

Celebrate Our State!

In 1996, Iowa invites the world to a birthday party — 150 years of statehood — the Sesquicentennial Celebration!

For a full year, Iowans will be celebrating 150 years of statehood, with the world as our guest. The 1996 Iowa Sesquicentennial is a great time to take part in an Iowa travel adventure. Discover — for the first time, or again and again — the panorama of Iowa's beautiful landscapes, rich heritage, action-packed urban ways and quiet rural days. Festivals, parades, reunions, historic reenactments, concerts, exhibits, sporting events... we celebrate our Sesquicentennial with glorious good times across the state join us!

Iowa officially turns 150 on December 28, 1996, Statehood Day. Every county and city in Iowa is planning a celebration. So, no matter where you visit, you're going to find us in an extra festive mood. Hundreds of events are planned so you can be part of the going. Here are just a few examples:



Iowa 150 Mississippi River Adventure

Paddle into history on the Iowa 150 Mississippi River Adventure. A fleet of 500 canoes will navigate more than 300 miles of "Old Man River" from New Albin to Keokuk on a 14-day voyage, August 4 - 17.

150 Days of Celebration

In eastern Iowa, Scott County invites you to "150 Days of Celebration." This Sesquicentennial salute will kick off with a parade on May 25 in Davenport/Bettendorf. The opening day will be followed by dozens of special events, concerts, exhibits and projects that culminate in the grand finale weekend — the Big River Rendezvous, October 10 - 13, with river-boat adventures on water (featuring the Delta Queen) and festivals on land.

Triple Crown Triathlon
The Triple Crown Dragon Trail Sesquicentennial Triathlon challenges athletes to swim, run and bicycle their way through central Iowa's Boone, Webster and Hamilton counties, October 3 - 5.

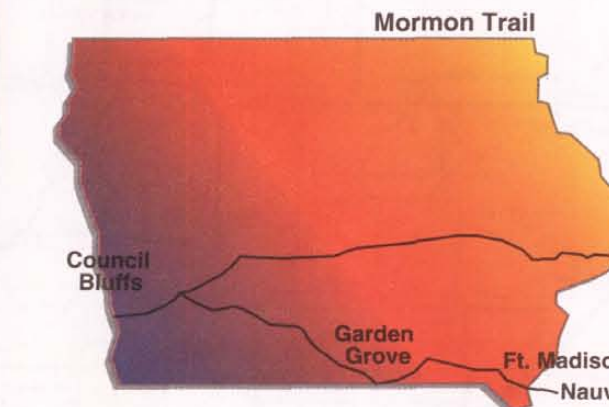
Festival of American Folklife/Festival of Iowa Folklife

In the nation's capital, the Smithsonian Institution — also celebrating its 150th year — is putting the spotlight on Iowa. Our *Folks and life of Iowa* will be a main attraction at the Smithsonian's *Festival of American Folklife*. More than a million people will learn about Iowa in Washington, D.C., June 26 - 30 and July 3 - 7, 1996. As a premier statewide Sesquicentennial celebration, the Iowa exhibit will then move from the Smithsonian to the Iowa State Capitol Grounds where it will be enhanced and restaged as the 1996 *Festival of Iowa Folklife*, August 22 - 25. Free and open to the public, this festival will feature concerts, great storytelling, hands-on workshops with traditional musicians, ethnic and regional dance performances, and opportunities to learn the special techniques of great Iowa cooks and craftspeople.



Mormon Pioneer Trail Sesquicentennial Wagon Train

Iowa will lead the nation in 1996 in celebrating the anniversary of the Mormon pioneer exodus of 1846 (another 150 years anniversary). Iowa communities will host grassroots celebrations throughout the year.



honoring the courage and sacrifice of the Mormon pioneers. From June 23 - July 13, the Iowa Mormon Pioneer Trail Sesquicentennial Wagon Train will traverse the state to view the routes and sites of the original Mormon pioneers. Chores, special programs, symposiums and local pioneer celebrations will commemorate the great exodus.

