.org/for-visitors/group-tours/corporate-outings/>. The Fair does not permit outside food or beverages within the grounds.

### **Bus Parking and Drop-off**

Field trip busses enter the grounds at Gate #3, located at E. 36<sup>th</sup> Street and E. University Avenue. They can pull up to admission Gate #16 and unload right in the Kids Zone to make getting to the Fair a breeze. A detailed map will be provided to all booked groups.

**Changes in Attendance**

Refunds cannot be issued if the number of people in your group changes after July 13. Unused tickets are good any day of the Fair.

**Cancellations**

Cancellations will be accepted prior to July 13. Refunds cannot be issued after your payment is processed on July 13. Unused tickets are good any day of the Fair.

**Payment**

Please make payments via cash, check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover), no purchase orders accepted. All payments must be made in one lump sum. Please mail the payment with your reservation form to:

Iowa State Fair  
Attn: Megan Grandgeorge  
PO Box 57130  
Des Moines, IA 50317

**Severe Weather**

Daily Fair activities occur rain or shine. In instances of severe weather, please call 515-262-3111 or visit [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org).

**Questions? Contact Megan Grandgeorge at [mgrandgeorge@iowastatefair.org](mailto:mgrandgeorge@iowastatefair.org) or 515.262.3111 x335.**