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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Vidricksen at 9:05 a.m. on January 27, 1998 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Nancey Harrington

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Marian Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Norine Kruse, Director Travel & Tourism

Vicky Henley, KDC&H, Film Services

Others attending: See attached list

Kansas travel and tourism.

Norine Kruse, Director, Travel and Tourism in the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, advised the Committee of her Department's activities this past year and also talked about future plans. She introduced Vicky Henley, KDC&H Film Services.

Ms. Henley provided members a list of Kansas Production Credits from 1982 to current date, together with a report on "Location Shooting - State of the Industry." (Attachment 1). She provided information about their film production recruitment efforts and advised that the tax incentive is an important tool in acquiring film production in the state. \$220,000 has been allotted for film tax incentive and it is distributed on a "first come, first served" basis. Canada is still a big competitor for film production.

Norine Kruse, reviewed the Travel and Tourism Development Division segment of the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing 1997 Annual Report. The report is available from that Department. They also have available a new 1998 Travel Guide, as well as the KANSAS magazine; also see "Kansas, Simply Wonderful (Attachment 2). In discussing the Kansas Tourism Strategy developed by Young Nichols Gilstrap, Inc. she advised they feel there are many good elements in the plan. This administration is really concerned about dedicated fee funds so that must be taken into consideration. Her Division would like to hire a consultant to provide hands on assistance for small community projects.

Questions were raised regarding funds needed to make Kansas competitive, especially with surrounding states. While Kansas spends considerably less, it probably ranks closer to Iowa and Nebraska. Oklahoma and Missouri spend much larger amounts. Discussed grant programs and the need for resources to help communities develop tourism potential. Ms. Kruse advised a higher cap would be a great help. The grant guidelines developed by the interim committee need to be considered by this Committee. Need to take another look at the Goodland Tourist Information Center and its needs. The Belle Plaine Center should be open this Spring. The Tourism Plan strongly urged focusing on identifying strategic niches in the state such as aviation and agriculture, which have not been promoted as much as heritage and history. It has been suggested that advertising become more focused - not so general. They have not really had time to consider how to fully develop recommendations contained in the Plan. Many new tourist attractions are already coming on line. The Oz Park will open May 20, 2001. Bed and breakfasts/cottage industries and hunting can be further developed.

In the discussion period, Jean Barbee, Travel Industry Association of Kansas (TIAK), advised her organization has a response to the Study. TIAK is very supportive of the strategic plan. They agree regarding dedicated funding, but acknowledge that certainly more funding is needed. They feel the concept of an independent type attraction is a good idea. She advised that the real subject here is a market share of the tourist dollar and they feel this is a realistic goal. The Missouri Plan was being presented in the House but TIAK does not necessarily support that plan. There is an Arkansas plan which they feel has merit.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 1998.

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Kansas Production Credits 1982 to Current

1996

Mars Attacks! (feature)

Warner Bros. Production starring Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close, Annette Bening, Pierce Brosnan and Danny DeVito. Directed by Tim Burton

Stolen Women, Captured Hearts (Movie-of-the Week = MOW)
CBS Production starring Janine Turner, Michael Greyeyes, Dennis Weaver, and Ted Shackleford. Directed by Jerry London

1995

Kansas City (feature)

CIBY 2000 Production starring Jennifer Jason Leigh, Miranda Richardson and Harry Belafonte. Directed by Robert Altman

Ninth Street (feature)

Independent production featuring Isaac Hays and Martin Sheen. Directed by Kevin Willmott

Truman (feature)

HBO Production starring Gary Sinise, Diana Scarwid and Richard Dysart. Directed by Frank Pierson

1993

A Matter of Justice (mini-series)

Hill/Fields Production starring Martin Sheen and Patti Duke. Directed by Michael Switzer

1992

Dead Before Dawn (feature)

Hill/Gilbert Production starring Cheryl Ladd and Jamison Parker. Directed by Charlie Correll

I Can Make You Love Me; The Stalking of Laura Black (MOW)
Hill/Gilbert Production starring Brooke Shields and Richard Thomas. Directed by
Michael Switzer

Skylark (Sarah II) (MOW)

Self Production starring Glenn Close and Christopher Walken. Directed by Joseph Sargent

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They've Taken Our Children; The Chowchilla Kidnapping (MOW)
Hills/Gilbert Production starring Carl Malden and Julie Harris. Directed by Vern Gillum

