

# THANK YOU PARTNERS!

# 20 YEARS OF IOWA IRISH FEST!

## 2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

Presented by Veridian Credit Union



# FRIDAY, JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> - AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026

## IRISH FEST TRANSPORTATION Free Shuttle Service • 3 Routes

<b>GREEN BUS</b> follows hotel row along La Porte Rd w/ stops at: DAYS INN & SUITES 1809 La Porte Road HAMPTON INN 2034 La Porte Road FAIRFIELD INN 2134 La Porte Road ISLE CASINO & HOTEL 777 Isle Boulevard	<b>WHITE BUS</b> is a Cedar Falls route w/ stops located at: BIEN VENU 7400 Hudson Road, Cedar Falls, IA	<b>ORANGE BUS</b> is a downtown route w/ stops located at: COURTYARD MARRIOTT 250 Westfield Avenue City parking lots under Highway 218 overpass with pickup at 4th & Washington Streets
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\*Our buses are not handicap accessible this year. For visitors who are non-ambulatory or have other difficulties getting to events, a local business may help address your needs.  
 \*\*There will be no shuttle bus service to the Rugby Tournament this year.

## DAILY BUS SCHEDULE

Friday	3:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

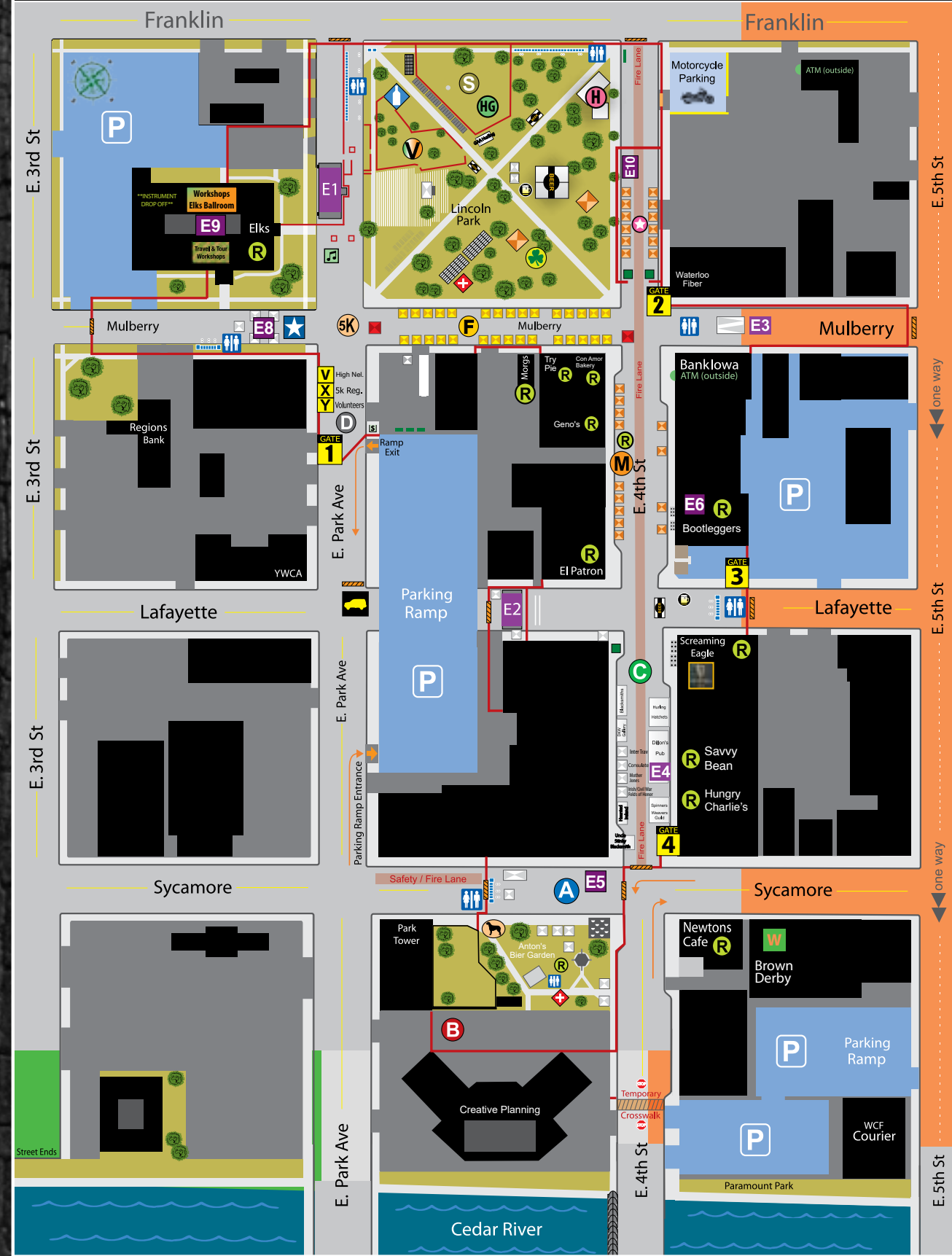


- Agnus Dei Music
- AMVETS Riders Chapter 31
- AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 31
- Anton's Garden
- Ari'z Supper Club & Martini Lounge
- ASI Computer Systems
- Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices
- Black Hawk County Sheriff
- Black Hawk County Veterans Affairs
- Blue Star Mothers of Iowa
- Bootleggers Kitchen and Bar
- CARA
- Cedar Falls Wrestling
- Cedar Valley Cyclists
- Cedar Valley Soccer Complex
- Cedar Valley Sportsplex
- City of Cedar Falls
- City of Waterloo
- Community Choice Credit Union
- CONAGRA Brands
- Consulate General of Ireland
- Cooley Sanitation
- Country Estate Fence & Railing
- Creative Planning
- Culligan UltraPure
- D&W Flooring
- DKW Gallery
- Don Hummer Trucking
- Double Anvil Forge
- Dunkerton Fire Department
- East High Army JROTC
- El Patrón
- Father Tom McDermott, Celebrant
- FIT Cedar Valley
- Foxhole Health and Consulting
