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ILLINOIS
STATE FAIR
AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026

A stylized illustration of a fairgrounds building with a black roof and white walls, topped with three red flags. To the left of the building is a blue circular badge with the number "26" and a blue ribbon.

**VENDOR/
EXHIBITOR**
INFORMATION BOOKLET

State of Illinois | JB Pritzker, Governor
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Illinois State Fair | Rebecca Clark, Manager



Vendors and exhibitors are required to be open on time Thursday, August 13TH, 2026. This is also true for each day of the Fair.

- Exposition & Illinois Building vendors/exhibitors are required to be open 9AM – 9PM.
- Village of Cultures vendors are required to be open 10:30AM – 10PM.
- All other vendors and exhibitors are required to be open 10AM – 10PM.

Vendors / exhibitors must have their personal vehicles off the Fairgrounds roads by 10AM. Personal vehicles should be parked in their assigned parking lots for the day.

Vendors / exhibitors are not allowed to park personal vehicles behind / beside their building, trailer or tent.

Vendors / exhibitors are not allowed to restock their supplies by using their personal vehicles after 10AM. They can use a dolly, wagon, golf car, etc. based upon where the supply trailer is located. If a vendor is located on a main street, golf cars will not be allowed after 10AM. Please refer to the Golf Car Rules & Regulations on page 9.

Closing time is by MIDNIGHT / 12AM every night of the Fair. No sales or customer service is allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Vendors who open late or close early endanger their good standing for the 2026 Illinois State Fair.

If you have any questions, please call the Space Rental Office at (217) 785-1980. Thank you!



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WELCOME

Since 1853, the Illinois State Fair (ISF) has become one of the most anticipated events in the state by providing an ever-changing kaleidoscope of high quality, family-style entertainment. With a strong dedication to the best Fair experience possible, the staff associated with planning and executing the Illinois State Fair strives to exceed the highest expectations of all Fair guests. One of the ways this is done is by building strong business relationships with quality Vendors/Exhibitors. As a contracted Vendor/Exhibitor, you are now part of that team because we believe you share this same philosophy. We look forward to working with you as we continue our strong heritage of education, entertainment and economic development. Welcome to the Illinois State Fair!

This manual is designed to arm Vendors/Exhibitors with the information necessary to ensure a smooth, positive and successful experience at the Illinois State Fair. The information outlined in the following pages is made a part of each Vendor/Exhibitor Contract by reference. It is the responsibility of each Vendor/Exhibitor to be familiar with these policies, procedures and rules. *(ISF reserves the right to add, delete, interpret or amend rules and regulations contained herein as it deems necessary.)*

CONTACT NUMBERS

Space Rental Office	217/785-1980
Space Rental Office FAX Line	n/a
State Fair Administrative Offices (General Information)	217/782-6661
Buildings & Grounds	217/782-0789
Golf Car Rental	217/782-0775
Illinois Dept. of Public Health	217/785-2439
Illinois State Police Headquarters – State Fairgrounds	217/524-9861
Illinois State Fair Security	217/725-0120
Fire, Medical and All Other Emergencies	911

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ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

LOCATION:

Illinois State Fairgrounds
801 E. Sangamon Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 19427, Springfield, IL 62794-9427

TELEPHONE:

Space Rental Office: 217/785-1980
Illinois State Fair: 217/782-6661

FAX:

n/a

INTERNET ADDRESS:

statefair.illinois.gov

OFFICE LOCATION:

Space Rental Office:
Manager's Office:

Emmerson Building – North Wing
Emmerson Building – Main Entrance

SPACE RENTAL OFFICE HOURS:

August 24 - May 31 (weekdays)	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
June 1 - August 12 (weekdays)	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
August 13 - August 23	8:00 am – 6:00 pm

SHOW HOURS:

Gates:	7:00 am – Midnight
Commercial Building:	9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Dairy Building:	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Illinois Building:	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Carnival: Thursday 8/13	Noon - 11:00 pm
Friday 8/14	Noon - 11:30 pm
Saturday 8/15	11:00 am - 11:30 pm
Sun 8/16	Noon - 11:00 pm
Mon-Thur 8/17-8/20	Noon - 11:00 pm
Friday 8/21	Noon - 11:30 pm
Saturday 8/22	11:00 am - 11:30 pm
Sunday 8/23	Noon - 10:00 pm

GENERAL ADMISSION:

Adult (13-59)	\$5
Twosday	\$2
Friday & Saturday	\$10
Child (0-12)	FREE
Senior (60+)	\$3

FREE ADMISSION DAYS:

Sunday 8/16 Veterans	FREE
Monday 8/17 Seniors/Scouts	FREE
Friday 8/21 First Responders & Healthcare Heroes	FREE

ADMISSION COUPON PASSBOOKS (digital):

Adult (13-59) 11 admissions	\$45
Senior (60+) 10 admissions	\$30

PARKING:

Parking (per day)	\$5
Auto Sticker (valid 11 days)	\$40

SPECIAL ADMISSION DAYS:

Sunday, August 16 – Veterans' Day

Veterans and their families are admitted free of charge with proper identification

Monday, August 17 – Seniors & Scouts Day

Seniors, ages 60 and older, are admitted free of charge.

Friday, August 21 – First Responders & Healthcare Heroes Day

First Responders/Healthcare Heroes are admitted free of charge with proper identification

Vendor/Exhibitor discount admission books and parking permits are available in the Space Rental Office after July 1.

\$45 – Book of 11 undated coupons, which may be used any day during Fair.

\$30 – Book of 10 undated Senior coupons, which may be used any day during Fair

\$40 – Parking permit in designated lot for duration of Fair.

PLEASE NOTE: Parking is very limited on the grounds and strictly enforced. It can be very difficult to find parking in your designated area after 10:00 am.

ADDITIONAL / OPTIONAL EXPENSES:

Campgrounds

Golf Car Permit/Rental

Telephone Service

Electricity

Sales Tax

Garbage Pickup

Supply Unit Permit

Further information about each of the above is included in this booklet.

GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS:

The general public may purchase booklets of 11 admission tickets in the ISF Credentials Office or at the Grandstand Ticket Office. The tickets may be used any day during the Fair. Visit our website at **statefair.illinois.gov** for admission fees or call 217/782-6661.

CARNIVAL:

Mega/Jumbo Pass:

The Mega Pass offers unlimited carnival rides, good at both Main Carnival Midway and Adventure Village for the duration of the Fair. The Jumbo Pass offers the same rides as the Mega Pass but it also includes the Giant Slide. Available for purchase at ISF Credentials Office, Emmerson Building, Main entrance with VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express or cash. Phone: 217/782-0775.

November 21 - December

Mega Pass \$70 / Jumbo Pass \$80

January 1 – July 31:

Mega Pass \$80 / Jumbo Pass \$90

August 1 – August 23:

Mega Pass \$100 / Jumbo Pass \$110

Pay-One-Price Wristband Promotions and Discounted Ride Tickets:

Mega & Jumbo Passes VALID ALL DAY

Thu, Aug 7

Noon – 11:00 pm All rides \$2

* Fri, Aug 8

Noon – 7:00 pm

* Sat, Aug 9

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

* Sun, Aug 10

Noon – 7:00 pm

* Mon, Aug 11

Noon – 11:00 pm

Tue, Aug 12

Noon – 11:00 pm Twosday – all rides \$2

* Wed, Aug 13 & Thu, Aug 14

Noon – 11:00 pm

* Fri, Aug 15

Noon – 7:00 pm

* Sat, Aug 16

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

* Sun, Aug 17

Noon – 11:00 pm

* ***Unlimited rides for \$35***

SERVICE INFORMATION

BANKING SERVICES:

Currency Exchange (11 days of the Fair) 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Located in the Emmerson Building – Main Entrance

ATM machines are available on the grounds during the Fair. Personal checks will not be cashed on the fairgrounds.

DELIVERIES / PARCELS:

All deliveries must be made when you are on the grounds to receive shipment. Parcels are either kept on the dock of the Block Building or in the North wing of the Emmerson Building with the Space Rental Office. If a vendor is expecting a parcel, please notify the Space Rental Office. The IL State Fair's mail room is not open on the weekends and vendors need to plan accordingly. IL State Fair will not accept C.O.D. or large/bulk parcels, nor store or be responsible for any shipment. The Fair staff is not responsible for finding the intended recipient if deliveries are received without the correct address format. Parcels should be addressed as follows **ONLY during the fair.**

Individual's Name / Business Name
Booth Number / Location
Illinois State Fair / Emmerson Building
801 East Sangamon Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

AFTER THE FAIR it is your responsibility to change your address back to your original address.

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

Contact the Space Rental Office regarding a detailed list of service providers for decorating, golf carts, ice, tents, soft drinks and food. You can also find a listing on the Vendor/Exhibitor Information page on our website or in your Vendor Packet that is given out with your contract card.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

First Aid Station is located in the Emmerson Building Annex, North end. Hours 11AM-11PM.
For emergencies call: IL State Police Headquarters – 217/524-9861

Local hospitals:

Memorial Medical Center 217/788-3000, 800 N. Rutledge
St. John's Hospital 217/544-6464, 800 E. Carpenter

Building / Grounds Office: 217/782-0789
(Carpenters, electricians, grounds crew/maintenance, plumbing, fairgrounds security)

HOTEL / MOTEL INFORMATION:

Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau
109 N 7th St, Springfield, IL 62701
217/789-2360 or 800/545-7300
TTY 800/544-7300
www.visit-springfieldillinois.com

LOST AND FOUND / LOST CHILD:

Contact the State Police Headquarters located on Grandstand Ave. Phone: 217/524-9861

TOW LOT / IMPOUNDED VEHICLES:

Located on the southwest side of grounds, west of Dept. of Agriculture Administration Bldg. All impounded vehicles are subject to a towing fee.



U.S. POST OFFICE:

The U.S. Postal Service will be located at the West end of the Exposition Building. The Post Office will be open week days during the Fair, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (closed Noon - 1 pm for lunch). The following services will be available: Full Service Post Office; Certified, Express, Priority and Registered Mail; General Delivery Pick Up; Money Orders; Philatelic Products; Postage and Special Fair Cancellations. Vendors/Exhibitors who expect to receive mail at the Fair should use the following address:

Individual's Name

Booth Number / Location

Company / Organization Name

General Delivery

Illinois State Fairgrounds

Springfield, IL 62702

For more information call:

During State Fair – 217/558-1800

During Non-Fair – 217/788-7290



VENDOR/EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances as defined by Illinois Law are permitted to be brought to or distributed on the grounds by any Fair participant without permission of the Fair Manager and an executed contract. Vendors/exhibitors are not allowed to store or ingest substances in their contracted location. Intoxicated participants can be removed from the grounds.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

Please be advised that by signing the Vendor/Exhibitor contract your signature signifies that it is your responsibility to assure the IL State Fair Management that your activities during the Fair comply with the federal act. Please remember that under ADA a surcharge on any service provided to cover the expenses of making your booth accessible may not be imposed. If you have any questions, please seek advice from a lawyer.

ANIMALS:

During the Fair, the only animals that should be on the main area of the fairgrounds are those that take an active part in the Fair, i.e., livestock and 4-H events or animals that align with the ADA's service animal classification for animals specifically trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.

BUILDING / GROUNDS OFFICE: 217/782-0789

Carpenters, electricians, grounds crew / maintenance, plumbing, fairgrounds security.

BUILDING TEMPERATURES:

The Illinois State Fairgrounds has multiple, non-air-conditioned buildings that are utilized during the event. Even with exhaust fans and overhead fans, temperatures can fluctuate throughout the day. Please be aware of what environment you will be working in and plan accordingly.

CAMPGROUNDS: 217/524-9894

For all information concerning the Illinois State Fair campgrounds, please go to our website at statefair.illinois.gov, click on the General Info tab then camping. Please follow the instructions given on those pages.

