

Iowa DNR 2021 Courtyard Presentations at the Iowa State Fair

Thursday August 12

How Do You FISH?

- 11:00 – Basic Knot Tying (Hands-On Program)
- 1:00 – Cleaning and Cooking Your Catch
- 3:00 – Fish Local: Discover Places to Fish Close to You!

Friday August 13

How Do You WATCH WILDLIFE?

- 11:00 – Bat of Iowa and How to Build a Bat Box
- 1:00 – LIVE ANIMALS: Spiders and Snakes -- Meet Our Creepiest Critters
- 3:00 – Outdoor Photography -- Secrets from a Pro

Saturday August 14

How Do You TARGET?

- 11:00 – Firearms Safety in the Home, at the Range and in the Field
- 1:00 – Intro to Shooting Sports: How to Get Started & Where to Go
- 3:00 – Effective Wingshooting: Ways to Improve Your Wingshooting Skills

Sunday August 15

How Do You HELP THE ENVIRONMENT?

- 11:00 -- Lawn Conservation Practices -- Tips to Care for Your Yard and Conserve/Protect Water
- 1:00 – Rocky Recycler -- Hands-On Upcycling Activities
- 3:00 -- Geology Rocks in Iowa

Monday August 16

How Do You BOAT?

- 11:00 – Dam Safety -- How to Stay Safe
- 1:00 – Paddling 101 -- Tips and Tricks for Beginner Paddling Sports
- 3:00 – Life Jacket Safety: What to Do When Things Go Bad (Conservation Officer Panel)

Tuesday August 17

How Do You CAMP?

- 11:00 – Outdoor Cooking -- From Simple “On a Stick” to Dutch Oven Cooking
- 1:00 – Setting Up a Campsite (Tips and Hacks)
- 3:00 – Secrets of Iowa State Parks with Ledges Park Manager Andy Bartlett

Wednesday August 18

HOW DO YOU BACKYARD?

- 11:00 – Tree Planting -- How To's, What to Choose and Where to Plant
- 1:00 – How to Attract Backyard Birds
- 3:00 – Attracting Pollinators: Make Your Own Seed Balls (Hands – On Activity)

Thursday August 19

HOW DO YOU HUNT?

- 11:00 – From Field to Fork: Iowa's Abundant Hunting Opportunities and Delicious Recipes to Enjoy your Harvest
- 1:00 – Conquer the Call: Tips and Tricks for Improving Game Calling Techniques
- 3:00 – Public Land Hunting: Opportunities and Ethics

Friday August 20

HOW DO YOU HIKE?

- 11:00 – Family Friendly Hikes: Tips, Tricks and Places to Explore
- 1:00 – Get Lost in Iowa: Where to Go to Get Away from it All
- 3:00 – Edible Exploration: What you need to know to pack, pick and prepare wild edibles on a foraging hike

Saturday August 21

HOW DO YOU WATCH WILDLIFE?

- 11:00 - LIVE ANIMALS: Swans in Iowa
- 1:00 – LIVE ANIMALS: Bald Eagle -- Meet our Majestic National Bird
- 3:00 -- LIVE ANIMALS: Reptiles and Amphibians -- Hurray for Herps

Sunday August 22

HOW DO YOU OUTDOORS?

- 11:00 – Forest Bathing: Relax and Enjoy the Outdoors in a New Way
- 1:00 – Iowa's Wild Animals- Bear, Bobcats and Mt Lions- Oh My!
- 3:00 – Iowa Farm Ponds