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IRS offers one-time relief program for small charities

Several small nonprofit organizations including some county fairs and festivals are at risk of losing their tax-exempt status because they missed a tax filing deadline. These organizations can still preserve their status by filing returns by **Oct. 15, 2010**, under a one-time relief program, the Internal Revenue Service announced last week.

Thousands of small charities in danger of losing their tax exempt status because they failed to file required returns for 2007, 2008 and 2009 have been given a reprieve. The IRS posted on a special page of IRS.gov the names and last-known addresses of these at-risk organizations, along with guidance about how to come back into compliance.

Become an IAFE member for FREE

Are you a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE)? If you are, you already know the benefits and information that is available for your fair or festival. If you're not, you're missing out on a great opportunity to network with others, utilize resources and share idea's.

If you're not a member and haven't been in the last

A 2006 law required nonprofit organizations with receipts of less than \$25,000 to file tax returns for the first time in 2007. If charities failed to file for three years, they were going to lose their tax-exempt status. The law excludes churches. Small organizations can come into compliance online by filing Form 990-N on the IRS Web site. Others may need to pay a compliance fee.

The IRS will keep the list of at-risk organizations on www.IRS.gov until Oct. 15, 2010. Organizations that have not filed the required information returns by that date will have their tax-exempt status revoked, and the IRS will publish a list of

three years and want to give it a try, there's a way for you to do so at no cost to your fair. Just be one of the first four fairs to send an e-mail to denny@kansasstatefair.com and we'll get you signed up. No charge. No reason not to do it.



these revoked organizations in early 2011. Donors who contribute to at-risk organizations are protected until the final revocation list is published.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 made two important changes affecting tax-exempt organizations, effective the beginning of 2007. First, it mandated that all tax-exempt organizations, other than churches and church-related organizations, must file an annual return with the IRS. The Form 990-N was created for small tax-exempt organizations that had not previously had a filing requirement. Second, the law also required that any tax-exempt organization that fails to file for three consecutive years automatically loses its federal tax-exempt status. The IRS conducted an extensive outreach effort about this new legal requirement but, even so, many organizations have not filed returns on time.

If an organization loses its exemption, it will have to reapply with the IRS to regain its tax-exempt status. Any income received between the revocation date and renewed exemption may be taxable.

The Great Bend Tribune & Associated Press contributed to this article.

2011 Membership Dues

We appreciate all of the Fairs, Festivals and Associates that were members of the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association in 2010. Now is the time to renew your membership or consider becoming a new member.

2010 members will be listed in the convention booklets along with new 2011 members provided they are

received before Nov. 1, your event listed on our website, you will receive our newsletters, be eligible for scholarships, invited to the convention, be updated on events happening in the Sunflower state as well as be eligible to be an IAFE member. You can be a member by requesting a membership application or log on to our website www.kansasfairsassociation.com and click on the Forms section

to print off your application.

The cost to be a member is **\$50** per fair, festival or business per year.

Our association is here to serve the members who are the fairs and festivals in Kansas and the associate members who are so important to any fair. We depend on our associate members to help us have the best fairs anywhere in the nation.



Membership applications can be found on the Web!! kansasfairsassociation.com

STAATS Scholarship Application Available

STAATS Company is offering \$1,000 annually for a scholarship program administered by the Kansas Fairs and Festivals Association. The scholarship offered by STAATS is not limited to 4-H and FFA members. An applicant must have a letter attached to their application from his/her county agent certifying that he/she has participated in at least three of the last four years at either a county fair within Kansas, or the Kansas State Fair. Application and rules can be found on the KFFA web.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Barthol from Olathe and Ed Umphenour from Pleasanton were elected as new board members to the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association during the 2010 Convention held last January. Mr. Barthol will replace Jim Hamilton in District 1 and Mr. Umphenour will replace Roger Carbon in District 2. The KFFA wishes to Thank both Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Carbon for their service and dedication to the association and the fair industry.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Selected by their peers these individuals were inducted into the Hall of Fame for their dedication to the fairs & festivals industry. Inductees include: **Jim & Opal Flinn**, Ellis Co. Hays; **Mary Ann French**, Bourbon Co. Ft. Scott; **Ron Shivers**, Central Ks Free Fair, Abilene; **Casey Woner**, Cowley Co, Winfield.