1991

The Burden of Proof (mini-series)

Mike Robe Production starring Hector Elizondo, Brian Dennehy, Mel Harris, Stefanie Powers and Victoria Principal. Directed by Mike Robe

Crude Oasis (feature)

Independent Production. Directed by Alex Graves

1990

Sarah, Plain & Tall (MOW)

Self Production starring Glenn Close and Christopher Walken. Directed by Glenn Jordan

Stephen King's Sometimes They Come Back (MOW)

Dino De Laurentiis Production starring Tim Matheson, Brooke Adams and Robert Hy Gorman. Directed by Tom McLoughlin

1989

Cross of Fire (mini-series)

Hill/Gilbert Production starring John Heard, Mel Harris, David Morse, Lloyd Bridges, Kim Hunter, George Dzundza and Donald Moffat. Directed by Paul Wendkos

Miss Missouri (feature)

Independent French Production

Mr. & Mrs. Bridge (feature)

Miramax Films and Merchant/Ivory Production starring Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward and Blythe Danner. Directed by James Ivory

Where Pigeons Go To Die (MOW)

Michael Landon Production starring Michael Landon, Art Carney and Robert Hy Gorman. Directed by Michael Landon

1988

Twister (feature)

Vestron Production starring Harry Dean Stanton, Suzy Amis, Crispin Glover and Dylan McDermott. Directed by Michael Almereyda

No Holds Barred (feature)

New Line Cinema Production starring Hulk Hogan. Directed by Thomas J. Wright

1987

Dark Before Dawn (feature)

Gaylord Production with Ben Johnson. Directed by Robert Totten

Kansas (feature)

Trans World Entertainment Production starring Matt Dillion and Andrew McCarthy. Directed by David Stevens

Reunion (feature)

Independent Production

1986

Murder Ordained (mini-series)

CBS Production starring Keith Carradine, JoBeth Williams and Terry Kinney. Directed by Mike Robe

Nice Girls Don't Explode (feature)

New World Pictures Production starring Barbara Harris, Michelle Meyrink, William O'Leary and Wally Shawn. Directed by Chuck Martinez

Night Screams (feature) Independent Production

1985

American Flyers (feature)

Warner Bros. Production starring Kevin Costner and Rae Dawn Chong. Directed by John Badham

1984

Hambone and Hillie (feature)

Sandy Howard Production starring Lillian Gish and Timothy Bottoms. Directed by Roy Watts

1983

The Parade (MOW)

Hill/Gilbert Production starring Michael Learned, Frederic Forrest, Rosanna Arquette and Geraldine Page. Directed by Peter Hunt

1982

The Day After (MOW)

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ABC Circle Films Production starring Jason Robards, JoBeth Williams, Steve Guttenberg and John Lithgow. Directed by Nicholas Meyer



LOCATION SHOOTING - STATE OF THE INDUSTRY (excerpts from film commissioners cineposium confe. ce of October 25, 1997.) Costs

- The cost of filming on location is a factor only when it's just part of the process; cost becomes irrelevant when what the producer, director or star wants is perceived as a necessity.
- In 1988, the average film cost \$18 million to produce and \$7.2 million to market.
- Today, the average film costs \$39.9 million to produce and \$19.9 million to market.
- More than a dozen films released in the summer of 1997 cost in excess of \$100 million; the movie "Titanic" will cost over \$200 million to produce - <u>not</u> including its marketing.
- Average boxoffice revenue is \$28.4 million, not including video rentals or purchase.
- Fewer than 20% of films cover their marketing costs with boxoffice revenue.
- Location shooting can also help reduce distractions and cost, allowing more work to get done better and faster.

From Development to Release

- Many directors tend to think of the "location" as a character in the script, thus cost is not a factor.
- Each year, over 30,000 scripts compete to be among the 400 films, on average, that are to be released. Currently, there are 325 active films in development at one of the majors. One studio evaluated 4,000 scripts over the past year, to produce only 2 films.
- Once released, 8 films per week compete for heavy movie-goers attention (those who see at least one movie each month.) Average for all movie-goers is 6 films a year or one every other month.
- Locations that show up on the screen have an impact on tourism.

Talent

- Competition for talent is overwhelming and the supply is limited. Very few stars can "open" a film solely on their name, and those that can are well worth their \$20 million plus salaries.
- Several actors/actresses commanding \$20 million or more per picture are now participating in the gross revenues of their films.

