

Eligibility

- **Vet Camp:** Grades 4-7
- **Advanced Vet Camp:** Grades 8-12

Registration

Registration will open May 1, 2025

The programs are free with Fair admission, but limited spots are available per session.

Registration can be done by visiting iowastatefair.org/visit/kid-friendly-activities. Follow the instructions under the Vet Camp & Advanced Vet Camp headings.

Registration deadline:

JUNE 1, 2025



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Vet Camp

Vet Camp is an educational, exciting, hands-on learning program aimed at encouraging children to learn about animal health, welfare and what it's like to be an animal doctor. Vet Camp is a two-hour program focusing on both large and small animal veterinary medicine. Vet Camp is **FREE**, with paid Fair admission. Only 45 spots are available per session.

Vet Camp Dates

Thursday, August 7

- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, August 8

- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 9

- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Advanced Vet Camp

Advanced Vet Camp is a two-hour program aimed at youth who would like to learn more about the field of veterinary medicine and have an interest in attending vet school. Advanced Vet Camp is **FREE**, with paid Fair admission. Only 45 spots are available per session.

Advanced Vet Camp Dates

Sunday, August 10

- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Vet Camp Stations

Dissecting To The “Eye” of It

Lots can be determined from an animal's eye. In this station you will learn about the most common diseases and have the chance to dissect a pig, cow or sheep eye. Get ready to get your hands dirty!

The Great Disease Spread

You will learn about different animal diseases and how these diseases spread. Become an investigator on how the disease started and how to treat it along with learning about biosecurity along the way!

“Cud” It Out

Cows chew their cud, but what does that mean? In this station, learn about large and small animal digestion and what ruminant and non-ruminant means. What basic nutrition does a cow versus a dog need? Learn how to tell if your pet is getting what they need and how to form a basic animal feed ration.



Advanced Vet Camp Stations

Forensic Files: 3 little pigs – who dun it?

Follow the steps of a actual forensic autopsy. This station will include a little necropsy, a little dissection and a little murder mystery! Get ready for a very hands-on station!

Welcome To The Blood Bank

Animals need blood during surgeries and emergency situations. Learn how this blood is collected and used. You will also look at blood cells through a microscope, determine blood types and see what veterinarians can learn from just a drop of blood.

Careers in Animal Health

There are many career paths in the field of animal health. In this station, you will learn about the vast opportunities this career path provides from animal production, to sales, to veterinary medicine. Learn how specific courses in high school can assist you as you look at college. Also find out more about activities you can be involved in now that can help you down the road.