CLEANUP:

The Illinois State Fair takes pride in the cleanliness of the Fairgrounds. It is your responsibility to keep the areas around your stand clean at all times and to provide suitable trash receptacles. Before leaving the fairgrounds, your area is to be cleaned, holes filled, the entire area free of refuse. All garbage refuse should be put in garbage containers or set alongside barrels for garbage pickup. All food vendors please note that payment for garbage will be paid directly to the Disposal Company during the Fair.

Any food vendors using grease must use the closest grease barrel to their stand. Absolutely no grease is to be dumped in the sewers or on the ground.

If there is grease on the ground, during or after the event, it is the concessionaire's responsibility to clean the excess off the ground. This will help care for the safety of our concessionaires, workers and guests.

ELECTRICAL SERVICE:

The Space Rental Office will initiate electrical Work Orders when electric fees are paid in full and when display is ready for connection. Any electrical power problems should be reported to the Electric Shop located on the East side of the fairgrounds or by calling 217/782-0791.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL VENDORS / EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY ALL OF THEIR OWN ELECTRICAL MATERIAL (POWER CORDS, POWER STRIPS, ETC.) TO THE POWER SOURCE. WIRE NEEDS TO BE RUBBER CORD ONLY – NO ROMEX ALLOWED. VENDORS / EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES IF HIT BY TENT STAKES, ETC. OUTSIDE VENDORS / EXHIBITORS MAY NOT DISCONNECT THEMSELVES.

See page 13 for additional electrical requirements.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:**

Vendors are expected to have fire extinguishers to protect themselves and to support their fellow vendors in case of an emergency.

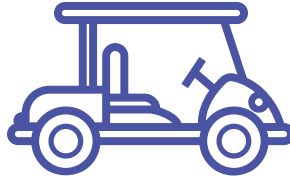
From the Office of the State Fire Marshal Requirements for Vendors:

A.1. All exhibit spaces / buildings / booths / tents / concessions shall have an approved fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A10BC. (Exception: Vendor spaces inside buildings where fire extinguishers for the hazard are present)

A.1.a) In addition, all concessions producing grease laden vapors such as deep fat frying, open flat top grills, etc. must also have an approved class "K" fire extinguisher, either 6 Liter or 2.5 Gallon size.

A.1.b) All fire extinguishers must bear an inspection tag showing unit was inspected within the past 12 months.

A.1.c) Fire Extinguishers purchased within the past 12 months will be accepted if receipt is available.



GOLF CAR POLICIES AND RULES:

Golf car usage for the IL State Fair will be greatly reduced with limited access for **EVERYONE**.

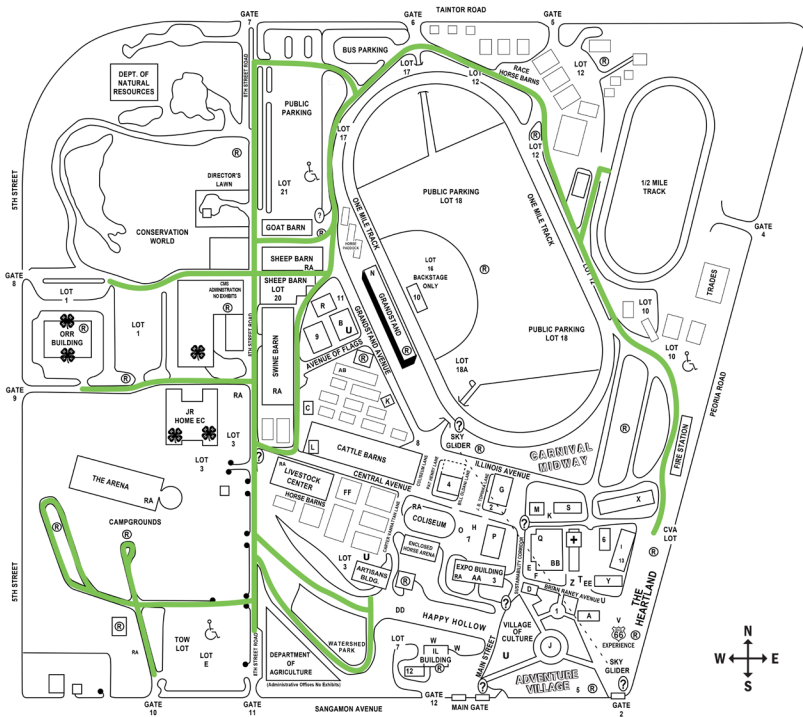
A limited number of golf car rentals will be available through the ISF Credential's Office, with Rental Forms.

From 10:00 am - 12:00 am **EVERY DAY**, there will be no golf cars allowed on the interior of the fairgrounds (except emergency vehicles). Please make appropriate plans to utilize pull carts, wagons, etc. after 10 am!

Call 217/782-0775 to have the golf car form sent electronically or email agr.fairinfo@illinois.gov. You will need to let the Credential's Office know if you are renting or bringing your own.

NO Golf Car may be operated on the State Fairgrounds without a valid permit issued from the Credentials Office located in the Emmerson Building. Some pre-paid permits will be available at a temporary permit trailer on 8th Street, across from the Swine Barn.

See the full set of rules of pages 15-16.



INSURANCE:

Vendor/Exhibitor shall obtain public liability insurance insuring Vendor/Exhibitor in the minimum amounts of \$300,000.00 per person, \$500,000.00 per occurrence, and \$50,000.00 property damage against claims arising out of or in connection with the vendor/exhibits/rentals which are the subject of the Agreement. Vendor/Exhibitor shall supply said public liability insurance policy in a form of a Certificate of Insurance or other form satisfactory to the Department on or before **July 1**. In addition, Vendor/Exhibitor certifies that it has **workmen's compensation insurance** in an amount required by law and will provide proof of such.