Competition and the Marketplace

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	Domestic Boxoffice	International Boxoffice
INDEPENDENCE DAY	\$306 million	\$456 million
SEVEN	\$101	\$228
TWISTER	\$241	\$251
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^{*} Equates to only 25% of total revenue.

Video Rental is a \$12 billion a year business resulting from an average of 65 million trips to the video store each week. "The Lion King" sold 30 million units; "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" 25 million units; "Toy Story," 21 million units; and "Independence Day," 18 million units - all multiplied by \$20 per unit as an average retail price = billions of dollars

Merchandising and Licensing

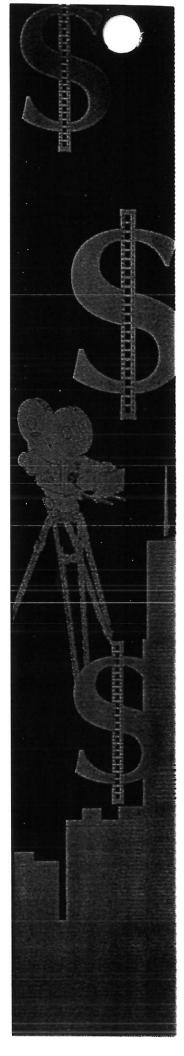
- 25% of all merchandise sold under licensing arrangements comes from entertainment product.
- "Star Wars" merchandise has already earned over \$4 billion;
 "The Lost World" and "Ninja Turtles," over \$1 billion each.
- Universal's 4-minute "Back To The Future" ride cost \$13 million; Disney's "Indiana Jones" and Las Vegas' "Waterworld" show cost in excess of \$50 million each to build. According to one major ride maker, a \$32 million ride in Las Vegas will pay for itself in one year.

Theatrical Exhibition

- 20,000 more screens will be added by the year 2000; megaplex and multiplex construction is expected to explode with double-digit growth rates.
- U. S. per capita movie attendance is 4.5; worldwide is 1.6. Average price of a U.S. ticket is \$4.50, compared to \$1.06 worldwide.

Television

- The U.S., Europe, Japan, and India collectively have 300 million addressable homes with televisions; China already has over 300 million TV sets.
- The cable industry is spending in excess of \$800 million on original television programming.



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Film Commission

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4.9% State Sales
Tax Reimbursement

New Group Tour Planner

- New design
- Similar format
- Community profiles, new itineraries, escort notes, regulations and index
- Community profile information due from CVBs. <u>Deadline is October 17!</u>

Familiarization Tours

- Developing current relationship with one tour operator, Kincaid, Oklahoma.
- February 1998.
- Presenting three itineraries one motorcoach each.
- Continue our effort to "sell" to the tour operator customer.

The Kansas Traveler

- A Journalist's Guide to Kansas Tourism.
- Beginning this month, a new monthly mailing will be sent to travel writers and journalists.
- Feature article, sidebar article, story ideas, fun facts and themed calendar of events.

Leisure Marketing 1996 Advertising Effectiveness Study

Background and Purpose

- The Kansas Travel and Tourism
 Division conducted a market research study to measure the impact c its 1996 advertising campaign.
- The campaign consisted of ads placed in nationally and regionally distributed magazines between March and September, 1996.

- Each ad included a 1-800 number.
- Magazines also included reader response cards.

Background and Purpose

- The research was conducted in the spring of 1997.
- It consisted of telephone interviews with respondents as follows:
 - 1-800 inquirers sample: 209 interviews
 - Card inquirers sample: 474 interviews

42% of those who requested information took a trip to Kansas. This is up significantly from 33% in 1995.

1-800 inquirers are more likely to take a trip to Kansas than card inquirers, but conversion for both was impressive:

- 56% of all 1-800 inquirers who requested information traveled to Kansas.
- 36% of all card inquirers who requested information traveled to Kansas.

- On average, those traveling made 1.7 trips to Kansas.
- 77% of those traveling to Kansas were repeat visitors.
- 48% of trips were made in the summer months.
- Kansas was the primary destination for 50% of travelers.

- Visitors spent an average of \$271 during their visits to Kansas.
- Trip purpose:
 - 59% traveling for vacation or pleasure
 - 13% visiting friends and relatives

- 76% traveled to Kansas by car; 17% traveled by RV or motor home.
- 49% stayed at a motel; 20% used campgrounds or RV parks.

