

February 9th, 2008

Saturday 11-4 pm

The 2007 KCKC Holiday Party is set for February 9th from 12pm to 4pm- Doors open at 11am.

Location: Irene B. French Community Center
Hocker Grove Room
5701 Merriam Drive Merriam, KS 66203
913-322-5550

Directions:

Take the Johnson Drive Exit off I-35. Turn Right (West) on Johnson Drive to Merriam Drive. Turn Right on Merriam Drive (North) 3 blocks to 5701 Merriam Drive. The Parking lot is located on the east side of the community center. Upon arriving, enter the facility's main entrance and walk to the front desk. The Hocker Grove Room is located down the left hallway of the front desk.

2007 Holiday Party

- Business Meeting
- 2007 Review
- 2008 Planning
- Chuck Blackwell Award
- KCKC Auction

Bring food, or drink, or desert item.....

**February 16, 2008
Color the Wind, Clear Lake, IA 50428**

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FROZEN Fun fly out on the ice of Clear Lake. In past years serious kitefliers from 7 states have been attending this event. For more info contact Larry Day kiteman@netins.net or 641-357-6141 <http://www.colorthewind.org/>

**March 7-9, 2008
MAKR (Midwest Area Kitemakers Retreat)
www.makr.info**

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www.makr.info Lorado Taft Field Campus Oregon, Illinois. An excellent retreat for kite enthusiasts 16 and older. Registration is usually around \$125, and for that you get Friday and Saturday dormitory lodging, and 6 meals, beginning with Friday evening's mixer. Usually there is a mix of sew and no sew projects, and the conversations around the dinner tables are usually worth the registration fee. Start saving and planning now.



Saturday, April, 19th 2008 Time 10AM – 4PM

Address Longview Community College front lawn*

Large event for the local community to have a kite and remote control plane festival.

Over 4000 attended this one day event last year- don't miss the 2008 event!

Longview Community

College 2nd Annual

Flights of Fancy Festival
II

National Kite Month
Event and Major KCKC
spring event.



***Special Guests include: Don Murphy American Kite Flyers Association Region 7 Director Al Sparling- International Giant Kite Flyer.**

Kite Store to be onsite along with food vendors and kite making.



Come see the world's largest barrel kite!

Contact info: Sean Beaver or Stephany Rosenholtz

Hawthorn Elementary

Peach / Earth Day
Children's Festival

Friday April 25th 2008

6-8PM

8200 N Chariton
Kansas City,
MO 64152

Home of the Huskies!



The KC Kite Club was invited to attend Hawthorn Elementary's Peace/Earth Day Children's Festival on **Friday, April 25, 2008 from 6-8pm**. The primary purpose of the event is to promote peace within ourselves, our schools, and our community while treating our planet with respect.

The Hawthorn Children's Peace Festival is in its second year at Hawthorn. Last year's event featured many elements:

Dinner for a Dollar, Recycling, Peace Pole Planting, Display of the John Denver Peace Quilt, Drumming performance, Choir performances, Paper crane making and Kite flying

The kite flying portion of the evening was a huge success last year – especially because Hawthorn's location is ideal for kite flying. The year-two plans include many returning elements. Since the kite flying was so successful, they have invited the KC Kite Club to enhance this portion of our event.



05/10/2008 7th Annual Kites Over Grinnell Festival Ahrens Park
<http://kitesovergrinnell.googlepages.com/>

1510 Penrose St, Grinnell, IA, USA Kites Over Grinnell is a no admission, one day Fun-Fly Kite Festival that has drawn kite fliers and spectators from over 10 states as well as over 50 cities across Iowa. Last year, there were over 30 kite fliers with single line, double line, quad line & really big kites. Over 3000 spectators arrived with their own kites or purchased kites from Chicago Kite/Kite Harbor on site & joined the open flying fields. 19 acres are set aside for the event with roped off areas for performances.

