

Kansas Shrine Bowl returning to Hays

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For the third time in its 38 year history, the Kansas Shrine Bowl will be played in Hays, making a return trip to the state's most western site where two previous games have been played.

The state's premier football all-star game will be staged at Lewis Field on the Fort Hays State University campus on Saturday, July 30 with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

The previous Shrine Bowl games in Hays were 10 years apart, in 1997 and 2007, but Shrine Bowl Executive Director Dave Mize is glad to be returning to one of the state's outstanding football communities in just four years.

"The Hays people, and that includes the community, the local Shriners and Fort Hays State, have made it very clear that they love to host our game," he said. "They have rolled out the red carpet each time we've been there and it was an easy decision to award the game to Hays based on how helpful they've been on previous visits."

The Shrine Bowl game has been good to the West squad, winning both "home" games by scores of 21-17 in 1997 and 26-7 in 2007. The West owns a 23-13 series lead and has won a Shrine Bowl record five straight games. The last East team to celebrate a win was the 2005 squad, which won 17-10 in Manhattan. That team was

led by then-quarterback Kerry Meier of Pittsburg, who became a wide receiver at the University of Kansas, and will begin his second year in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons this fall.

As always, the Shrine Bowl brings more than just football to the communities that serve as hosts. Traditional activities will include band and cheerleading camps conducted the week before the game, which will involve members of the Fort Hays State staff and volunteers from Hays and across the State.

On game day, the fifth annual pro-style high school combine will be conducted at Lewis Field, an opportunity for high school football players to have their

skills evaluated in a pro-style environment. Also on game day, the traditional Shrine Bowl Parade, the largest annual Shrine parade in Kansas, will entertain hundreds of fans and local residents through downtown Hays.

Before kickoff, a two mile Road Race and All-Star Cross Country Race will begin at 6:25 p.m. For the fourth year in a row, the race will begin the night's events and end on the track at Lewis Field Stadium during the statewide televised pregame show. The combination of the two races will act as an additional fundraiser for the Kansas Shrine Bowl as well as a way to involve more all-star athletes throughout the state of Kansas. Mize says it's a great

opportunity for runners around the state to be involved.

"It helps us raise more money for Shriners Hospitals for Children and it allows the runners, who often compete in front of very few fans, to showcase their talents in front of a great crowd," he said.

Visitors to Hays can enjoy several activities during their stay, including a visit to a Kansas Historic site at Fort Hays, an army post established in 1865. Hays is also the home of the Sternberg Museum of Natural History, a popular tourist attraction. Mize thinks people who haven't visited Hays will be impressed.

"Hays is like many of our great Kansas communities," he said.

"It has its own unique attractions, its own culture and the people are welcoming and friendly. It all adds up to be a great place for our game to be played."

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to the age of 18 are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

Keeping Kansas children safe during family outings

Sleeping bag? Check. Hiking boots? Check. Safety guidelines? A must! While the preparations for a family camping or hiking trip usually include a review of the necessary gear, parents should also review safety guidelines with their children, paying special attention to potential hazards specific to camping, hiking, outdoor recreation, water and falls.

"Going camping or hiking can be wonderful activities for parents to do with their children, but it is essential to remember key safety guidelines as you'll be leaving the daily environment your kids are used to," says Cherie Sage, State Director for Safe Kids Kansas. "A campfire is a serious responsibility because it's the only situation where a family is purposely starting a fire outdoors and a long way from a pressurized water supply or the nearest fire engine."

Campfires, portable stoves, heaters and fuel-burning lanterns - in addition to the danger of starting an uncontrolled brush fire - all produce carbon monoxide (CO), a colorless and odorless gas that can poison a child very quickly. "About 30 campers each year die of carbon monoxide poisoning in the United States," says Sage. "If someone near a campfire or portable stove seems drowsy, disoriented or sick, move that person away from the fire immediately to get some fresh air."

Safe Kids Kansas recommends these safety guidelines around

campfires and portable heating devices:

- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Never use matches, lighters, candles or any device powered by kerosene, propane or other heating fuel inside a tent or camper.
- Always actively supervise children near a campfire or portable stove. Follow posted rules about campfires, and do not light fires in windy or excessively dry conditions.

• Keep a bucket of water and a shovel near the fire at all times, and extinguish the fire completely before going to sleep or leaving the site.

• Also keep these guidelines in mind while camping and hiking:

- Keep first aid supplies and emergency phone numbers handy, and know where the nearest phone is located. Cell phones might not work in remote areas.
- Let friends and relatives know where you are going and when you are coming home.
- Never let children hike alone.
- Dress children in layers of clothing to help prevent heat-related illness and hypothermia. A child's body temperature changes faster than an adult's.
- Do not push kids to go on a longer or more strenuous hike than they can handle. Exhausted children are more likely to fall, wander off or otherwise get injured.

• Bring plenty of drinking water or sports drinks and high-energy snacks.

• Kids should wear hiking boots and clothing that offers protection from scrapes, bites and poisonous plants. Following the manufacturer's instructions, apply insect repellent to a child's clothing and exposed skin.

• Always supervise young children near water and insist your children wear personal flotation devices when out on boats, near open bodies of water or participating in water sports.

• Apply sunscreen rated SPF 15 or higher to your child's exposed skin 15 to 30 minutes before going out, and reapply frequently. It is possible to get a sunburn in cloudy conditions.

• For more information about outdoor recreation safety, call 785-296-1223 or visit www.usa safekids.org.

Safe Kids Kansas, Inc. is a nonprofit Coalition of over 70 statewide organizations and businesses dedicated to preventing accidental injuries to Kansas children ages 0-14. Safe Kids Kansas is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations whose mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury. The lead agency for Safe Kids Kansas is the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

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