Four top activities of visitors:

- 55% took part in scenic auto touring
- 51% visited historic sites
- 43% visited museums/cultural attractions
- 34% spent time shopping

Fulfillment Materials

- 94% received travel packets earlier than expected or when they expected.
- 85% indicated that the 1996 Travel & Event Guide was completely adequate for their planning processes.

Demographics

- Average age: 54 years old
- Average annual household income: \$50,106
- 24% traveled with children

Return on Investment

- All totaled, the 1996 ad campaign generated approximately \$25 million in tourism expenditures.
- Travelers who decided to visit Kansas after they received the travel packet generated approximately \$5 million in tourism expenditures.

Return on Investment

Every dollar the state spent on advertising resulted in \$13 of tourism-related spending around the state.

KDOC&H Homepage

Internet address: www.kansascommerce.com

E-mail us at: travtour@ink.org

Leisure Marketing

Travel Counseling Database

Travel Counseling Database

Accessible three ways:

- 1-800-2-KANSAS
- Travel Information Centers
- Internet

Purpose of Travelbase

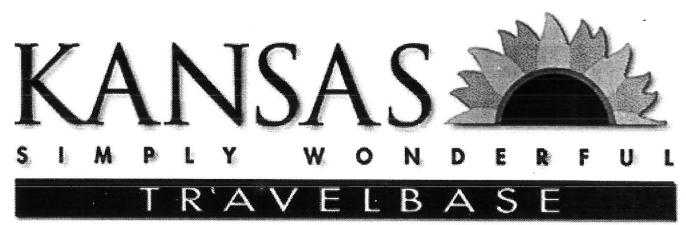
Increase revenue to tourism community

Benefits of Travelbase

- Benefits to Customer
 - Offer more assistance/specific information to callers
 - Faster fulfillment
 - E:mail
 - Fax
 - Mail

Benefits of Travelbase

- Benefits to Tourism Community
 - Segment customers
 - -Tailor communications





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- Camping Information
- Hotel Information
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Bed & Breakfast List

Name	Select	City	Rate
Bedknobs & Biscuits		Emporia	\$55-60
<u>Plumb House</u>		Emporia	\$55-80
White Rose Inn		Emporia	\$40-85
Martin Van Buren Parker		Emporia	\$70-80

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Name	Select	City	Rate
Covered Wagon RV Park		Emporia	\$11-17
Four Seasons RV Acres		Emporia	\$12-17
Bourquin's RV Park & Campground		Emporia	\$10-16
Garden City KOA		Emporia	\$14-18

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Campground Detail

Campground Name: Four Seasons RV Acres

Address: 2502 Mink Road

City: Abilene

State/Province: KS

ZIP/Postal: 67410

Phone: 800/658-4667 FAX: 913/598-2223

Rates: \$12-17

Spaces: 85

Hours: Open all year

Description: RV sales, service parts, 100 campsites, convenience store, propane, fishing, mini-golf,

laundry, playground, swimming.

Directions: Exit 281 at I-70, 6 miles east of Abilene

Pool:

Pets:

Handicap Accessible:

Restaurant:

Hookups: Yes

Drinking Water: Yes

Showers: Yes

Dump Sites: Yes

Accept This Campground

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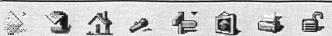
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Hotel List

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<u>Deys Inn</u>		Emporia	\$50-70	3
Ramada Inn		Emporia	\$38-60	2
Comfort Inn		Emporia	\$50-75	4
The Cottage House Hotel and Motel		Emporia	\$58-125	1

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Hotel Detail

Hotel Name: Days Inn

Address: 1925 S Range

City: Colby

State/Province: KS

ZIP/Postal: 67701

Phone: 785/753-2126

Directions: Exit 53 Left

Description: Bus tours welcome

Rooms: 45

Rates: \$50-70

Non-Smoking Rooms: Yes

Pool: Yes

Handicap Accessible: Yes

Restaurant:

Lounge:

Pets: Yes

Breakfast: Full

Spa: Yes

Kids Programs:

Tennis:

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Name	Select	Start	End	City	Location
St. David's Day Concert		03/01/98	03/01/98	Emporia	Westminster United Presbyterian Church
St. Patrick's Day Celebration		03/14/98	03/14/98	Emporia	Downtown Emporia
National Teachers Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony		07/16/98	07/16/98	Emporia	Various locations
Independence Day Celebration		07/04/98	07/04/98	Emporia	Downtown and Lyon County Fairgrounds

