

TOPEKA

SUMMER 2026 IN THE CAPITAL CITY

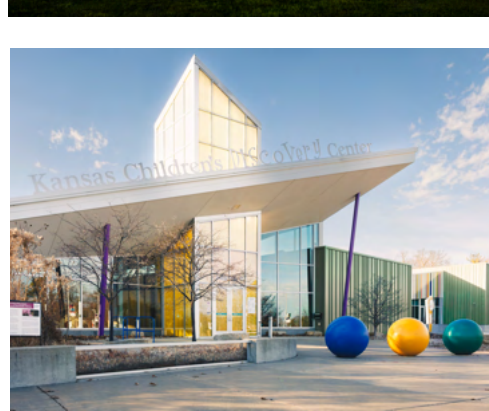


TAP THAT TOPEKA: A CAPITAL BEER FESTIVAL + FIGHT NIGHT 3.0 hosted in **DOWNTOWN TOPEKA** On June 13, enjoy local craft beer and heavy weight boxing. Get your tickets at taphattopeka.com for beer and live music at The Celtic Fox. That night, walk to Every Plaza for Fight Night 3.0 - GA Admission is Free.

AMERICA 250 CAPITOL LAWN CONCERT with **TOPEKA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** will be a special outdoor concert commemorating America's 250th on July 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. This concert is free to attend and spectators are asked to bring their own lawn chairs. Afterwards, spectators are invited to enjoy the America 250 Trail Walk, weaving through Downtown beginning at the Docking State Office Building.

EARLY INDEPENDENCE DAY at **KANSAS CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER** will include a parade and free admission for military families (must present ID) taking place on July 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kansas Children's Discovery Center in Gage Park.

SPIRIT OF KANSAS at **LAKE SHAWNEE** combines the annual Topeka Blues Festival, antique cars and a firework show to celebrate the Fourth of July. This event takes place from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Reynolds Lodge at Lake Shawnee, with food vendors, live music and antique cars to enjoy all day before the big lights show at nightfall.



SCAN FOR MORE THINGS TO DO IN TOPEKA

@VISITTOPEKA FOLLOW TO EXPLORE CIVIL RIGHTS ROOTS, MIDWEST COMFORT FOOD, SCENIC TRAILS, AND BOLD CULTURE

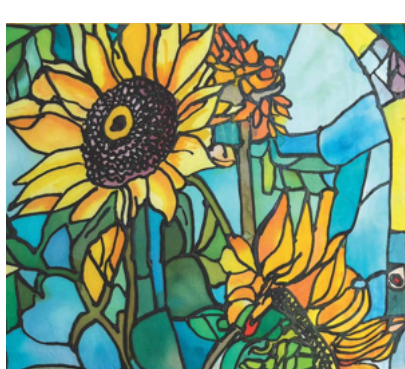
EARN POINTS FROM YOUR PARKS



July is National Parks & Rec Month! Kansas Tourism is offering prizes when you enjoy public lands. To earn points and win prizes head to www.travelks.com and sign up today! Earn points when you visit Lake Shawnee in Topeka (#1 tourist attraction in Kansas).

LIVE MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

SUNFLOWER MUSIC FESTIVAL at **WHITE CONCERT HALL** is a 10-day annual series presenting eight orchestra, chamber ensemble, and jazz concerts performed by world-renowned musicians in June. All concerts are free and do not require tickets. Performances take place from June 19 to 27 at 7:30 p.m. at White Concert Hall.



See touring musicians, one-night-only at **TOPEKA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**, purchase tickets at topekaperformingarts.org.
• Alison Krauss & Union Station Featuring Jerry Douglas at 7:30 p.m. June 21.
• CAKE at 8 p.m. on June 27

Annual LGBTQ+ celebration by Topeka Pride (non profit) **PRIDE PALOOZA** happening on Saturday, June 20 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Every Plaza.

The 9th Annual **SUNSHINE REGGAE ROOTS FESTIVAL** jamming on Saturday, June 27 from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. outside The Celtic Fox.

NOTO SUMMER CONCERT SERIES at **REDBUD PARK**, see emerging musical artists from the region on June 19 and July 17 at 6 p.m. at Redbud Park in NOTO Arts & Entertainment Dist.
• Pretend Friend on June 19
• Unfit Wives on July 17

SHREK: THE MUSICAL at **TOPEKA CIVIC THEATRE**, open from July 3 to August 8. Located at 3028 SW 8th Ave. Get tickets at topekacivictheatre.com.

See high-quality, theatrical, youth performances by the Bath House Players of **HELEN HOCKER THEATRE** in **GAGE PARK**
• *She Kills Monsters*, open June 26 - July 5
• *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, open July 24 - Aug 9.
Located at 700 SW Zoo Pkway. Get tickets at topekacivictheatre.com.