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois
- Greenwood Family of Pharmacies
- Hall Bicycle Company
- Hansen's Dairy
- Heart of Darkness
- Huff Contracting
- Hungry Charlie's Lunchbox
- Hupp Toyota Lift
- Hurling Hatchets
- INVISION
- Jody Halsted
- Kwik Star
- LJ's Welding
- Locke Funeral Services
- LTI Delivers
- Lucky Clover Forge
- Main Street Waterloo
- Mike Dolan Concrete & Masonry
- Mike Fereday Heating and Air Conditioning
- Narey's 19th Hole
- Nationwide Office Care
- Newton's Paradise Café
- Northeast Iowa Spinners and Weaver's Guild
- Pink Heals Eastern Iowa
- Screaming Eagle American Bar & Grill
- Sons of AMVETS Squadron 31
- Swede's Swing Inn
- Taves Fencing
- Tim's Mobile Taps
- The Bike Collective
- The Other Place
- The Savvy Bean
- UAW Local 838
- Upper Iowa University
- Varda Farms
- Waterloo Center for the Arts - Phelps Youth Pavilion
- Waterloo Firefighters Local 66
- Waterloo Leisure Services
- Waterloo Oil
- Waterloo Police Department
- Waterloo Street Department
- Waterloo Warriors
- Waterloo Youth City Council

- A** Admission Gates 1-4
- B** Family Area
- C** High Nelly & Bike Valet
- D** Cultural Area
- E** Celtic Cruise
- F** Food Court
- H** Hospitality
- HC** Highland Games
- 5K** 5K Run/Walk
- I** Iowa Irish Fest Merchandise
- M** Irish Market
- P** Parking
- R** Restaurants
- S** Sheep Herding
- V** VIP Experience
- B** Beverage Street
- V** High Nelly Registration
- X** 5K Registration
- Y** Volunteers
- M** Band Merchandise
- F** Five Farms Snug
- FC** Food Coupons
- BEER** Beer Tents
- B** Beer Token Sales
- G** Guinness Experience (Lower level of Screaming Eagle)
- W** Workshops - Elks Ballroom
- T** Travel & Tour Workshops
- W** Whiskey Workshops
- M** Military/First Responders
- I** Irish Wolfhounds
- +** First Aid
- P** Port a Pottys
- S** Shuttle Pick up-Drop off
- A** All Grounds Handicap Accessible
- SC** Street Closed

Entertainment Stages • **E1** Nagle/KWWL Stage **E2** Waterloo Fiber Stage **E3** Van G. Miller Traditional Stage **E4** Dillon's Pub Stage **E5** Family Fun Stage **E6** Bootleggers's Stage **E8** Hero's Stage **E9** Elks Ballroom **E10** Beverage Experience Street Stage

See schedule for show times!