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Event Detail

Event Name: Trailside Jamboree

Address: 613 W Main

City: Council Grove

State/Province: KS

ZIP/Postal: 66846

Contact: Ms. Sharon Williams

Phone: 316/767-6655 FAX: 316/767-6625

Start Date: 04/16/98 End Date: 04/19/98

Hours: 10AM - 9PM

American Express: Yes

Visa: Yes

MasterCard: Yes

Discover: Yes
Per Check: Yes

Handicap Accessible: Yes

Admissions:

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Directions:

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Attraction Detail

Attraction Name: Museum of Independent Telephony

Address: 412 S Campbell

City: Abilene

State/Province: KS

ZIP/Postal: 67410

Phone: 785/263-2681

FAX: 785/263-0380

Admission: Yes

Amount:

Hours: Memorial Day - Labor Day 10am - Spm; Labor Day - Memorial Day 10am - 4pm,

Sun 1 - 5pm

Description: History of telephones, switchboards, insulators

Directions: South on Buckeye behind Eisenhower Center

Historic: Yes

Museum:

Tour:

Other:

Accept This Attraction

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Shopping List

Name	Select	City	Description
Chisholm Trail Antiques		Emporia	
Farmers & Drovers Gallery		Emporia	Regional Kansas Art and Gifts
Steinhauser's Drug & Gift		Emporia	Hallmark Gold Crown Collectibles
Bow Studio and Gallery		Emporia	Original ceramic tiles, terra cotta

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Shopping Detail

Shopping Name: Farmers & Drovers Gallery

Address: 309 N Buckeye

City: Abilene

State/Province: KS

ZIP/Postal: 67410

Phone: 785/263-7250

FAX:

Hours: Sun noon - 5pm; Mon - Fri 10am - 5:30pm; Sat 10am - 5pm

Description: Regional Kansas Art and Gifts

Directions: I-70 Exit 275 south to 3rd stop light - east side of street

Accept This Shop

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Restaurant List

Name	Select	City
Breadeaux Pisa		Emporia
<u>Drury Pennell House</u>		Emporia
Great Wall Chinese Restaurant		Emporia
<u>Lopez De Mexico</u>		Emporia

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Restaurant Detail

Restaurant Name: Great Wall Chinese Restaurant

Address: 806 Commercial St

City: Atchison

State/Province: KS

ZIP/Postal: 66002

Phone: 913/367-3350

FAX:

Type: Asian

Accept This Restaurant

Choose Another

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Dear Mr. William R. Tyler:

Thank you for contacting the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing, Travel & Tourism Development Division. We are glad to assist with your travel needs. If you do not receive all of the information that you requested please call (785)296-2009 or toll-free (800)2-KANSAS.

This is the customized trip planner that you recently requested. It was prepared specifically for you from a database of thousands of things to do, places to go and places to stay in Kansas.

The trip planner will begin with a brief description of the areas in which you indicated interest. Depending on your specific interest and travel planning needs, the area description may be followed by a variety of lodging facilities, area attractions and various events.

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Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing Travel &Tourism Development Division 700 SW Harrison, Suite 1300 Topeka, KS 66603 785-296-2009

*Note: All information in this report was provided to the Kansas Travel and Tourism Development Division by the organizations and businesses listed herein. We strongly encourage users of this information to contact any place or event to verify prices, amenities, features, dates, and all other important details of your travel needs.



Wild West

This is a land of wide-open spaces, of prairie grasslands and flaxen-colored wheat fields that stretch as far as the eye can see. This is the place where the real "Wild West" began. Where buffalo hunters and cattle rustlers stirred up a ruckus in Dodge City, once called the "Wickedest Little City in America." Follow in the tracks of great lawmen like Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson and Doc Holliday. Or track down the 100-year-old secrets of the little town of Meade, where the infamous Dalton Gang once hid out. Wild West Country is a land of big horizons and large-scale wonders, such as Mighty Sampson, the largest bridge of its kind in the world. The largest hand-dug well in the world. The largest meteorite of its kind. In Wild West Country, there's room to stretch your legs and your imagination -- with plenty of folklore and generous helpings of hospitality



Hotels

Best Western Hospitality House 3021 W Us Highway 50 Emporia, KS 66801 316/342-7587

Events

St. David's Day Concert
Westminster United Presbyterian Church, 1702 W 15th Ave at 2:30pm
Emporia, KS
316/341-5206
Concert, bara brith and tea, celebration of Emporia's Welsh heritage.