These individuals will be listed on the HOF Plaque that is located in the Encampment Building at the Kansas State Fair.

COMMITTEE SEEKS HOF NOMINATIONS

The Hall of Fame Committee is now seeking nominations for the most prestigious award that can be bestowed on a individual by the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association. Applications can be found on our website or by request. Nominations should be postmarked by November 1. The committee will select the winners and the nominator will be notified after the selection.

The winners will be honored at the 2011 Annual Convention scheduled for January 8,9 and 10th in Topeka at the Ramada Inn Downtown.

This is a perfect opportunity for a member Fair, Festival or Associate to honor an individual that has contributed so much and never expected anything in return.

Remember the postmarked deadline is **November 1st**.

Save the Date. . .
Jan. 7 - 9, 2011
Annual Convention



Seeking Nominations for Agriculture Challenge of Champions

Do you have an outstanding individual that deserves the opportunity to show off their knowledge of Agriculture while competing for a college scholarship?

The Agriculture Challenge of Champions competition will be held at the Kansas State Fair on Sunday September 12th at 2:00 pm in the Encampment Building. Growth of this event is a primary focus of the board of the KFFA in 2010 and we need your help to do it.

The KFFA provides a \$2,000 scholarship to each of the top two finishers in the Challenge of Champions. In addition, each of the top two finishers receives a \$250 cash prize.

The State Fair, along with the KFFA board, wants to challenge each of you to nominate a participant from your county to take part in the Challenge of Champions in 2010. Participants must come from a county whose fair is a member in good standing of the KFFA. Your nominee can be selected in any

manner you choose – hold your own contest, pick a name from a hat, draw straws. It's up to you.

Find more information at www.kansasstatefair.com
Click on State Fair Info >
[Competitions](#) > [Youth Shows](#) >
Agriculture Challenge of Champions
Nomination must be postmarked by August 16, 2010.



Kansas Fairs & Festivals to again sponsor Toddler Games Driving School & Art Fair



Children ages one to five will have fun at the Toddler Games Driving School & Art Fair During the Kansas State Fair. The Toddler Games Driving School is a free interactive family event where toddlers will learn the rules of the road, how to make turns,

back up, and even parallel park. After completing the driving school, the toddlers will be awarded their first driver's license. Later in the afternoon a child was announced as the winner of one of the cars.



Learning the rules of the road.

Happy Trails from the President - Jacque Karl

Howdy to all Fairs, Festivals, and members,

It sure seems like it should be January and not July. Time has rolled by so fast just since the 2010 convention when we were all talking about whom and what to get for entertainment let alone come up with what will work for our fairs or festivals to enhance our exhibits and increase our attendance.

Some of us are fortunate to receive assistance from city or county and some are not. That is where our networking is so important to our association.

With the economy the way it is and not

knowing what Mother Nature has in store, we are always looking for the "WOW" thing that keeps us going.

As you are flying through your one day event or longer be sure to take a few notes or write down that question you couldn't get answered or that problem solved.

When we share we never know what we will learn or whom we will help solve a problem so their fair or festival will run smoother.

I am only your president for one year but you have a full board that works together all year as a team to support you. All you have to

do is get in touch with your District Representative (or any of us) and let us know what you need.

Please, email jacquekarl@yahoo.com snail mail Jacque Karl 1459 3rd Detroit St. Abilene, KS. 67410-7270 or kffa@cox.net so we can work on them for the January 2011 convention in Topeka. May your sky's be clear, your stars be bright and The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you!

Happy Trails, Jacs :)



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The Final Seed. . .

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder on them.

Quiz.

Name the five wealthiest people in the world.

Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.

Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.

Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.

Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners
for best actor and actress.

Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

Here's another quiz.

List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.

Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.

Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.

Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special!!

Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

The lesson:

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money...or the most awards.

They simply are the ones who care the most

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