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Dear Director / Coordinator:

It is time for the **2024 Kansas State Fair**. The Fair dates are September 6 - 15, 2024.

The Kansas State Fair offers group rates for Kansans with special needs. This program is available only to agencies and organized groups who provide support to a group of individuals with special needs.

Special needs can be identified as an impairment that affects a person's life activities and may be cognitive, developmental, intellectual, mental, physical, sensory, or some combination of these.

### **Discount Gate Tickets**

To be eligible for the discounted gate tickets, groups can attend the Fair any day from **Tuesday through Friday**. The Agency will be able to purchase outside gate tickets at the discounted rate of \$3 for group members. For every four (4) tickets purchased, one (1) complimentary gate ticket will be issued for use by accompanying sponsors / attendants / bus driver. **The \$3 tickets are not available through Dillon's stores or at the Fair gates.**

**Below is an on-line link to the Form if you wish to forward the link about the program and the form to other agencies that support persons with special needs.**

To bring a group to the Fair, please complete the Order Form and return it to the Ticket Office by **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. This ensures we will have ample time to process your request and mail your tickets. All orders will be mailed unless you request to pick your order up at the Kansas State Fair Ticket Office prior to the start of the Fair or at the (green) Will Call Building located across the street from Gate 9 at 20<sup>th</sup> and Plum. You can also choose Print-at-Home and will be sent a link to allow you to print individual tickets.

Additional gate tickets for other adults / attendants, at the discounted cost of \$7 for Adult and \$4 for Senior tickets (60+), can be purchased using the same Order Form. These tickets can be purchased from Dillons' Stores. The last date to purchase the discounted gate admission is Thursday, September 5. Beginning Friday, September 6, the Adult ticket at the fair gates will be \$10 and Seniors will be \$6.

Groups are welcome to attend the Fair any day; however, the discounted gate tickets are only valid on weekdays. **Please note that Monday, Sept. 9 is Dillons Day.** Gate admission is only \$1 per person this day OR FREE if you show a Dillons' Plus Card; one person per Dillons' Plus Card. No registration is required to attend on Monday, Sept. 9, or weekend days of the Fair.

If you wish to order concert / event tickets or other items, there is a Corporate Order Form that lists the various concerts and carnival options. There is a discount available depending on the size of this order.

The link for **both** Group Order forms is: <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/plan-your-visit1>

## **Parking**

We encourage you to drop off your group members at **Gate 5** on the north side of the Fair and park your transport vehicle in the free public parking or public handicap parking (if space is available). All vehicles wishing to park in handicap parking must feature a state issued handicap hangtag.

## **Competitive Competitions**

Hutchinson Kiwanis sponsors classes/divisions for individuals with a disability. The Handbook that outlines the various requirements and divisions can be found on our website, <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/competitions> by clicking on Competitive Exhibits.

Choose the Department of interest and then click on the department's handbook. The Fine Arts Department has Division 410, Persons with Disabilities and the Clothing/Textile Department has Division 314, Individuals with a Disability. Any Exhibitor may enter items in any division they choose. The Entry Form button is located at the top of the Department page. Online entry is required. If you have any questions or need help entering on-line, please contact the Fair's Competitive Exhibits Department at (620) 669-3621.

## **Other Information:**

The Highway Patrol Office in the Administration Building on the Fairgrounds will be the location spot for missing persons. We encourage everyone to include instructions with each individual person that state the individual should be taken to the Highway Patrol in the Administration Building should they get separated from their group. It would be helpful to include a contact phone number and any special instructions to assist the Highway Patrol in locating your group.

If you have any additional questions, please call our office at the phone number listed below. For additional Fair information, visit our website at [www.kansasstatefair.com](http://www.kansasstatefair.com).

Thank you for your support of the Kansas State Fair. We look forward to having you at the 2023 Kansas State Fair!

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