JOB SERVICE ASSISTANCE:

The Department of Employment Security will again provide recruitment assistance. If you would like their help or have any questions, please call their office at 217/782-3846. You may also visit their website at www.illinoisjoblink.com.

LIGHTING:

All vendors and exhibitors must provide sufficient lighting to illuminate their exhibit, signage, footprint, and customer transaction area. The lighting should be visually pleasing without creating a fire or tripping hazard.

NO RETURN POLICY:

If your business has a No Return Policy, it must be posted in your contracted location where it is always clearly visible.

OWNERSHIP CHANGE:

Any change or transfer of ownership must be reported to the Illinois State Fair immediately. No guarantees are made that the new owners of the business will remain in the same location, will receive the same pricing, or that any other concessions will transfer with the purchase or transfer of that business. These situations will be reviewed by Fair staff on a case-by-case basis.

PARADE / OPENING DAY:

The Twilight Parade will be at 5:30pm on Thursday, August 13TH. Vendors/Exhibitors are expected to open at their normal time:

Exposition Building and the Senior Center:	9:00 am
Village of Cultures:	10:30 am
All other vendors/exhibitors:	10:00 am

PARKING

Motor vehicles (autos and trucks) on the premises must either pay daily at the gate or clearly display a valid Parking Permit on the dashboard or in a window. Daily paying vehicles are required to park in Lot 18, located in the infield of the racetrack. Parking Permits specify the designated lot for parking but are not vehicle specific. Parking is strictly prohibited around contracted locations. Any vehicle that lacks a permit or is parked near a contracted location may be towed without notice. Lost permits will not be replaced free of charge. Vendors and exhibitors can purchase their permits through the Space Rental Office.

PROHIBITED

The sale, distribution or possession of the following items are prohibited at the Illinois State Fair: Actual or look-alike weapons including bubble guns, hand grenades, ammunition, etc. All marijuana products, including CDB oil. Liquid Nitrogen beverages or products. Additionally, drones or any type of flying object is not allowed due to being within 5 nautical miles from an airport.

PROMOTIONS:

There are multiple promotions available to the public during the eleven days of the Fair. From Twosday (\$2 admission for seniors and adults) to the Golden Abe's Fantastic Fair Food Contest, we are always looking for more ways to make the most of each day. Find more details on these promotions on page 18.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

All food vendors are required to attend a **free** Public Health meeting, it is mandatory for at least one person from each location to attend these meetings prior to opening. Multiple people from each location are welcome to attend. Any vendor who does not attend this meeting will not be allowed to open. This meeting takes the place of needing a special license to participate in this event. Public Health will also complete a mandatory initial inspection of each concession location prior to the Fair. Meetings will take place in the theatre of the Illinois Building according to the following schedule: Tuesday, August 11th and Wednesday, August 12th will be at 10:00am & 12:30pm. Thursday, August 13th will be at 10:00am. Public Health personnel will be located in their office throughout the duration of the fair during the hours of 8am to 4:30pm.

RELEASE PROCEDURES:

All Vendors/Exhibitors must remain open and in operation until after the start of the last scheduled Grandstand event at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23, 2026.

SALES TAX:

If you make retail sales at the Illinois State Fair (Sangamon County), you **must report** and **pay** Illinois Sales Tax on these sales. Each vendor contract location must be reported and paid separately. **DO NOT LUMP SUM YOUR LOCATIONS.**

The IL Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Division, will be collecting, through the mail, all Illinois Sales Tax for retail sales made during the Illinois State Fair. The IL Department of Revenue will contact each vendor during the Fair to provide the reporting document, coupon and applicable envelope to be used in reporting the sales tax. **It is imperative that the document, coupon and corresponding sales be reported and paid by September 5, 2026. Failure to do so will jeopardize your participation in 2026 Illinois State Fair and future Illinois events.**

Do not mail tax forms/payments to the Illinois State Fair. Payments should be made payable to the Illinois Department of Revenue (or IDOR) and sent to:

Special Events
Illinois Department of Revenue
PO Box 19045
Springfield, IL 62794-9045

SIGNS / GENERAL APPEARANCE:

All Vendors/Exhibitors spaces should be attractive, colorful, and professionally run. As you set up your display, please keep the following points in mind:

- Trailers must have professional vinyl skirting. Fringe banners, product banners or posters are not acceptable.
- Trailers should have removable hitches or professional skirting to conceal the hitch.
- LP gas tanks and soft drink canisters must have hoses long enough so that the canisters can be stored in the back of the stand and concealed with professional tent screening or attractive fencing.
- All signs must be attractive and professionally painted/printed. Professional signs should indicate the name of the business/organization as well as menu and prices. Signs displayed perpendicular to the trailer or hung from an awning must have a minimum clearance of seven (7) feet. Banners and signs must be properly displayed and not sagging or drooping.
- The general area should be clear of trash and empty boxes.
- Display area must always be open and manned.
- Tables should be professionally skirted, and items should be neatly displayed.
- Inside Vendors/Exhibitors shall not exceed 8 feet in height on back wall. Booth sidewalls or wings from the center of booth to the aisle shall not exceed 3 feet in height.
- The theme of the booth should be easily recognizable and professional in its appearance. It should not have a flea market appearance. Display area must be inside the designated space and not extend into the aisles or other areas.

TELEPHONE SERVICE INFORMATION:

We encourage all participants to use cell phones for their telephone needs. If you require telephone service for your event, a Telephone Service Request form must be received in our office at least one month prior to opening day, August 13th. Vendors/Exhibitors will be charged the actual cost for the installation of a phone line and that process could take several hours. There is no set cost or estimates available. That is why it is suggested that participants utilize cell phones and/or hot spots whenever possible. Due to the procedures involved with ordering telephone service, we cannot take last minute requests. Service will require use of own telephone instrument (telephone, fax machine, etc.).

TENTS:

If you intend on having tents, canopies or any other item with a stake driven into the ground, the Space Rental Office must be notified at the point of application or at least a month prior to Opening Day, August 7th so that electric and water lines can be properly marked. If a tent is staked without the ground being marked, vendors/exhibitors will be responsible for any underground damage to cables, wiring or plumbing.

