THE IOWA STATE FAIR. America's classic state fair, welcomes everyone to Iowa's largest celebration held annually in August.

THE FAIR BOARD is committed to making the Fair's facilities accessible to all. No qualified individual shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participating in or be denied the benefits of public services, programs or activities held on the Fairgrounds.

SUGGESTIONS for improvements and additional services are always welcomed by the Fair Board, which will continue efforts to make the Fairgrounds accessible to everyone.

RENOVATION always complies with federal specifications and guidelines related to accessibility. As maintenance and modernization funds become available, the special needs of all Iowans will be kept foremost.

Services that provide convenient assistance and accessibility to Fairgoers:

ADA/ACCESSIBLE PARKING: The largest area of parking reserved for visitors who need ADA/accessible parking is in the North Lot. Admission to this lot is through Gate #2 at East 33rd Street and East University Avenue. Vehicles with either a DOT parking permit or a windshield placard designation will be directed to the reserved parking area north of Gate #15. Vehicle parking is $10 on a space-available basis; some hard-packed surface parking is available. Some hard-packed surface parking is available; however, the rolling nature of the terrain means most of the parking area is unpaved. Designated accessible parking spaces on main streets in the inner grounds will not be available during the Fair. Parking personnel will do their best to direct visitors to the closest, most convenient parking available.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES: Available for the Penningroth Media Center Cattle Barn, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center, Sheep Barn Sale Ring and Swine Barn Sale Ring when the State Fair sound system is being used. For more information, call 515/262-3111, ext. 322, at least 72 hours in advance.

During the 11 days of the Fair, a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) will be available 8 a.m.-8 p.m. for outgoing local/credit calls located in the Administration Building.

BUILDINGS: Ramps, curb cuts, street-level entrances and observation ramps make most buildings and facilities accessible to those using mobility aids. Accessible seating is available in the Grandstand, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion and Jacobson Center. Donations from Iowans across the state have paid for the replacement of many blocks of sidewalks each year to help eliminate and reduce barriers that impact those with mobility aids.

DART STATE FAIR PARK & RIDE BUSES: Most buses are wheelchair accessible. For further information call DART at 515/293-8100.

FIRST AID: Hy-Vee Health and First Aid is located east of the John Deere Agriculture Building, and at the Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center just west of the Administration Building. Locations are staffed by the Des Moines Fire Department EMS.
GRANDSTAND SEATING: When ordering Grandstand tickets through etix.com or the State Fair Ticket Office, please request ADA/accessible seating; room for one person and two companions will be provided in an accessible seating area. For information on Grandstand shows and ticket buying procedures, call 515/262-3111, ext. 305.

ON-GROUNDS TRANSPORTATION:

Courtesy Carts
Golf cart mini-shuttle service (not wheelchair accessible) from north parking lots to inner gates is available. Golf carts are not available for rent for safety and liability reasons.

Trams
Inner grounds boarding points: Adjacent to the East Sky Glider aerial tramway on the Grand Concourse, south of Gate 10; north of the 4-H building; the northeast corner of the Sheep Barn; north of the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion; northwest of the Patty and Jim Cownie Cultural Center; Grandfather's Barn; museum complex; and north of First Church. Livestock traffic or special events may occasionally shut down portions or all of the shuttle service for short periods of time.

Blue Line Tram:
For convenience the Fair will provide the Blue Line Parking Tram which is a free tram that runs daily from 5 a.m. until 2 a.m. The Blue Line Parking Shuttle has 6 routine stops that include the North Lot, University, and the Northeast lot and will stop at Gate 13 & 15 for entry to the Fair.

PAGING:
Representatives of the Iowa State Fair Police offer paging for lost children, senior citizens and emergencies ONLY from 8 a.m. to midnight in The Hall of Law, located East side of the Grandstand. After midnight this service is available at Iowa State Fair Police headquarters, located at the west end of the Grand Concourse.

RESTROOMS:
Facilities with ramps, widened doorways, handrails and stalls built to accommodate those using mobility aids are available in major buildings across the Fairgrounds. They include The Robert G. Horner & Sheri Avis Horner Service Center, Grandstand, Walnut Center, Patty & Jim Cownie Cultural Center, Elwell Family Food Center, Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center, Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building, Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center, William C. Knapp Varied Industries Buildings, Stalling Barn, Putney Family Cattle Barn, Pioneer Livestock Pavilion, plus MidAmerican Energy facilities east of the Susan Knapp Amphitheater, north of Gate 15 and north of Ye Old Mill. Locations are identified on the map located within this guide.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS:
Sign Language Interpreters will be on hand in Fun Forest to assist visitors with hearing loss. All shows on the Fun Forest Stage will be ASL interpreted. To arrange for a sign language interpreter for a specific event, please call 515/262-3111, ext. 222, at least one week in advance.

WHEELCHAIR & SCOOTER RENTAL:
HomeTown Mobility is now accepting reservations online at www.htmia.com and by phone at 877/928-5388 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and all 11 days of the Fair (August 8-18). Call-in reservations will be charged a $5 processing fee. Reservations will be accepted for full day scooter and wheelchair rentals only. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. A drivers license or State ID is required for scanning for security. Cancellations must be made at least 48 hours in advance to receive a full refund. Late cancellations will be charged a $5 cancellation fee per rental unit. A limited number of wheelchairs and scooters will be available for walk-up customers during the Fair on a first come, first serve basis. Rental locations are at Gates 8, 10, 11, 13, and 15.

SCOOTERS: $60 per full day (8 a.m. to 11 p.m.); $45 per half day (8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.)

WHEELCHAIRS: $25 per day

SPECIAL FAIR DAYS:

Monday, August 12
Veterans’ Day
Gate admission is $9 until 5 p.m. for all active and retired members of the U.S. military and their spouses. Must have military ID.

Wednesday, August 14
Older Iowans’ Day
$9 admission for Fairgoers ages 60 and older, with ID. Groups traveling by bus on August 14 may enter through Gate #9, purchase tickets and unload at Gate #11. The driver may then relocate the bus to the parking lot (remembering to ask for proper re-entry credentials). The bus will re-enter through Gate #13, pick-up at Gate #11 and exit through Gate #9.

Sunday, August 18
Extreme Sunday
$9 adult admission (ages 12 and over) and $5 child admission (ages 6-11). $6 adult admission (ages 12 and over) with the donation of 3 cans of non-perishable food.

Questions?
Call 515/262-3111 or 800/545-FAIR
Additional information is also available at: iowastatefair.org