



# HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS FESTIVAL

GREAT BEND, KS

On behalf of **The City of Great Bend**, it is a pleasure to invite you, or your organization to participate in the 2023, Home for the Holidays Parade Theme is...

## *~The Music of Christmas!~*

The parade will be held Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of this parade, and we are proud it has become a local tradition. Our goal is to get a wide range of participants to join us in celebrating the holiday spirit for Great Bend. Our parade route is down Great Bend's Main Street from 19th to 12th and is approximately 1/2 mile long. This is part of a HUGE day of fun both before and AFTER the parade! (Join us at Jack Kilby Square after for free Hot dogs, hot chocolate, the mayor tree lighting, and the announcements of cookie contest & Explore Great Bend winners!)

Again this year judges will judge the parade BEFORE it takes place – so viewers can see the winners as they stroll the street. Awards will be given for best entry in the categories of:



- Youth Group
- Civic Group or Club
- Float the best depicts the theme
- Best Private entry
- Church Group
- Grand Marshal's – Best in Parade

We need your participation to make this year's parade and festival the best yet; continuing to make coming home for the holidays a real community success! After the parade we have many activities and fun happening in Jack Kilby Square- we invite you to join. Please fill out the enclosed entry form and waiver, and then return them by **November 15th**. Entrants will receive participant instructions and additional information on or by November 22<sup>nd</sup> **VIA EMAIL**. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I look forward to receiving your entry.

Best Wishes,

Christina Hayes  
Community Coordinator/CVB Director  
P.O. Box 1168, Great Bend, KS 67530  
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## November 25th, 2023



### Entry Form

Parade Entry Form must be submitted prior to participation. Specific instructions and line up orders will be sent to you after arranged. **Deadline** to enter is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Parade will take place downtown on Main Street beginning at Brit Spaugh Park. Parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. **\*Please remember No Santas are allowed**— as it's tradition for Santa to come into town for the parade.

**NAME/ORGANIZATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** **(REQUIRED FOR LINE UP INFO)** \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF ENTRY: (Mark all that apply)**

**LENGTH of Entry Everything Included:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CAR:** \_\_\_\_ **TRUCK:** \_\_\_\_ **VEHICLE WITH FLOAT:** \_\_\_\_

**SEMI:** \_\_\_\_ **ANIMALS:** \_\_\_\_ **WALKERS:** \_\_\_\_

Does your parade entry have music of any kind? (Please Circle) – *No vulgar language allowed*

No      Yes

**ENTRY DESCRIPTION:** *This will provide us information for the parade announcer. We reserve the right to shorten your description as needed. **YOU MUST HAVE A DESCRIPTION HERE!!!!***

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**PLEASE RETURN TO:**



City of Great Bend  
1209 Williams  
Great Bend, KS 67530  
Fax: 620-793-4108

For questions contact:  
Community Coordinator, Christina Hayes  
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Phone: 620-793-4111

**PLEASE FILL OUT FRONT AND BACK**



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## Official Waiver and Release Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby Waive and Release, indemnify, hold harmless and forever discharge The City of Great Bend Kansas and all its agents, employees, officers, directors, affiliates, successors, managers and assigns, of and from any and all claims, demands, debts, contracts, expenses, causes of action, lawsuits, damages and liabilities, of every kind and nature, whether known or unknown, in law or equity, that I ever had or may have, arising from or in any way related to my participation in any of the events or activities, conducted by The Home for the Holidays Parade & Festivities Committee, City of Great Bend provided that this waiver of liability does not apply to any acts of gross negligence, or international, willful or wanton misconduct.

I have evaluated and inspected the premises and or event activity and believe them to be satisfactory for the purpose of this activity. I understand that the activities or function in which I participate during the Home for the Holidays Parade & Festivities may be inherently dangerous and can cause serious or grievous injuries, including bodily injury, damage to personal property and/or death. On behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I waive all claims for damages, injuries and death sustained to me or my property that I may have against the aforementioned released parties to such activity.

By this Waiver, I assume any risk, and take full responsibility and waive any claims of personal injury, death or damage to personal property associated with and including, but not limited to using the facility, property, and/or equipment in any manner, form or fashion, and practicing and/or engaging in Home for the Holidays Parade & Festivities activities or other related activities on and off the premises.

This Waiver and Release contains the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes any prior written or oral agreements between the parties concerning the subject matter of this Waiver and Release. The provisions of this Wavier and Release may be waived, altered, amended or repealed, in whole or in part, only upon the prior written consent of all parties.

The provision of the Waiver and Release will continue in full force and effect even after the termination of the activities conducted by, on the premises of, or for the benefit of the Home for the Holidays Parade & Festivities Committee or City of Great Bend whether by agreement, by operation of law, or otherwise. I have read, understand and fully agree to the terms of this Wavier and Release.

This agreement also releases The City of Great Bend and Home for the Holidays Parade and Festivities from all liability relating to injuries that may occur during "Home for the Holidays Parade & Festivities". By signing this agreement, I agree to hold The City of Great Bend and Home for the Holidays Parade & Festivities entirely free from any liability, including financial responsibility for injuries incurred, regardless of whether injuries are caused by negligence. I also agree, by signing this, to allow any video or still photos of myself to be used by The City of Great Bend and Home for the Holidays & Festivities in production of promotional materials.

I understand and confirm that by signing this Waiver and Release I have given up considerable future legal rights for myself, participants in my float and for the actions of my vehicle and everyone involved. I have signed this agreement freely, voluntarily, under no duress or threat of duress, without inducement, promise. Organizational representatives named here warrant that he/she is empowered to sign for the applying organization and its entrants.

Name of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE RETURNED WITH ENTRY FORM TO:**

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