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Fall Festival**

**Pumpkin Fest**

Overland Park KS

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Plan to join us on this afternoon! Event times 1-4 pm. Set up starts at 11am.

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9701 W. 137th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66221

**EVENTS NOT TO MISS!!!!**

**Fax your volunteer background check (link on KCKC website) in by October 1<sup>st</sup> and let Sean know if you are coming!**

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Join Blue Valley Recreation on Saturday, 10/15 for a community festival packed with fun activities and live entertainment. This is one fall event you won't want to miss! Come in costume and bring your camera to take advantage of all our photo opportunities!

This fun event offers a petting zoo, face painting, carnival games, moonwalk, kites, horse-drawn hayrides and more!

First 500 registered receive a pumpkin and treat bucket!

Please bring non-perishable food items or household cleaning items to help the families of Kansas City's Ronald McDonald Houses. Rain date: Sunday, 10/16. Rainout phone line is 913-685-6099 x 92.

**Sept 25 & 26 QC - Family Fun & Kite Fest**

QCKite.com

Saturday & Sunday Sept 25 &26  
(10:30am - 4pm): Centennial Park  
Davenport - Kites on the Riverfront

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# AKA NEWS

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# MEMBER NEWS

[www.Paws4Autism.org](http://www.Paws4Autism.org)

## Wine Tasting Benefit

**\*\*Wine Novices Welcome .....just bring your enthusiasm!**

*Sponsored by: Steve Stringberg - Waddell & Reed*

**Friday, September 30th,  
2011**

**6:00pm - 8:30pm**

*Help Adriana get her AUTISM*

*SERVICE DOG*

## RED DOOR WINE STORE

229A SE Main Street Lee's Summit, Missouri – 64063

816-600-2204 [www.reddoorwinestore.com](http://www.reddoorwinestore.com)

**\$20 per person**

All proceeds go towards Adriana's autism service dog and the Paws4Autism Outreach Program.

Can you help me???

**My name is Adriana.**

**I am 7 years old and I have AUTISM.**

With my autism I see the world Differently than most kids do.

Many times I get completely overwhelmed by my surroundings. My brain doesn't know how to handle everything hitting it at the same time.

It makes me feel frustrated and angry. My brain feels SCRAMBLED.

My working dog will help to keep me safe and recognize when I am losing control or making unsafe choices. He will also help me learn how to interact with others appropriately.

**Will you please help me get my service dog???**

The 2011 MCC-Longview Flights of Fancy kite festival was a soaring success because of our sponsors. If you know of a business that may like to help sponsor the 2012 Flights of Fancy, please have the business/organization contact MCC Longview at 816-604-2030 or email [tami.jones@mccckc.edu](mailto:tami.jones@mccckc.edu)

## EVENTS IN REVIEW

KCKC Meeting / Mixer  
Saturday, August 20  
At the MCC Longview  
Cultural Arts Center 500 SW  
Longview Road Lee's Summit  
Missouri 64081

**Members met for a short planning meeting to find out what direction membership wanted to go. Among items discussed were:**

- Organized and advertised “Learn to Fly” Days scheduled just after Flights of Fancy
- Annual Kite Making/Sewing Workshop—either a one day event, or weekend event.

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**January 13-15<sup>th</sup> 2012 Upper Midwest Area Kitemaker Event Des Moines, IA**

[www.u-make.org](http://www.u-make.org) Reserve the date and learn from Martin Blais!  
[www.martinblaiskites.com](http://www.martinblaiskites.com) Martin has made such signature pieces as  
the air guitar, Butterfly Canopy, and many other unique items.

## NATIONAL EVENTS/NEWS

The Washington State International Kite Festival (WSIKF) is a week-long kite celebration and competition held annually during the third week of August, which is just past.

Starting on Monday and ending on Sunday this Long Beach, Washington State vacation extravaganza boasts skies ablaze with color, high flying action and choreographed movement. Washington's Kite Festival draws famous kite fliers from all around the world, and tens of thousands awed spectators, many of which participate in the fun with their own kite flying adventures.

This is a big, well organized event complete with smart phone apps! Each day is organized into themes. Think about attending!

<http://kitefestival.com/photo/> this link shows photos of 6 years of past festivals.....

**Kite Festivals are scattered throughout the United States, but many don't know that even bigger festivals are overseas. Below is information about one of the largest kite festivals in the world.**

**2011 KITE EVENTS** If you would like to plan a kite weekend for 2011, please keep these dates in mind. Remember dates/events may change closer to event time. Please check with event organizer for more information. Kite events are held world-wide. Be sure to experience an out-of-town event. All (local, or worldwide) are great fun, and educational.

## FLYS WITHIN THE MIDWEST AREA (PARTIAL LISTING)

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Nov 13, 2011 Second Sunday Fly Heritage Park, Olathe, KS Shelter 1 1-4pm	<a href="http://www.kckiteclub.org">www.kckiteclub.org</a>
Nov 19-27, 2011 Dead Bird Buggy Bash and Kite Fly Galveston, TX	<a href="http://www.deadbirdbuggybash.com">www.deadbirdbuggybash.com</a>



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Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.

Join the FUN!

Kansas City Kite Club

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