**Kites Over Grinnell
2008 May 10th, 2008**

Educational components occur within the local schools prior to the festival & a free kids-kite-making workshop is offered at the event. Other special features include a community waffle breakfast, a Kite Parade to the flying fields, mass ascension, indoor kite flying, kids games, raffles & prizes, & a lighted night flight. Food & kite vending are available on the grounds.

Urgent RSVP BY
April 8th 2008 for those
requesting hotel rooms.**

Dick & Sis Vogel kitesovergrinnell@gmail.com 641-990-0801

****This year rooms will
be at the Best Western
NOT the Comfort Inn**

From Interstate 80 exit 182, go north on Hwy 146 to Hwy 6 (6th Ave.) Go east on 6 to Penrose St. then north on Penrose about 4 blocks to Ahrens

***contact info is
highlighted -->**

There are a limited number of motel rooms offered free of charge to kite fliers & a number of rooms in private homes. All visiting fliers are invited to a pizza & beverage party on Friday night, May 9. Please contact Vogels for reservations.

**23rd Annual Merriam
Kansas Turkey Creek
Festival**

KC Kite Club will provide an array of ground display for the 23rd Annual Merriam Turkey Creek Festival on Saturday May 17, 2008. This special one day Festival from 10am to 5pm brings about 10, 000 - 13,000 people into Antioch Park in Merriam. <http://www.merriam.org/park/Events/turkey-creek-festival.htm>

Saturday May 17th 2008

The City of Merriam will hold its Annual Turkey Creek Festival, Parade & 5K Fun Run on Saturday, May 19, 2007. All activities (except 5K Run) take place at the beautiful, newly renovated Antioch Park. The day is filled with events for everyone to enjoy. Choose from the many activities listed below. Most of the activities are FREE.

10am to 5pm

Schedule of Events:

- 7-11AM **Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by Merriam Lions Club (Shelter #1) - all you can eat pancakes, sausage, coffee & juice. Adults \$5; Children 12 & under \$3
- 8AM **"One Hill of a Run"** (Irene B. French Community Center) - 5K Run/Walk/Youth Sprints. Start/finish at 57th & Merriam Drive. A "hilly" but FUN course. Youth Sprints on Merriam Drive. A "MARA" grand prix running event. To register contact Merriam Parks & Recreation Department at 913-322-5550 or click [here](#).



MERRIAM TURKEY CREEK FESTIVAL

3rd Saturday
in May

- 10AM - 5PM **Summertime Arts & Crafts Show** (Antioch Park) - Over 95 vendors will be displaying their merchandise. To register contact Marsha Norman at 913) 631-7050 ext. 443. For more information click [here](#).
- 10AM - 5PM **Petting Zoo, pony rides, kids inflatable games** (Antioch Park) - Build a wooden project (sponsored by Home Depot), or take a train ride. Paddle boat rides, roving clowns, caricaturist, and much more!
- 11AM **Festival Parade - "A Salute to Freedom"** - 70 to 80 units parading from 69th Street down Antioch Road to 64th Terrace. Parade announcer and awards ceremony at the entrance of Antioch Park. To register contact Karen Crane at (913) 403-8999.
- Noon - 2PM **Concert featuring "Grand Marquis"** (Main stage Shelter #4) - Enjoy Kansas City's jumpin' blues and hot swinging jazz band!
- 1 - 3PM **Concert featuring "The Essentials"** (Fire Pit Stage) - Kansas City's popular classic rock & roll band.
- 3 - 5PM **Concert featuring "SML Stacie LuPardus Band"** (Main Stage Shelter #4) - Enjoy the country sounds of SML Stacie LuPardus Band.

Shuttle Buses Available -

Shuttle buses will be leaving every 10 minutes from the following locations:

- Irene B. French Community Center, 5701 Merriam Drive
- Merriam City Hall, 9000 W. 62nd Terrace
- Merriam Town Center, 5700 Antioch Road
- Shawnee Mission Medical Center, 73rd Street & Antioch

Buses will drop off at the front entrance of Antioch Park. If needed, golf courtesy carts will be available to take you from the entrance to the top of the hill.