LIVE AT LUNCH at **EVERGY PLAZA**, is a live music series with food trucks, hosted at lunchtime in the heart of the capital city, happening every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



ENVISTA EATS & BEATS at **EVERGY PLAZA**, is a live music series with food trucks, hosted at dinnertime in Downtown, happening every Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

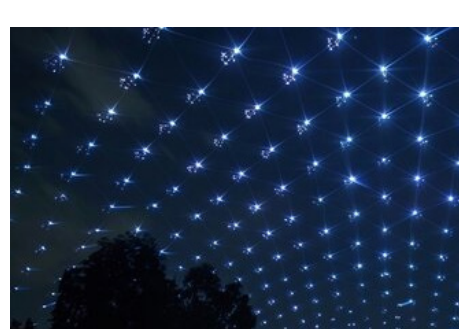
FOR MORE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT HEAD TO WWW.EXPLORENOTO.ORG

GET WILD AT TOPEKA ZOO

- **Boots and Bowties** dress up, dance and socialize at this 18+, Americana themed event on Friday, June 5 from 6 to 10 p.m.
- **World Oceans Day** on Saturday June 13 all day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUMMER SKY EXTRAVAGANZA

This ultimate drone show experience will light up the sky on June 27 at 10 p.m. with folks encouraged to arrive at 7 p.m. for music, car shows, food trucks, and door prizes! Located at 455 SE Golf Park Blvd. Bring your own chair and arrive early to park.



MAGIC MEMORIES

Enter the magical realm of Flint Haven at Topeka Renaissance Festival on June 13 & 14! Purchase day passes, enter contests, and find a complete list of activities like jousting and more at topekarenfest.com.



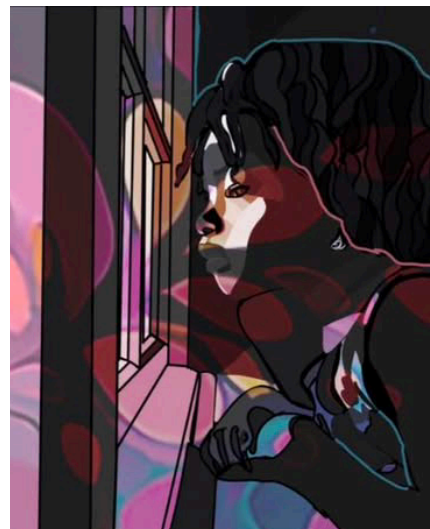
FIESTA TOPEKA 2026

FIESTA TOPEKA is a block party and carnival celebrating 93 years of Mexican-American heritage in Topeka. From July 14 to July 18 in the historic Oakland neighborhood. Enjoy carnival rides and games, live music, authentic food vendors and art shows! For more information, head to fiestatopeka.com.



HISTORY & CULTURE

Join community gatherings that commemorate Topeka's history. Attend the **Veterans Memorial Bridge Mural Dedication** on June 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The "For the Culture KS Gala" is an African American cultural celebration taking place on July 24 at 6 p.m. at Topeka Social: get tickets at www.forthecultureks.org.



GET OUTDOORSY

Check out **ADVENTURE COVE**, an inflatable playground and obstacle courses on **LAKE SHAWNEE**. While you're there, rent paddle boats, kayaks, kayaks and paddle boards for an all-day adventure! See parks.snco.us for more!



AMELIA EARHART DAY & AVIATION HISTORY

On July 24, celebrate the rich legacy of Kansas aviation history and honor Kansas pilot Amelia Earhart. Visit **COMBAT AIR MUSEUM** and see the Amelia Earhart exhibit. Museum is open hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. See combatairmuseum.org for more.



KANSAS 1776: A DYNAMIC LANDSCAPE

At the **MUSEUM OF KANSAS HISTORY** discover how the great landscapes and culture of Kansas have changed since the country's founding in 1776. See kansashistory.gov for more information. Ticket fees vary by age, open Tuesday through Sunday. Located at 6425 SW 6th Avenue.



SPORTING EVENTS

Watch Kansas State Shoot on June 12, 13, and 14 at Stormont Vail Events Center.

Free to join: Enjoy Splash Pad Yoga with Topeka Yoga Network at 7 p.m. on June 16th and on July 7th at Every Plaza.

See **KS National Barrel Horse Association** on June 20 and 21 at Stormont Vail Events Center.

Concrete Cup 2026 is Topeka's Premier 3v3 Street Soccer Tournament on June 20 at Stormont Vail Events Center Exhibition Hall.

First Fridays Art Walk June 5 + July 3

Find out more about 1st Fridays art exhibits, music events, food vendors and merchants at artstopeka.org

Second Saturdays Concerts June 13 + July 11

enjoy live music outside The Celtic Fox at 7 p.m.

WASHED ASHORE: COMPLETE THE TOUR

What is Washed Ashore?

From the nonprofit Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea, 6 sculptures of ocean-inspired creatures made of plastic are being placed in Topeka to raise ocean conservation and plastic debris awareness. [Open](#) May through September at the listed locations.

Where to see Washed Ashore?

NOTO ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT
935 N Kansas Ave

KANSAS CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER
4400 SW 10th Ave

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY MEMORIAL UNION
1700 SW College Ave

TOPEKA ZOO
635 SW Gage Blvd

TOPEKA AND SHAWNEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
1515 SW 10th Ave



SHOPPING

WEST RIDGE MALL
1801 SW Wanamaker Rd

WESTBORO SHOPPING CENTER
SW Huntoon St

DOWNTOWN TOPEKA
(public parking and garages available)
108 SW 8th Ave

BROOKWOOD SHOPPING CENTER
SW 29th St

FAIRLAWN PLAZA
2114 sw Chelsea Dr

GOOD EATS

THE TEE BOX Golf Bar and Restaurant play virtual golf games indoors with full bar service and a fantastic menu for lunch, dinner and happy hour! 906 S Kansas Ave Suite 100.



Have a prehistoric good time at **DINOSAUR EVOLUTION** inside **TOPEKA AND SHAWNEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY!** This free summer exhibit is an interactive maze, with stories, art, music, games for kids and activities for adults to enjoy as they learn about dinosaurs! See tsopl.org for more details.