



Steele Saloon Rental

Valid October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

\$2,800.00

\$500.00 non-refundable down payment + \$2,300.00 rent = \$2,800.00 total rental fee

The rental fee is for the day of the event, 8 AM – 1 AM, one (1) day before the event, if needed, for decorating and set up, and one (1) day after the event, if needed, for tear down and clean up.

\$2800.00 Rental Fee Includes All Steele Saloon Amenities Listed Below

Separate payment of \$500.00 damage/security deposit is due at the time of key pick-up.

This is in addition to the Steele Saloon Rental.

The damage/security deposit will be returned following key return and the venue being found in pre-rental condition.

Access to the Steele Saloon more than 1 day before or 1 day after the event may be available for an additional charge of \$500.00 per day.

Steele Saloon Amenities

- Indoor and outdoor – including north, east and west patios and west grain gazebo use.
- Patios are for guest enjoyment only. Tables, chairs, picnic tables, corn hole, and the like are allowed. Grills or other cookers, anything that can harm or stain the patios, including any type of vehicle, are not allowed.
- North green space including Master Gardener's Learning Gardens and pergola at no additional charge. Donations to Steele County Master Gardener's for maintenance of gardens are appreciated.
- Heating, air exchange system, and ceiling fans.
- Twenty-four (24) high top stools.
- Twelve (12) high top round tables.
- Ten (10) picnic tables.
- Additional picnic tables are available for rent from the Steele County Free Fair at \$15.00 per table.
- Tables and chairs are not available through the Steele County Free Fair.

The Steele County Free Fair has worked with the following, knowing that others are available, too.

~Majestic Events Nic@majestictents.com 507-876-1127 Worry-free event rentals from start to finish.

~Stargazer Designs stargazerdesigns2@yahoo.com 507-475-1639 Decorating for all your special events!

~Von Hart Events hello@vonhartevents.com 507-413-7111 Event Rentals & Coordination Services

- Moveable bar.
- Ambient outdoor lighting.
- On-site handicap accessible parking.
- Accessible indoor and outdoor spaces.
- Indoor and outdoor bar space.
- Three (3) compartment commercial sinks and refrigerator for caterer use.
- Smoking area – outdoor on east patio only. Canisters are provided for cigarette butts.

- Indoor and outdoor sound system.
- “Open Air” north garage door style windows, can be opened if the weather is nice or kept closed as need be.
- Band and DJ friendly wiring.
- Handicap accessible indoor restrooms.
- Garbage cans, bags, and removal.
- Cleaning of the Steele Saloon.
- Wi-Fi is available in the Steele Saloon and is included in the rental. Password(s) given at key pick up.

Helpful General Information:

- Maximum capacity: 258 - this includes ALL in the venue, not only guests.
- The address of the Steele Saloon is 1504 Fairgrounds Drive SE, Owatonna, MN 55060
- The Steele Saloon is available for rent 11 months of the year. The Steele Saloon is not available for rent in August due to the Steele County Free Fair.
- To secure a date, a non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 is due along with a signed venue rental contract. This deposit is applied to total rental costs.
- Rental of the Steele Saloon requires a certificate of general liability insurance for the event. The limits of the policy need to be \$1,500,000.00 or greater and need to list the Steele County Agricultural Society, 1525 South Cedar Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060, **AND** the County of Steele as additional insured under the policy.
- A licensed caterer must provide food and beverages. A certificate of insurance, naming both the Steele County Agricultural Society, 1525 South Cedar Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060 **AND** the County of Steele, is required for each caterer and/or food truck.
- All food and beverage caterers must comply with the City of Owatonna and County of Steele codes.
- If alcohol is served, special deputies must be obtained through Steele County. They require one (1) special deputy at a minimum of 4 hours. Call Wyonne Priebe at 507-456-4299 to arrange for a special deputy. Cost of a special deputy is not included in the Steele Saloon rental price.
- A \$500.00 damage deposit is due at the time of key pick up. A separate check will be held until the key is turned in and the building is in good condition following the event.
- Smoking is allowed in the designated east patio area only. No smoking or vaping are allowed in the Steele Saloon, under the front porch on the north side of the building, or on the west patio.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Can we bring in our own decorations?

Absolutely! Decorating may begin one (1) day before the event and is included in the rental rate.

What if we need additional time before our event to decorate or after our event to undecorate?

The rental rate includes one (1) day before and one (1) day after the event. Should additional days be needed beyond this, they may be available at \$500.00 per day.

What are the guidelines for decorating?

~ The Whiskey Wall must be visible and may not be covered. These supporters helped make the Steele Saloon possible and are recognized at each event in the Steele Saloon.

~Nailing and stapling are not allowed at the Steele Saloon. We suggest draping and the use of Command type strips for decorating. Anything that may damage the Steele Saloon is not allowed.

~ Only battery-operated candles are allowed at the venue.

~Glitter, confetti, silly-string, pyrotechnics, and sparklers are not allowed at the venue.

Can we bring in our own tables and chairs?

Yes, tables and chairs may be brought into the Steele Saloon.

Is the Steele Saloon a fenced space?

No, the Steele Saloon is not fenced. The space includes the building and cement patios to the north, west and east. All food and beverages must stay in the building or on one of the three (3) cement patios.

Are pets allowed?

For the safety of all, pets are not allowed at the Steele Saloon.

Is there a bridal room or a groom space?

No, the Steele Saloon does not have specific rooms for the wedding party.

Does the Steele Saloon have projection capabilities?

No, the Steele Saloon has a sound system but does not have a screen or projector included in the rental packages.

Does the Steele Saloon have age restrictions?

During the Steele County Free Fair, the Steele Saloon only welcomes guests ages twenty-one (21) and older. The rest of the year, guests of all ages are welcome in the Steele Saloon.

Is overnight parking allowed following a Special Event?

For guest safety, overnight parking is allowed with all vehicles being picked up by 9 AM the following day.

Does the Steele Saloon have highchairs or booster seats?

No, highchairs and booster seats will need to be provided by the renter.

Does the Steele Saloon have outdoor heaters?

Outdoor heaters are allowed on the west patio but need to be rented separately and are not provided by the Steele Saloon.

Are coat racks included in the rental?

No, coat racks are not available in the Steele Saloon.

Contact Us:

For additional information contact Denise d.duffy@scff.org at the Steele County Free Fair or call the Steele County Free Fair Office at 507-451-5305.