All tent fabric must be flame resistant and tents should have a tag affixed showing the rating. A member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) will be inspecting tents to make sure they meet the requirements as outlined under the "OSFM Requirements for all Vendors" link, available under the Vendor Information page of our website. If the tag has been removed, proof in writing will be needed. If you are unable to provide proof, the tent will need to be removed from the grounds.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS:

No tobacco products are allowed to be sold on the grounds. Smoking and/or vaping is not permitted in any contracted space.



WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Waste Management, Inc is the selected provider for the 2026 Fair. A member of WM Mobile will visit your location between Monday, August 17th thru Wednesday, August 19th, to collect the disposal fee and issue a disposal permit. Clean-up rounds begin at 7am daily.

WATER:

Water is available at most locations around the grounds and is free to use as long as it isn't abused. Bottled water, if it is sold or given out for free, must be purchased thru the approved Coca-Cola or Pepsi vendors that hold contracts with the Fair.

WEATHER & VENDOR OPERATIONS:

In the event of rain or non-severe inclement weather, vendors and exhibitors can cover and protect their space as necessary, but they must continue to staff their location and immediately remove any covers/protections once the weather has passed.

Vendors who have signage, umbrellas, flags, etc. are responsible for securing or storing such items if winds become strong enough to make such objects potential flying or tripping hazards.

When a severe weather notice has been issued by the National Weather Service, in conjunction with the Illinois State Fair Manager, an attempt to notify all vendors, exhibitors, workers and fairgoers will go out by loudspeaker and emergency messages. Everyone will be urged to seek shelter in permanent buildings instead of remaining in tents, trailers, temporary structures or in places near glass.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: will not meet for 2026



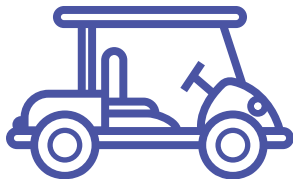
ELECTRIC REQUIREMENTS:

- All outside Vendors/Exhibitors: Main feeder cable from panel or disconnect to State Fair power supply must be S.O. or S.J.O. rubber covered cable and supplied (at Vendor or Exhibitor expense) to the power source. No splices in the feeder cable allowed and we require a 4-wire cord for 240-volt single phase.
- All electrical boxes, tombstones and power pedestals shall be kept clear of trailers and temporary structures a minimum of 3 feet. Do not build around or attach anything to our tombstone or power pedestals!
- Current can be furnished at 120-240 volts single phase, 60 cycles, A.C. at all the secondary load centers and most of the buildings.
- Maximum load in wattage must be specified on contract application.
- Please check with the Space Rental Office or the electrical foreman for any load over 60 amperes or any special electrical requirements.
- All wiring and installation of electrical apparatus must be done at the expense of the Vendor or Exhibitor under the supervision of the electrical foreman.
- All trailers and trucks with electrical hookups must have a cord with a ground wire in it. No ground rods. Rubber cord with ground wire only to plug into our grounded system.
- All permanent and temporary wiring shall be under the jurisdiction of the electrical foreman. We recommend having a licensed electrical contractor install your wiring.
- All temporary wiring must be installed as follows - Externally operable fusible safety type switches or circuit breakers of correct capacity must be used for mains, where fuses are used fusetrans are recommended. Ground rod shall be driven at each service and connected to switch box for safety; also, all appliances or equipment must be grounded in approved manner. A polarized system is recommended, and over current protection be used in the ungrounded conductors.
- A connected load of 15 amperes is allowed for each circuit of No. 14 wire or 20 amperes when No. 12 wire is used.
- For loads greater than the above, reference should be made to the National Electrical Code (2004) or referred to the electrical foreman.
- All wiring shall be sized in accordance with the NEC (National Electrical Code). If there is a question about this please see the electrical foreman.
- Wire or cable in temporary structures, tents or in the open may be code grade for temporary installations.
- Wire for permanent exterior installation shall be weatherproof wire.
- Wires laid underground temporarily shall be U.S.E. cable (Underground Service Cable).
- No items shall be attached to or hung from electrical wiring.
- All sockets used in temporary structures, tents or in the open shall be of insulating material.
- All extension cords or pendant wires in temporary structures, tents or in the open shall be rubber covered cords with 3 wire cords and plug ends. Lightweight, 2 wire. "Household" type extension cords are not allowed.
- No wiring shall be laid on the ground, or on the floor, or any permanent structure, tent or booth.

- Electric wiring shall not be fastened to nor draped over fencing. Where installations require wiring to be placed on or over fencing the wiring must first be secured to a nonconducting surface such as a 1" x 2" board.
- Any vendor with a "hot" trailer or line will not be allowed to be connected to an electrical source until the issue is resolved. This is for the safety of everyone and there will be no exceptions

ELECTRIC REQUIREMENTS - ENFORCEMENT:

The foregoing rules are issued under authority of "An Act in relation to the investigation and prevention of fire and dangerous conditions in and near buildings and other structure," approved June 15, 1909, as amended, and "An Act to regulate the storage, transportation, sale and use of gasoline and volatile oils," approved June 28, 1919, as amended, and "An Act to regulate the storage, transportation, sale and use of liquefied petroleum gases," approved July 11, 1955 as amended. Penalties provided by the respective acts will be enforced by inspectors from the Illinois State Fire Marshal office, who will be on the grounds to enforce the rules and require general compliance with fire-safe practices.



ILLINOIS STATE FAIR GOLF CAR RULES & REGULATIONS

These rules are for the safety of everyone on the Fairgrounds.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) wants everyone to have a positive experience at the Illinois State Fair, regardless of how they are getting around the Fairgrounds. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

- NO Golf Car – rented on the Fairgrounds or brought onto the Fairgrounds – may be operated on the State Fairgrounds without a valid permit for the current year issued by the Illinois State Fair Office located in the Emmerson Building.