National Teachers Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony various locations
Emporia, KS
800/968-3224
Four days of gala festivities honoring the year's outstanding teachers.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Commercial St, downtown Emporia
Emporia, KS
316/342-5393
Parade, family activities, retail promotions; tater patch food, beverage garden.

Mexican-American Fiesta
Lyon County Fairgrounds, Industrial & Hwy 50
Emporia, KS
316/342-1010
Help celebrate our Hispanic heritage with parade, entertainment, food, dance. **Call for exact weekend in early September.**

Bed and Breakfast

Plumb House B & B 628 Exchange St Emporia, KS 66801 316/342-6881 Relax in a romantic Victorian home. One block north of Hwy 50 on Exchange St.

White Rose Inn B & B
901 Merchant St.
Emporia, KS 66801
316/343-6336
Whirpools, feather beds, and bathrobes!
I-35, Exit 130, 3 blocks south of ESU campus

Chenault Mansion 820 S National Ave Fort Scott, KS 66701 316/223-6800 Victorian elegance with today's luxuries

Restaurant

Caesars Subs PO Box 431 Elwood, KS 66024 0431 913/365-4100

Camping

Cedar Bluff State Park I-70 Exit 135 Ellis, KS 67637 913/726-3212 Apr 15-Oct 15: Sun-Thu 8am-5pm; Fri-Sat 8am-9pm I-70 Exit 135, 13 miles south

Ellis Lakeside Campground 815 Jefferson St Ellis, KS 67637 913/726-4812 Open May 1 - Nov 30 Exit 145 off Interstate 70; 7 blocks south and 2 blocks east.

Fort Scott KOA RR 3 Fort Scott, KS 66701 800/562-3441 Open 24 hours Hwy 54 W and Old 69 Hwy

Attractions

Dickinson County Heritage Center 412 S Campbell St

Abilene, KS 67410 785/263-2681 Western Heritage, artifacts, history, research East of Eisenhower Center

Lebold/Vahsholtz Mansion
West 1st And Vine Street
Abilene, KS 67410
785/263-4356
Restored Victorian Mansion, original furnishings.
Exit 275 south to 3rd west to vine south

Hall of Generals
100 SE 5th
Abilene, KS 67410
785/263-4194
WW II Wax Figures.
South on Buckeye, located in Chisholm Trail Shop Souvenirs

Retail

White's Factory Outlet Center 2280 Harry Lazarus Ave Colby, KS 67701 913/462-7387 I-70 Exit 53

Kansas Secrets 204 W Main St. Council Grove, KS 66846 316/767-5171 Downtown Business District

This 'n' That Around The World 119 W Main St Council Grove, KS 66846 316/767-7171



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Travel Information Centers

State Operated Centers

Belle Plaine

I-35 Kansas Turnpike at milepost 25.7. Accessible from both the northbound and southbound lanes. Open Spring 1998.

Goodland

I-70 eastbound at milepost 7.

Kansas City

I-70 westbound at milepost 415.

Olathe

I-35 at 119th Street Exit 220, east on 119th Street, south on Strang Line Road 1.2 miles.

South Haven

I-35 Kansas Turnpike northbound at milepost 2. Closing after the Belle Plaine Center opens in Spring 1998.

Topeka

State Capital Building, first floor information booth, 10th & Harrison Street.

Community Information Centers

Abilene

I-70 Exit 275, two miles south on Hwy 15 to Civic Center Depot on Second Street.

Atchison

Sante Fe Depot/Visitor Center/Chamber, near intersection of Hwy's 59 & 73.

Belleville

East side of Hwy 81 on the northern edge of Belleville.

Coffeyvilk

Brown Mansion, Hwy 169 one mile north of Oklahoma line, Walnut & Eldridge Street.

Fort Scott

Chamber Office/Visitor Center, next to Fort Scott National Historic Site on Hwy 54, 231 E. Wall Street.

Hays

I-70 Exit 159, two miles south on Hwy 183, west on US 183 Business to Visitor Center of Historic Fort Hays.

Liberal

One block north Hwy 54 and Yellow Brick Road.

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