DOWNTOWN WATERLOO  
 IOWA IRISH FEST  
 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
 2026 GROUNDS MAP  
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# FRIDAY

Time	Event Name	Location
3:45 pm - 4 pm	Ceremonial Procession - Over the Bridge	Nagle/KWWL Stage
4 pm - 10 pm	"Anything Irish" Photo Contest Display	Elks Club
4 pm - 10 pm	B&M Dillon's Pub and Cultural Village	Cultural Village
4 pm - 8 pm	Family Fun and Learning Area Hours	Newton's Park
4 pm - 10 pm	Five Farms Snug Serving Hours	Lincoln Park
4 pm - 7 pm	ShamRock N' Run 5K Reg./Packet Pick Up	Gate 1
4 pm - 7 pm	High Nelly Package Pick Up	Gate 1
4 pm - 7 pm	Highland Games Demonstrations/Practice	Lincoln Park
4 pm - 8 pm	Weavers and Spinners Cultural Area	Cultural Village
4 pm - 4:30 pm	Festival Opening Ceremony	Nagle/KWWL Stage
4:30 pm - 5 pm	Foy School of Irish Dance	Family Area Stage
4:30 pm - 5 pm	Trinity Irish Dancers & Brian/Laura	Nagle/KWWL Stage
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Sorcha	Trad Stage
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	The Lads Of Dubuque	Waterloo Fiber Stage
4:45 pm - 5:30 pm	Seo Linn - Cultural Revolution in Ireland	Elks Ballroom
5 pm - 6 pm	NE Iowa Weavers & Spinners - Boondoggle Dangle Take & Make - Beginner Level	Newton's Park
5 pm - 6:15 pm	Kellen O'Cullom and the Cedar Reivers	Dillon's Pub Stage
5 pm - 7 pm	The Dogs of Ireland (weather permitting)	Newton's Park
5 pm - 10 pm	Forge/Blacksmithing Presentation & Shop	Cultural Village
5 pm - 10 pm	Guinness Experience - Lower Level of SE	Screaming Eagle
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Colm & Laura Keegan with Brian McGrane	Nagle/KWWL Stage
6 pm - 9 pm	Ryne Owen	Bootlegger's Stage
6 pm - 6:45 pm	Whiskey Workshop, "Five Farms Irish Cream Creative Cocktail Competition!"*	The Brown Derby
6 pm - 6:45 pm	Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Show - "Kate Shelley's Train Rescue"	Family Area Stage
6 pm - 6:45 pm	Davy Holden - The Irish in the American Revolution (250th Anniversary)	Elks Ballroom
6 pm - 7:15 pm	Rising Gael	Trad Stage
6 pm - 6:30 pm	Foy Irish Dancers	Waterloo Fiber Stage
7 pm - 7:45 pm	Whiskey WKSH "Rugged and Wild: Discovering the maritime spirit(s) of Clonakilty!" Pt 1*	The Brown Derby
7 pm - 8 pm	Blacksmith Competition "Forge Off"	Cultural Village
7 pm - 8:15 pm	Seo Linn	Nagle/KWWL Stage
7 pm - 8:15 pm	Screaming Orphans	Waterloo Fiber Stage
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm	BNTB	Dillon's Pub Stage
7:15 pm - 8 pm	Kait Meeker - Irish Ceili Dance for Everyone	Elks Ballroom
7:30 pm - 8:15 pm	Bremer County Bucks Rugby - Intro to Rugby	Family Area Stage
7:45 pm - 9 pm	Ballyheigue	Trad Stage
8 pm - 8:45 pm	"The Greers" at the Guinness Experience	Screaming Eagle
8:45 pm - 9 pm	Iowa Irish Fest, King and Queen Selection	Nagle/KWWL Stage
9 m - 10 pm	Des Moines Irish Sessions	Dillon's Pub Stage
9 pm - 10:30 pm	Scythian	Nagle/KWWL Stage
9 pm - 10:30 pm	Young Dubliners	Waterloo Fiber Stage