Golf Car Permit Application, Eligibility, and Payment

- All car and permit reservations are only accepted online unless approved by State Fair Office.
- Payment is not due at time of application.
- Applicants will be notified via email if their permit application is approved.
- Visa, Mastercard, Discover, money order or cash are acceptable forms of payment. A processing fee will be applied to all credit card payments. Checks will not be accepted.
- July 1st is the last day to cancel reservation and receive a full refund. NO REFUNDS will be issued after July 1.
- No permit will be issued until payment for such is received.
- It is prohibited to transfer a golf car permit to another person or golf car. Using another's permit will result in both parties being prohibited from booking future golf car and/or camping reservations.
- Must be a vendor, camper or livestock exhibitor, to obtain a golf car during the Illinois State Fair. Only one (1) golf car will be permitted per campsite and/or exhibitor family.
- Neither IDOA, nor Battery Specialists Plus Golf Cars, are responsible for accidents that may occur.
- There is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for falsified permits.
- The owner/operator on the golf car permit is responsible for any damage or theft to a rented car and ensuring the golf car is operated in compliance with the rules.
- Applicants will be responsible for all fees associated with towing and impoundment due to violation of ISF rules and regulations.

Golf Car Specifications and Limitations

- Golf cars must have operating headlights.
- Continuous running vehicles that start with a key, such as Gators™, Mules, Rhinos, ATV's and similar are PROHIBITED unless approved by Illinois State Fair.
- Must be 18 or older with a valid driver's license and proof of insurance to operate a golf car. Drivers are required to have a valid driver's license on premises.
- No tampering with the governor (throttle) or motor components of any kind on a rented car.
- There is no parking of golf car trailers or similar transport vehicles anywhere on the Fairgrounds.

Golf Car Operations and “Rules of the Road”

- No golf cars will be allowed in pedestrian areas from **10:00 am to 11:45 pm**. Please refer to map provided with assigned Permit for permitted areas of operation. Obeying posted signs about golf car restrictions is required at all times
 - Grandstand Ave between the intersection by the paddock and sheep barn on the north through Illinois Ave.
 - Illinois Ave from the intersection with Grandstand Ave on the west to Ferris Wheel Drive on the east.
 - The entire length of Main Street which spans from the Main Gate on the south to the Carnival Midway on the north.
 - Brian Raney Avenue from Main Street to Ferris Wheel Drive.
- No driving on sidewalks or inside buildings.
- There is ZERO TOLERANCE for impaired driving.
- Golf cars are always required to yield to pedestrians and livestock.
- No more than 3 individuals on a 2-passenger golf car or 5 individuals on a 4-passenger golf car. No passenger should be allowed to stand on the back of a car, or ride on/in the car in any manner other than seated.
- Only specifically designated IDOA/Illinois State Fair employees and contractors, and Emergency Personnel are allowed to operate on roadways not highlighted on the map.
- No parking in barns or buildings
- No parking in a manner that impedes access to or blocks fire hydrants, entrances to buildings or barns or tents, or posted fire lanes.

Violations and Enforcement

- Written warnings will be left on the golf car at the time of observed violation
- The warning will also be sent to the email address the owner/operator provided on the golf car application within one business day.
- One warning will be issued for violations of these rules. A second violation of any kind will result in revocation of the permit (or, if no permit was obtained, prohibition on future ability to obtain a permit) and confiscation of the golf car.
 - Some violations, including falsified permits and driving in a way that puts the safety of others at risk, will result in the immediate confiscation of the golf car, without a first warning.
- No refunds will be issued for revoked permits or confiscated cars.
- Cars will only be released on the last day of the Fair or the last day of the operator's camping permit, if before the end of the Fair. All applicable fees must be paid before released.
- IDOA and its contracted towing vendor are not responsible for investigating owner information or identity verification for privately-owned cars that were confiscated and did not have a permit.
- Rule violations may impact the owner/operator's ability to rent a car or obtain a permit in the future.
- IDOA reserves the right at any time to revoke a permit and or confiscate a car without warning for reckless driving, impaired or egregious violation of any of these rules.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

SUNFLOWER HOURS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9AM - 12PM

CARNIVAL HOURS

10AM - 12PM

A sensory-friendly morning designed to be more inclusive for children and adults with autism and/or sensory processing sensitivities. Join us for a calmer fair environment, with fewer lights and sounds to accommodate those with specials needs.

THE SENSORY STATION

AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026

10AM - 7PM DAILY

Emmerson Building Annex

(Located at Brian Raney Avenue & Main Street)

Children and adults with autism and/or sensory processing sensitivities can come inside to refocus, recharge and destress. Trained staff and helpful tools will be available to assist fairgoers during their Illinois State Fair experience.



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2026 PROMOTIONS!



FIVE DOLLAR FIX

From August 13th - August 23rd, fairgoers can enjoy exclusive discounts from open to close, every day of the Fair. Look for signs at vendor booths, listen for announcements over the loudspeaker, or stop by any information booth to find out what item each booth is offering. Don't miss this opportunity to snack and save - only at the Illinois State Fair.



TWOOSDAY

Tuesday, August 18th, don't miss the mid-week magic of the Illinois State Fair with a special day of savings and family fun. Enjoy discounted admission for adults and seniors as well as take advantage of this incredible deal, all rides in the Carnival Midway and Adventure Village are just 2\$ each- all day long. It's the perfect time to bring the whole family and experience the fair without stretching your budget. Don't miss this midweek special!



SMALL PLATES BIG TASTES

All day, every day during the Fair, vendors in the Village of Cultures will be offering special \$3 tasting plates inspired by cultures from around the globe. Each tasting plate features a smaller portion of a cultureally inspired dish. Every vendor in the Village of Cultures will be participating! Explore a variety of international flavors without breaking the bank. Taste the world for just \$3!



