

GALENA COUNTRY FAIR - 2026

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Galena Country Fair is held at Grant Park, located at 625 Park Avenue in Galena, Illinois, on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, October 11, 2026, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Galena Country Fair is an outdoor, rain or shine event. There is no rain date for this event.

BOOTHS: Vendor booth spaces are 10' deep x 12' wide. All spaces are marked. Due to limited space in the park, only one space is allowed per vendor and only one vendor per booth. Booth assignments are allocated by the committee. Location requests are not guaranteed. **If your booth or product display is in another vendor's booth space and/or the walkway you will be asked to move your booth and/or product display within the boundaries of your marked vendor space.**

Each vendor supplies their own tent and display materials.

No generators are allowed. Electricity is not available for vendors.

COSTS / FEES: \$250.00

BOOTH FEE: \$225.00 PLEASE SEND ONE CHECK FOR \$250.00 WHICH INCLUDES THE CITY FEE OF \$25.00 LISTED BELOW. DATE THE CHECK APRIL 1ST, 2026

ITINERANT MERCHANT LICENSE: \$25.00 Any person engaged temporarily in the sale of goods for fewer than five days at a single location in the City of Galena must apply for an Itinerant Merchant License. To be considered for a vendor space, every Galena Country Fair Application must include a City of Galena Itinerant Merchant Application (filled out with required signature). **This \$25.00 is included in the \$250.00 payment stated above.** If you are accepted into the fair, your Itinerant Merchant Application and payment will be forwarded to the City of Galena. Upon approval, the City of Galena will give your license to Galena Country Fair. Vendors will receive their Itinerant Merchant License upon delivering their Silent Auction Item to the Information Booth located near the Gazebo.

SILENT AUCTION ITEM: Each artist/craftsperson must donate one item worth a minimum of \$20.00 from their booth the weekend of the fair. The item(s) will be used for the Silent Auction to benefit charitable organizations in Galena and Jo Daviess County. Vendors should turn in their item(s) at Vendor Registration located at the Information Tent near the Gazebo. *Silent auction item(s) must be turned in to receive Itinerant Merchant License.*

PROCEEDS FROM SALES / TAXES: Vendors will receive all proceeds from sales at their booth. All out-of-state or non-licensed Illinois businesses are required to submit a Special Event Tax Collection Report and Payment Coupon (Form IDOR 6-SETR) within ten days of the close of Galena Country Fair. This form will be included in the

packets
given to vendors the weekend of the fair.

VENDOR SELECTION: Only vendors selling handmade, original items will be considered for Galena Country Fair.

Vendors will be selected by a **jury process** in the following categories:

Country Crafts small wood items, baskets, needlework, dried flowers, wreaths, dolls, stuffed animals, quilts, etc.

Crafts stained glass, weaving, woodworking, metalworking, clothing, pottery, jewelry, etc.

Fine Arts sculpture, oils, acrylics, batik, watercolors, photography, pen and ink prints, lithographs, etc.

Farmer's Market honey, maple syrup, produce, etc.

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE: The judges will select vendors during the first few weeks of April. If accepted, vendors will be notified by April 30, 2026. Vendors' checks will be cashed in May. Photos will be returned in vendor packets the weekend of Galena Country Fair. Vendors not accepted will have their checks and photos returned.

CANCELLATION: If you must cancel your booth, please call 815-777-0817 immediately. If your cancellation is received after August 31, 2026, your booth entry fee (\$225.00) and Itinerant Merchant License fee (\$25.00) will not be refunded.

JUDGING / PRIZES: Cash prizes are awarded in each juried category (Country Crafts, Crafts and Fine Arts) plus a Judge's Choice category. Judge's Choice winners are selected from all entries. *1st – \$100.00; 2nd – \$75.00; 3rd – \$50.00*

PACKET PICK UP: Vendor packets are available at Vendor Registration located at the Information Tent near the Gazebo at the following times: Friday, October 9, 2026, from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

SET UP: It is recommended that vendors set up on Friday from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. to alleviate Saturday morning congestion as well as haulers are only available on Friday.

LOAD IN / OUT: No vendor may close before the official closing time of the event, which is 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Vendors breaking down early may not be accepted at future Galena Country Fair events.

The loading/unloading zone along Park Avenue is reserved for artists and craftspeople only. Please obey all signs

as posted along Park Ave and move your vehicle as soon as it is loaded/unloaded as a courtesy to other vendors who are waiting.

No vehicles are allowed in Grant Park. Garden tractors with carts will be available to help vendors haul **(only on Friday)** for a donation. The donation amount is decided between the driver and the vendor. *Load-in/load-out assistance is not organized by Galena Country Fair.*

PARKING: One parking permit is provided in each vendor packet. Vendors may park one vehicle/trailer for free in the City of Galena parking lot located near the Old Train Depot (101 Bouthillier St.) as long as the parking permit is properly displayed in the vehicle. By authority of the City of Galena Police Department there is no vendor parking on Park Avenue until **Thursday at 12 noon.**

There will be no permanent parking of vendor vehicles or trailers on Johnson Street. Please obey all parking signs and parking restrictions as posted.

SECURITY: Security is provided from Friday at 7:00 p.m. until Saturday at 7:00 a.m. and from Saturday at 7:00 p.m. until Sunday at 7:00 a.m. *Neither the security provider nor the sponsor of the fair is responsible for items lost, stolen. or damaged.*

SMOKING: There is no smoking in Grant Park during Galena Country Fair.

DOGS: Please leave your dogs and other pets at home for this event. Only individually trained service dogs that are trained to work or perform tasks may be in Grant Park during this event. Emotional support animals are not recognized as service dogs by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We appreciate your cooperation.

LODGING: Galena Country Fair is an extremely busy weekend. Area lodging fills rapidly. We recommend reviewing information on the VisitGalena.org website or searching Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO. Call our tourism office at 815-776-9200. We would love to host all fair vendors in our local lodging; however, it is sometimes difficult to find a place to stay on fair weekend. More lodging is available 15 miles west of Galena in Dubuque, IA.