Special Events	Cultural Showcase, Workshops & Classes	Live Music	Family Fun & Learning
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SE = Screaming Eagle  
 Trad Stage = Van G Miller Family Foundation Traditional Music Stage Tent  
 WKSH = Workshop T&T = Travel & Tour Workshop  
 \*Requires registration & payment \*\*Bring instrument from home

# SATURDAY

Time	Event Name	Location
7:30 am - 9 am	ShamRock N' Run 5k Reg./Packet Pick Up	Gate 1
9 am Start	High Nelly Bike Rally - 8 am reg.	Anton's Garden
9 am - 6 pm	Rugby Tournament, shuttle available	CV Soccer Complex
9 am - 11 am	ShamRock N' Run 5K	Lincoln Park
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Whiskey WKSH "Paint & Sip" w/Brian Sink*	The Brown Derby
10 am - 8 pm	Family Fun and Learning Area Hours	Newton's Park
10 am - 8 pm	Weavers and Spinners Cultural Area	Cultural Village
10 am - 4 pm	Highland Games	Lincoln Park
10 am - 11 am	NE Iowa Weavers & Spinners - Learn to Crochet - Beginner Level	Cultural Village
10:30am - 11:15am	Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Show - "Kate Shelley's Train Rescue"	Family Area Stage
10:30am - 11:15am	Colm Keegan - Irish Mythology	Elks Ballroom
10:45am - 11:30am	Screaming Orphans - T&T - "Cultural Bus Tour of Ireland with the Screaming Orphans"	Elks Meeting Room
11 am - 12 pm	Heidi Lynne, Banjo	Dillon's Pub Stage
11 am - 11:45 am	Whiskey WKSH "Holladay Bourbon Creative Cocktail Competition!"*	The Brown Derby
11 am - 8 pm	Guinness Experience - Lower Level of SE	Screaming Eagle
11 am - 10:30 pm	B&M Dillon's Pub and Cultural Village	Cultural Village
11 am - 10 pm	Forge/Blacksmithing Presentation & Shop	Cultural Village
11 am - 10 pm	Five Farms Snug Serving Hours	Lincoln Park
11 am - 1 pm	The Dogs of Ireland (weather permitting)	Newton's Park
11:30am - 12:30pm	NE Iowa Weavers & Spinners - Learn to Knit Beginner Level	Cultural Village
11:45am - 12:30pm	Seo Linn - Irish Language for Beginners	Elks Ballroom
11:45am - 12:30pm	Ian Gould - Heraldry Workshop	Family Area Stage
11:45am - 12:30pm	Colm Keegan - T&T - "Keegan Celtic Tours"	Elks Meeting Room
11:45am - 1 pm	The Lads of Dubuque	Nagle/KWWL Stage
12 pm - 10 pm	"Anything Irish" Photo Contest Display	Elks Club
12 pm - 1 pm	Guinness Experience CLASS- Lower Level of SE	Screaming Eagle
12 pm - 1:15 pm	Wylde Nept	Trad Stage
12 pm - 12:30 pm	Iowa Scottish Pipes and Drums	Waterloo Fiber Stage
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Des Moines Irish Session Band	Dillon's Pub Stage
1 pm - 1:30 pm	Champagne Academy of Irish Dance	Waterloo Fiber Stage
1 pm - 1:45 pm	Whiskey Master Class "Shakin' It with Cedar Ridge Whiskey"*	The Brown Derby
1 pm - 1:45 pm	Rang Gaeilge San Cedar Valley	Elks Ballroom
1 pm - 1:45 pm	Rising Gael - Celtic Story Time	Family Area Stage
1 pm - 1:45 pm	Socks in the Frying Pan - T&T - Irish Music Tour	Elks Meeting Room
1 pm - 2 pm	NE Iowa Weavers & Spinners - Kumihimo Take and Make - Beginner Level	Cultural Village
1 pm - 3 pm	The Greers	Bootlegger's Stage
1 pm - 4 pm	Speakeasy Event	Dillon's Pub Stage
1:15 pm - 1:30 pm	VIP Table Decoration Awards	Lincoln Park
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	Trinity Irish Dancers & local kids w/Heidi Lynne	Nagle/KWWL Stage
1:45 pm - 3 pm	Ian Gould & Lukas Jaeger	Trad Stage
2 pm - 3 pm	Guinness Experience CLASS- Lower Level of SE	Screaming Eagle
2 pm - 2:45 pm	Whiskey Master Class "Rugged and Wild: Discovering the maritime spirit(s) of Clonakilty!" Pt 2*	The Brown Derby