GOLDEN ABE'S FANTASTIC FAIR FOOD CONTEST

Kick off the first Friday of the Illinois State Fair with a delicious competition sponsored by Woodward Community Media. Vendors from across the Fairgrounds will go head-to-head, serving up their best dishes in categories like Sweet, Savory, Notable Newcomer, and People's Choice. Your taste buds can help decided the winners - so come hungry, try something new, and support your favorites. Winning vendors will be recognized with signage, social media features, and live PA announcements throughout the fairgrounds. Be part of the excitement and come try the Golden Abe's Winners!



CAMPING INFORMATION

ILLINOIS STATE FAIRGROUNDS

Camping during the Illinois State Fair; \$50.00 per night for campers and motor homes; \$20.00 per night for tents without a car; \$25.00 per night for tents with a car.
RESERVATIONS FOR VENDORS AND EXHIBITORS ONLY!
Contact Credentials Office at 217/782-0775.

APL CAMPGROUNDS (across from fairgrounds)

1001 Taintor Road, Springfield, IL
Phone: 217/544-7387

DOUBLE J CAMPGROUND AND RV PARK

9683 Palm Road, Chatham, IL
I-55, exit 88
Phone: 271/483-9998
website: www.doublejcampground.com

KOA CAMPGROUNDS OF AMERICA, INC.

4320 KOA Road, Rochester, IL
Two miles from East Lake Shore Drive
Phone: 217/498-7002

LINCOLN'S NEW SALEM CAMPGROUND

15588 History Lane, Petersburg, IL
22 miles from Springfield on Rt. 97
Phone: 217/632-4003

RIVERSIDE PARK CAMPGROUNDS

4115 Sandhill Rd., Springfield, IL
2-3 miles North of the fairgrounds on Business Rt. 55
Phone: 217/753-0630

SANCHRIS LAKE STATE PARK

9898 Cascade Rd., Rochester, IL
Approximately 15 minutes from Springfield
Phone: 217/498-9208
Reservation on-line only @ www.reserveamerica.com

NOTE: All prices are subject to change.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Department of Natural Resources, Camping Information - 217/782-6752
(Mon - Fri) 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

BANKING CENTERS:	Chase Bank 200 S Dirksen Pkwy Springfield, IL 217/544-3278	PNC 802 E Lawrence Ave Springfield, IL 217/535-6700	U.S. Bank 800 N Grand Ave E Springfield, IL 217/788-8000
LAUNDROMATS:	Best Wash 791 E Sangamon Springfield, IL 866/985-6997	Capital City Cleaners 2912 Ridge Ave Springfield, IL 217/679-3766	Sangamon Cleaners 1865 E Sangamon Springfield, IL 217/522-4919
MEDICAL:	Spfld Clinic Urgent Care 350 W Carpenter St Springfield, IL 217/546-5395	Memorial Medical Ctr 701 N 1 st St Springfield, IL 217/788-3000	HSHS St. John's 800 E Carpenter St Springfield, IL 217/544-6464
PHARMACIES:	CVS 211 E Carpenter Springfield, IL 217/528-7529	Walgreens 2140 N Peoria Rd Springfield, IL 217/544-2925	Walgreens 1150 N 5 th St Springfield, IL 217/331-6764
SHIPPING CENTERS:	FedEx 2140 N Peoria Rd Springfield, IL 800/463-3339	UPS 3149 Wide Track Dr Springfield, IL 800/742-5877	USPO 411 E Monroe St Springfield, IL 217/788-7480
SHOPPING:	Ace Hardware 214 N Walnut Springfield, IL 217/528-5673	Lowes 2560 N Dirksen Pkwy Springfield, IL 217/535-4540	Menards 2701 Marketplace Springfield, IL 217/522-1835

Welcome to the

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

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Admission & Promotions

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

County Fair & Horse Racing Day

Adult (13-59)	\$5
Seniors (60+)	\$3
Children (0-12)	FREE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Agriculture Day

Adult (13-59)	\$10
Seniors (60+)	\$3
Children (0-12)	FREE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Kids Day

Adult (13-59)	\$10
Seniors (60+)	\$3
Children (0-12)	FREE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

*Veterans & Gold Star Families Day **

Adult (13-59)	\$5
Seniors (60+)	\$3
Children (0-12)	FREE

* Veterans/Gold Stars & their immediate family get in FREE with proper ID

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

*Senior Citizens & Scout Day **

Adult (13-59)	\$5
Seniors (60+)	\$3
Children (0-12)	FREE

* Senior Citizens (60 & over) & Scouts get in FREE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

*TWOday **

Adult (13-59)	\$2
Seniors (60+)	\$2
Children (0-12)	FREE

* All carnival rides are \$2

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Governor's Day

Adult (13-59)	\$5
Seniors (60+)	\$3
Children (0-12)	FREE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Republican Day

Adult (13-59)	\$5
Seniors (60+)	\$3
Children (0-12)	FREE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

First Responder &

*Healthcare Heroes Day**

Adult (13-59)	\$10
Seniors (60+)	\$3
Children (0-12)	FREE

* First Responders & Healthcare Heroes get in FREE with proper ID

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Park District Conservation Day

Adult (13-59)	\$10
Seniors (60+)	\$3
Children (0-12)	FREE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Family Day

Adult (13-59)	\$5
Seniors (60+)	\$3
Children (0-12)	FREE

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FREE PERFORMANCES DAILY IN HAPPY HOLLOW.



HIGH DIVE SHOW

Divers from the world-renowned Watershow Productions Dive Team will be WOW'ing fairgoers right in the middle of the fairgrounds on Main St. & Central Avenue. It is a high-performance show consisting of many dynamic dives.

FREE PERFORMANCES DAILY NEXT TO THE AG TENT ON CENTRAL AVENUE.



DINO ENCOUNTERS

Prepare for a prehistoric adventure the entire family will love! Check out the all-new Dinosaur Encounters in Happy Hollow. The experience features animatronic rides, gyroscopes, dino digs, dinosaur puzzles, a dino museum and daily stage performances.

FREE PERFORMANCES DAILY IN HAPPY HOLLOW.



