

Kansas Fairs & Festivals
2023 Convention Schedule
Downtown Topeka Ramada
420 SE 6th Avenue • Topeka, Ks

Friday

- 8:30 am KFFA Board Meeting
(Mansion Gold Room)
- 12:00 pm Registration Begins
(Main Lobby)
- 1:00 - 5:00 pm Silent Auction Check-in
(Grand Ballroom)
- 2:00 pm **Workshop – Ray Rutherford**, Amusement Ride Auditor
Kansas Department of Labor
- **“All You Ever Wanted to Know About the Kansas Amusement Ride Act.”**
Jefferson Ballroom (Lower Level)

Coffee Break (Outside of the Jefferson room) -

- 3:00 pm **Workshop – Andy Bailey**, Warning Coordination Meteorologist
National Weather Service Kansas City/Pleasant Hill
-**Preparing for the storm. Ensuring your event is weather ready!**
Madison Room (Lower Level)

4:00 pm **VARIETY ACTS on the FOUNTAIN STAGE**

- 5:00 pm Hospitality (1 hr. Only) – (ticket required)
Cash bar begins at 6:00 pm
Sponsored by Ramada Convention Center

Trade Show Opens – (Atrium/Grand Ballroom)
Silent Auction – (Grand Ballroom)

- 6:00 pm Reception (Light Meal)
Grand Ballroom – (with cash bar)

- 7- 9:00 pm Showcasing – (Regency Ballroom)
***Cash bar Available with Popcorn courtesy of
Grand True Value Rental***

- 9:00 pm Visit with Associates - (Atrium/Grand Ballroom)
Cash bar Available in Grand Ballroom

Saturday

- 7:30 am – 9:00 am Registration Open
- 7:30 am Breakfast Buffet
(Ticket Required) (Regency Ballroom)
Sponsored in part by Evans Midland Empire Shows
- 8:15 am Opening Ceremony/Business Session (Regency Ballroom)
Pledge of Allegiance
Memorials – Todd Lindquist
Welcome –**Ty Lewick, President**
Introductions of Board Members
Opening Presentation – **Charles Atkinson, Executive Director**
“The Sound of Silence”

Business Session

President Ty Lewick presiding

Minutes 2022 Convention – **Linda Lecklider, Secretary**

Financial Report – **Carole Fry, Treasure**

Ratification of Association By-laws

KFFA Caucuses – **Charles Atkinson, Executive Director**

Election of Directors

Election Results

REPORTS

Kansas FFA Report – **Karlie Albright, State FFA President**

Royal Valley FFA Chapter

Kansas 4-H Report- **Dr. Sarah Maass, Department Head –**

4-H Youth Development and State 4-H Program Leader

Kansas State Fair Report –

Bryan Schulz, General Manager, KSF

Associates Introductions – **Delisa Dawn Spurgeon/ Richard Holmgren**

Adjournment of Business Meeting

9:30 am Associates Meeting (All Associate Members)

- Parlor B (2nd Floor)

9:30 am **Workshop – James Fisher, Executive Director of the Kansas Fair Foundation**

Bryan Schulz, General Manager, KSF

Foundations work, working with the Fair and the tie in of selling a sponsorship for major projects!

– Madison Room (Lower Level)

9:30 am **Workshop – Dr. Sarah Maass, Department Head –**

4-H Youth Development and State 4-H Program Leader

“Helping Youth Thrive”

– Jefferson Room (Lower Level)

10:00 am Coffee Break (Outside of Jefferson Room)

10:00 am Trade Show Opens – (Atrium/Grand Ballroom)

Silent Auction - Grand Ballroom

10:30 am **Workshop – Eric Reamer, Owner, PR Media Coach**

Marketing Magic: Unlocking the Secrets of Effective Fair Promotion

– Jefferson Room (Lower Level)

11:45 am - **Hall of Fame Luncheon –**

Ticket Required (Regency Ballroom)

Introduction of Hall of Fame Inductees

Hall of Fame Group Photo (After adjournment of luncheon)

Keynote Speaker: C.Willi Myles

- America's everyday comedian

1:45 pm **Round Table Workshops-** Jefferson Ballroom (Lower Level)
Table 1 – Weather Insurances - Robert Holmes
Table 2 – Inflatables at your fair – Jeff Stephens
Table 3 – No Carnival, No Problem – Todd Lindquist
Table 4 – Fair Board/Extension Relationships – Brad Wells

2:30 pm Trade Show Continues – (Atrium/Grand Ballroom)
Silent Auction – (Grand Ballroom)

2:45 pm **Break -**
Board Members will be passing out snacks throughout convention

3:00 pm **Open Forum Workshop** - Madison Room (Lower Level)
Tell us about your fair/ sharing of ideas/events/challenges

4:05 pm KFFA Board Meeting
(Old & New Members) - (Mansion Gold Room)

4:00 pm **VARIETY ACTS on the FOUNTAIN STAGE**

4:00 pm Hospitality (1 hr. Only) – Grand Ballroom (Ticket required)
Cash bar begins at 5pm
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5:00 pm Evening Dinner – (Regency Ballroom)

6:00 pm Ag Challenge of Champion Auction -
(Regency Ballroom)

7-9:00 pm Showcase (Regency Ballroom)
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9:00 pm Visit with Associates – (Atrium/Grand Ballroom)
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Sunday

7:45 am Awards Breakfast – (Regency Ballroom)

8:00 am Gospel Music – **The Girls Next Door**

9:00 am **Closing Speaker – Susan Sankey, Vice President,**
Kansas Agriculture & Rural Leadership Program
(Regency Ballroom)

10:00 am Closing Ceremony
Presentation of KFFA Special Awards
Prizes - Must be present to win
Sponsored by Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association
Introduction of 2022 Officers
Closing Remarks -
President/Executive Director

11:00 am KFFA Board Meeting
2023 Board of Directors Photo
(Mansion Gold Room)