# SATURDAY (CONT.)

Time	Event Name	Location
2 pm - 2:45 pm	Jody Halsted - T&T - "Ask Anything Session"	Elks Meeting Room
2 pm - 3:30 pm	Colm & Laura Keegan with Brian McGrane	Waterloo Fiber Stage
2:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Keith Ó Brien	Dillon's Pub Stage
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	Blacksmith Competition "Forge Off"	Cultural Village
2:15 pm - 3 pm	Kevin Mason - Irish Immigration to Iowa	Elks Ballroom
2:15 pm - 3 pm	Kait Meeker - Irish Ceili Dance for Everyone	Family Area Stage
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	NE Iowa Weavers & Spinners - Learn to Irish Crochet - Intermediate Class	Cultural Village
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Prince and Princess Selection	Nagle/KWWL Stage
2:45 pm - 4 pm	Gothard Sisters	Nagle/KWWL Stage
3 pm - 3:45 pm	Davy Holden - T&T - "Tour of Ireland with Davy Holden"	Elks Meeting Room
3 pm - 4 pm	Whiskey WKSH "Paint & Sip" w/Brian Sink*	The Brown Derby
3:30 pm - 4 pm	Champagne Academy Irish Dancers	Family Area Stage
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm	Demaris Woods - Tenor Banjo with Damaris	Elks Ballroom
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Ballyheigue	Trad Stage
4 pm - 4:45 pm	Ian Gould & G&W Irish Tours- T&T - "Traveling to Ireland and Beyond"	Elks Meeting Room
4 pm - 4:15 pm	Iowa Scottish Pipes and Drums (ground level)	Nagle/KWWL Stage
4 pm - 5 pm	Guinness Experience CLASS- Lower Level of SE	Screaming Eagle
4 pm - 5:15 pm	The Greers	Dillon's Pub Stage
4 pm - 5:30 pm	Rising Gael	Waterloo Fiber Stage
4:30 pm - 5:15 pm	Seo Linn- Irish Language for Children and Beginners	Family Area Stage
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Socks in the Frying Pan	Nagle/KWWL Stage
4:45 pm - 5:30 pm	Davy Holden - Irish Immigration to America	Elks Ballroom
5 pm - 7 pm	Kellen O'Cullom and the Cedar Reivers	Bootlegger's Stage
5 pm - 6 pm	Blacksmith Competition "Forge Off" with Knife Handling demonstration	Cultural Village
5 pm - 7 pm	The Dogs of Ireland (weather permitting)	Newton's Park
5 pm - 5:45 pm	Jody Halsted - T&T - "Saving Money on Your Trip to Ireland"	Elks Meeting Room
5:15 pm - 6:45 pm	Crowfoot Rakes	Trad Stage
5:45 pm - 7:30 pm	Heidi Lynne, Banjo	Dillon's Pub Stage
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm	Ian Gould - Shiver and Timbers "Calling All Pirates"	Family Area Stage
6 pm - 6:45 pm	Gothard Sisters - Ceilidh Group Dance	Elks Ballroom
6:15 pm - 7:45 pm	Seo Linn	Waterloo Fiber Stage
6:20 pm - 6:40 pm	Director Message / Rugby Awards	Nagle/KWWL Stage
6:45 pm - 8:15 pm	Screaming Orphans	Nagle/KWWL Stage
7 pm - 7:45 pm	Iowa Scottish Pipes & Drums workshop	Family Area Stage
7:15 pm - 8 pm	Rising Gael-Intermediate Bodhrán w/Jeff Olson **bring instrument from home	Elks Ballroom
7:30 pm - 9 pm	Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones	Trad Stage
8 pm - 9 pm	Kellon O'Cullom and the Cedar Reivers	Dillon's Pub Stage
8:30 pm - 10 pm	Young Dubliners	Waterloo Fiber Stage
9 pm - 10:30 pm	Gaelic Storm	Nagle/KWWL Stage
9:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Des Moines Irish Session	Dillon's Pub Stage

