



Volunteer Insider August 2026



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



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- **How many years have you been a volunteer?**

I have volunteered every year, since the fair came to Grand Island.

- **What is your favorite volunteer position?**

I've tried a lot of different positions, helping plant flowers, and pre fair set up, but during the fair, I tend to choose the trams and the gates, so those must be my favorites.

- **Why do you volunteer?**

One of the reasons I can think of, is seeing and chatting with friends I don't get a chance to see often, and meeting new people.

- **What is the best fair food?**

Trying the new food vendors is always a good treat, and I usually have to stop at least once or twice at Cactus Jacks.

- **What are you most excited about for the 2026 State Fair?**

I'm looking forward to seeing what new events, entertainment and activities, we will offer for fairgoers this year!

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

There's plenty of NEW FREE entertainment at this year's Nebraska State Fair! From Steve Trash Science – Rockin' Eco Hero, to the high-flying action of the Flying Royals, to the educational Tiger Encounter featuring real live tigers, there's something for everyone. These are just a few of the exciting acts coming this year. To see the full lineup, visit statefair.org and click on the Free Entertainment tab.

RECHARGE FOR NO CHARGE

This year, the Nebraska State Fair will have three FREE cell phone charging stations available for guests. These stations are located at the east entrances of the Pinnacle Bank Expo Center and Five Points Bank Arena, as well as inside the Cattle Barn Bar. Be sure to remember these locations so you can help direct fairgoers who need to charge their devices.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING DATES

It All Happens Here, and it ALL starts at Volunteer Training! Please plan to attend one Volunteer Training session on August 11 or August 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pinnacle Bank Expo Center. You'll pick up your volunteer essentials, receive important State Fair information, and get answers to any questions before the Fair begins. This training is for volunteers serving during the Nebraska State Fair on the Fonner Park campus. Volunteers helping with the NSF Marathon or Pre-Fair events only do not need to attend this training.

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