HARNESS RACING

The Illinois State Fair is home to the World's Fastest Dirt Track! Come out to the track and you might be lucky enough to see an Illinois record or even a world record race time fall!

FREE ADMISSION IN THE GRANDSTAND



ZOO LADY FACE PAINTING

Come see the Zoo Crew to get your face painted!

FREE PERFORMANCES DAILY ON meridian ADVENTURE VILLAGE STAGE.

**For details & updates visit
statefair.illinois.gov**



STREET DRUM CORPS

Prepare yourselves for a pulse pounding, primarily percussive production of prodigious proportions. An intense, uncontrollable, EXPLOSION of bright, loud, fun, and excitement! Prepare to dance and sing along as they rove the fairgrounds with their custom mobile sound system tricycle.

FREE PERFORMANCES DAILY THROUGHOUT THE FAIRGROUNDS.



SKY HIGH BALLOON GUY

Sky High Balloon Guy is a professional balloon artist who pairs witty humor and charisma to entertain crowds and make an impact you will never forget. Sky High Balloon Guy can create just about anything you can imagine out of balloons.

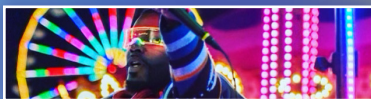
FREE PERFORMANCES DAILY ON meridian ADVENTURE VILLAGE STAG



THE STROLLING PIANO

A traveling treasure trove of melodies, ready to serenade you with tunes from every corner of the musical spectrum. This mobile piano has something for everyone.

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THE STROLLING DJ

The Strolling DJ offers a high-energy, mobile entertainment experience. With a built-in sound system, internal battery, and vibrant LED lights, it's designed to roam seamlessly through any venue, creating an unforgettable party atmosphere.

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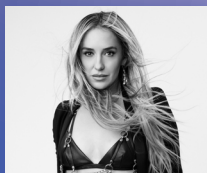
Come witness mind-expanding miracles and sophisticated fun with KARDENNI the Magician. Check out his unique style of magic that is exceptionally amazing, funny, effective and original. Prepare to be amazed!

FREE STAGE PERFORMANCES ON THE LINCOLN STAGE.

2026 Illinois State Fair GRANDSTAND



**BAILEY
ZIMMERMAN**
FRIDAY 8.14



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WILSON**
SATURDAY 8.15



**MATCHBOX
TWENTY**
SUNDAY 8.16



Free Concert

38 SPECIAL
MONDAY 8.17



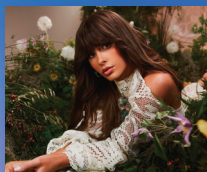
**ZIGGY
MARLEY**
TUESDAY 8.18



**WIZ
KHALIFA**
WEDNESDAY 8.19



**THE AVETT
BROTHERS**
THURSDAY 8.20



ELLA LANGLEY
FRIDAY 8.21



THE CHICKS
SATURDAY 8.22



SHINEDOWN
SUNDAY 8.23



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Casey Donahew
Thursday 8.13



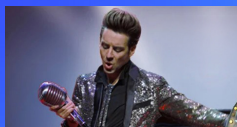
**Mike Tramp of
White Lion**
Friday 8.14



The Sweet
Saturday 8.15



Lakeview
Sunday 8.16



Shake Baby Shake
Monday 8.17



The Creakers
Tuesday 8.18



The Band Perry
Wednesday 8.19



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The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show
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Vertical Horizon
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THU & FRI, AUG 13-14

MONSTERS OF DESTRUCTION

Show Time - 7:30PM



SATURDAY, AUG 22

ISF CHAMPIONSHIP DEMOLITION DERBY

Power Wheels - 5PM

Show Time - 6PM



TICKET ORDER INFORMATION

Ticketmaster.com or via Ticketmaster mobile app

ISF Grandstand Box Office | State Fairgrounds, 801 E Sangamon Ave, Springfield, IL 62702

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BUSCH LIGHT TENT

Located on Avenue of Flags. Family friendly until 6pm daily. The Busch Light Tent offers its own unique blend of live music, cold beverages, and fair-time fun throughout the day.

COORS LIGHT TENT

Located on Grandstand Avenue. Family friendly until 6pm daily. From afternoon acoustic sets to nighttime party bands, the Coors Tent keeps the fairgrounds buzzing with live entertainment all day long.

MILLER TENT

Located on Illinois Avenue. Family friendly until 6pm daily. Kick back with friends, enjoy refreshing beverages, and experience a different atmosphere as the fair transitions from daytime fun to evening excitement.

SURFSIDE SOCIAL CLUB ON ROUTE 66

Located on Brian Raney Avenue. Family friendly until 6pm daily. New in 2026 - your go-to spot to soak in the best of the fair along Route 66.

APEX STAGE

Located at the intersection of Illinois & Grandstand Avenue. A free stage at the intersection of fun and funky. Don't miss the great local bands on display this year!

EXPO BUILDING STAGE

Located inside the Expo Building. The Expo Stage is the perfect place to relax, reconnect and enjoy live acoustic tunes every day of the fair.

GRAND CENTRAL STAGE

Located on Central Avenue at the south end of the Reisch Pavilion. With a welcoming daytime atmosphere that evolves into an energetic nighttime music scene, the Grand Central Stage is a gathering spot that has become a favorite destination for making memories with friends and family.

BLUE RIBBON STAGE

Located inside the Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Building on Central Avenue. Be sure to check out the live cooking demonstrations from those seeking to be the best of the best in Illinois culinary.

ILLINOIS AUDITORIUM

Located inside the Illinois Building on Main Street. Check out the free performances in the air-conditioned auditorium.

LINCOLN STAGE

Located on Central Avenue. From contests, magicians and patriotic celebrations you'll find something for everyone at the Lincoln Stage.

meridian ADVENTURE VILLAGE STAGE

Located inside Adventure Village. Home to the family focused entertainment, from face painters to balloon artists.

VILLAGE OF CULTURES BANDSTAND

Located inside the Village of Cultures, with entrances off Main Street and Brian Raney Avenue.