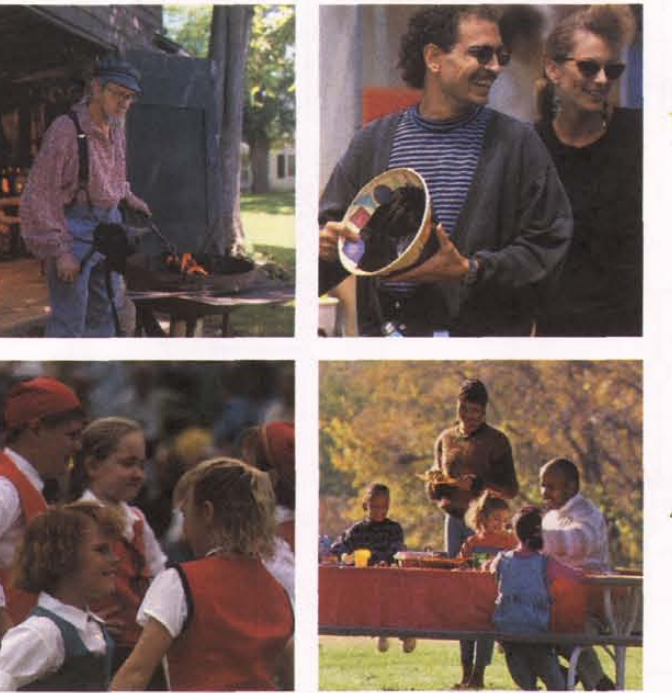
Our Biggest Party Ever... And You're Invited!

From the Iowa State Fair to RAGBRAI to the Iowa Games, this is the year Iowa's favorite events become part of a yearlong Sesquicentennial birthday bash!

As you tour Iowa during this milestone year, you'll see a progressive, 21st century state built upon Iowans' Midwest heritage. That's worth celebrating!

Iowa Heritage Tourism Program

The birthright of every Iowan — the legacy of our past, the people who came before us and the places where they lived — is celebrated in the "Heritage Tourism Program." This new effort, a partnership between state and local groups and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, helps Iowa communities preserve, protect, and promote their heritage and cultural and historic resources. Four Iowa communities/counties have participated in the pilot phase of the Iowa Heritage Tourism initiative: Anamosa Colonies, Winneshiek County, Pella and Elkader. This year, explore our historic and ethnic traditions by visiting these and many other areas rich in Iowa heritage.



... the Architecture!

The architecture is inspiring. Study the work of an unknown artisan who devoted hours to the finishing touches on a unique corner. The imposing courthouses with spires and clock towers, the ornate opera houses, Carnegie libraries and railroad depots are testaments in mortar and brick to the value our ancestors placed on downtown.

... and the Festival Fun!

Iowans know how to celebrate! Why not join Willy the Worm at Contra's Black Dirt Days? Or the Tooth Fairy for Iowa Falls' annual Dental Parade? Feast on sweet corn in Adel or Okaloosa during their Sweet Corn Festivals, or sample pumpkin pancakes at the annual Anamosa Pumpkintfest. Join hundreds of bicyclists as they race through the streets of Burlington during their annual Gritarium. Experience fall colors in Elkader. Watch eagles soar in Keokuk and Bonaparte. Somewhere today, there's a festival waiting for you on an Iowa Main Street!

Meet Us on Main Street!

Join us as we celebrate Main Street Iowa's 10th anniversary. Discover the unique shops intermingled with historic buildings... the festivals, food and fun... and the pride. Discover what "Main Street" communities already know — it really is here!

... the Heritage!

Be it river port or railroad whistle stop, "Main Street" towns keep their past alive. Annual heritage festivals help us appreciate the lifestyles of our ancestors with the food, costumes, events and music of bygone eras. Discover "Main Street" heritage — the next best thing to a time machine.

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