# SUNDAY

Time	Event Name	Location
10 am - 11 am	Mass	Nagle/KWWL Stage
10 am	Celtic Cruise Motorcycle Rally- Start 10:30 am	Silver Eagle Harley/Davidson Yamaha
11 am - 11:45 am	Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Show - "Kate Shelley's Train Rescue"	Elks Ballroom
11 am - 12 pm	A Bridge Between	Trad Stage
11 am - 1 pm	The Dogs of Ireland (weather permitting)	Newton's Park
11 am - 2 pm	NE Iowa Weavers & Spinners - Drop-In Friendship Bracelet Take and Make	Cultural Village
11 am - 4:30 pm	B&M Dillon's Pub and Cultural Village	Cultural Village
11 am - 4:30 pm	Forge/Blacksmithing Presentation & Shop	Cultural Village
11 am - 5 pm	Weavers and Spinners Cultural Area	Cultural Village
11 am - 5 pm	"Anything Irish" Photo Contest Display	Elks Club
11 am - 6 pm	Five Farms Snug Serving Hours	Lincoln Park
11:30 am - 4 pm	Family Fun and Learning Area Hours	Newton's Park
11:30 am - 12 pm	Trinity Irish Dancers & Marita May O'Connell	Nagle/KWWL Stage
11:45am- 12:15pm	Cedar Glen Pipes and Drums	Waterloo Fiber Stage
11:45am-12:30pm	Ian Gould - Beginner Drum Workshop - Beginner Drums are provided	Family Area Stage
11:45 am - 1 pm	Kellen O'Cullom and the Cedar Reivers	Dillon's Pub Stage
12 pm - 4 pm	Guinness Experience - Lower Level of SE	Screaming Eagle
12:15 pm - 1 pm	Derek Warfield - Irish Hands, American Waterways: The Erie Canal in Song & Story	Elks Ballroom
12:30pm- 1:45pm	Socks in the Frying Pan	Nagle/KWWL Stage
12:30pm- 1:30pm	Marita May O'Connell & the Lads from County Linn	Trad Stage
12:30 pm - 1 pm	McNulty Irish Dancers	Waterloo Fiber Stage
1 pm - 1:45pm	Kait Meeker - Ceili Dance for Everyone	Family Area Stage
1 pm - 2 pm	Blacksmith Competition "Forge Off"	Cultural Village
1 pm - 3 pm	Phillip Golden	Bootlegger's Stage
1:30pm - 2:15 pm	Derek Warfield - 250th US Birthday	Elks Ballroom
1:30 pm - 2:45pm	A Bridge Between	Dillon's Pub Stage
1:30pm- 2:45 pm	Gothard Sisters	Waterloo Fiber Stage
1:45pm - 2:15 pm	Sheep Herding w/ Mary Bolton & Don Schomberg	Lincoln Park
2 pm - 2:30 pm	McNulty Irish Dancers	Family Area Stage
2 pm - 3 pm	Ian Gould & Lukas Jaeger	Trad Stage
2:15pm - 3:45pm	Screaming Orphans	Nagle/KWWL Stage
2:45pm- 3:30 pm	Author, Jennifer Laughlin Stevenson - "Following the Invisible String: An Irish Journey Home to Myself"	Elks Ballroom
3 pm - 3:45 pm	Marita May O'Connell & the Lads from County Linn	Screaming Eagle
3 pm - 3:45 pm	Trinity Irish Dancers - Meet & Greet	Family Area Stage
3:15pm - 4:30pm	The Greers	Dillon's Pub Stage
3:15pm - 4:45pm	Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones	Waterloo Fiber Stage
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Crowfoot Rakes	Trad Stage
3:45pm - 4:15pm	Sheep Herding w/ Mary Bolton & Don Schomberg	Lincoln Park
4 pm - 4:45 pm	Gothard Sisters - Ceilidh Group Dance	Elks Ballroom
4:30 pm - 6 pm	Gaelic Storm	Nagle/KWWL Stage
5 pm - 8 pm	Ryne Owen	Bootlegger's Stage
6:10pm- 6:30pm	Scattering	Nagle/KWWL Stage