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Recreation Supervisor
Merriam Parks and Recreation Department
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2007 Smithville Lake Kite Board Festival

Open to the public!

Free!

May 23rd-26th 2008

**2007 Kite
Festival**

* Located at



Smithville
Lakes "Little
Platte Park
Shelter # 1
*Take 169
North to NE
180th Street -
Near Bauman
Park
***Camping
located at
Camp Branch
Park.

Questions? Visit our
website at:

www.kckiteclub.org
Campsites will be pre-
reserved— Just bring your tent
and supplies!

Chris Butzen



Join the KC, and area kite enthusiasts for 3 fun filled days of the fastest growing water sport **kite boarding**. This event is held over Memorial Day weekend and is geared to anyone who kite boards or is interested in learning more about this incredible sport. The event is an **all weekend no format event**. Just three days of kite flying, camping, friends, and fun. Tent campsites are located at Camp Branch Park on Smithville lakes east side. Please RSVP if you will be camping so we can have an accurate headcount. Sites are near the water

www.nwk.usace.army.mil/smithville/smithville_home.htm

Highlights

Professional Kiteboarder Chris Buzten will be on hand for the weekend

Kitesurfing, land buggies, stunt kite exhibitions and large kite displays.

Prizes, raffle, and games, Beginners welcome- talk w/ experts

Group Kite Camping at the lake, Membership drive special

Meet new friends w/ kites for all ages, Kiteboard Demonstrations

Friday JULY 4th 2008

Address* Berkley Riverfront Park Large advertised event for the local community to have the largest outdoor festival and fireworks show in the Midwest. 60,000 plus Visitors expected! Check out www.kcriverfest.com

KC's Fireworks Spectacular

Presented by **Zambelli Fireworks**

Come watch fireworks light up the sky as renowned Zambelli Fireworks presents a custom Fireworks show, all choreographed to music!

Kid's Area

The carnival rides and games at the Mermaid's Playground are an annual RiverFest favorite.

Kite Flying and Display

Presented by **the Kansas City Kite Club**

Riverfront Rails > Presented by the Kansas City Garden Railway Society

Whether you are an enthusiast or just a curious spectator, this model railroad exhibit is a must see!

Wakeboard Slider Pool

Wakeboarding...no boat, no lake! Come check out these extreme athletes as they tear it up in Riverfront Park

Wakeboarding the River!

Presented by **Skiers Wharf Extreme 2**

Come watch Missouri's very own extreme skiers as they take the Mighty MO! See these professional wakeboarders perform gravity defying flips, turns, and big air.

Contact info: Sean Beaver or Stephany Rosenholtz



KC Riverfest 2008

www.kcriverfest.com

**Friday JULY 4th
2008**

One Sky One World

Bethel Park 4500 Bethel Street Columbia, MO

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Parks/Cosmo-Bethel/index.php>

Join the Kansas City Kite Club, the Gateway Kite Club of St. Louis, the River Breezes Kite Club of Jefferson City, and kites and citizens of Columbia, MO to fill the sky with kites.

Directions to Fly/Map Take I-70 East to Columbia (@112 miles), take MO-E / STADIUM BLVD / MO-740 exit- EXIT 124- toward COLUMBIA, then keep RIGHT at the fork to go on MO-740 / N STADIUM BLVD for 2.5 miles, turn RIGHT onto FORUM BLVD for



**Sunday , October 12th
2008**

***Columbia Missouri Joint
Fly 2008***

2.4 miles, Left onto W NIFONG BLVD for .05 miles and turn RIGHT onto BETHEL ST.

John Grimshaw of Columbia, Andy Heimericks of Jefferson City, and the St. Louis Gateway Kite Club invites us to join them on Sunday, October 14, 2007.

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Parks/Cosmo-Bethel>

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