



**MEDIA RELEASE
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY**

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Fort Madison, IA – Iowa State Penitentiary held its second round of tours this weekend in Fort Madison.

The previous tour held in May, drew over 3500 people. This time there were 1050 tickets allocated for each Saturday and Sunday. Both tickets and souvenirs were sold pay for the required Historic Structures Report (HSR) needed before we can determine how we will utilize the old Fort.

Some tickets were available at the gate and approximately 2200 toured the historic prison.

“There were a lot of positive comments” said Warden Patti Wachtendorf “Wait times were reduced and the guides, who were either retired or current staff were able to provide their own unique personalities to the tours”

Souvenirs will still be available to purchase and discussions are ongoing for the possibility of future tours.

You can find the link to purchase souvenirs at www.iowastatepen.com