

# 2022 King Midget Jamboree

WICHITA KS, AUGUST 11-13, 2022

THIS YEAR'S JAMBOREE will be hosted by Mike and Tamyra Gourley in Wichita, Kansas from August 11-13. The host hotel is the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, a renovated historic facility that originally opened a hundred years ago. Registration opens Wed August 10 at the hotel.

Thursday August 11 begins with a trip to the Sedgwick County Zoo. The zoo houses more than 3000 animals such as giraffes, lions, elephants, gorillas, exotic birds, and others from nearly 400 species. Habitats represent North and South America, Africa, Asia, Australia, and tropical regions.

Later in the day comes an outing to the Museum of World Treasures, with exhibits including fossilized dinosaur skeletons, military history artifacts from the Civil War, WW1, WW2, Korea, and Vietnam, Egyptian mummies, and more.

Friday commences with a visit to the B-29 Doc Hangar Visitor's Center. "Doc" is a Boeing B-29 Superfortress originally built in Wichita that was found in the Mojave Desert in the 1980s and eventually restored to flying condition by a group of volunteers. Cockpit tours are available.

Next up is the Kansas Aviation Museum, located in a historic 1930s airport terminal. Indoor exhibit topics include Wichita-based aircraft manufacturers Cessna and Beechcraft, while a number of airplanes ranging from a Cessna to a B-52 are displayed outside.

The afternoon includes the Mid-America All-Indian Center, dedicated to educating the public about the art, culture, and heritage of American Indians. Items on display are regularly updated from a permanent collection of more than 3000 objects.

Friday wraps up with a Wichita Wind Surge baseball game at Riverfront Stadium. The Wind Surge are the AA affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. Post-game festivities include a fireworks show over the Arkansas River.

Saturday's opening destination is Botanica the Wichita Gardens, with 18+ acres featuring over 4,000 species of plants both native and new to the region. The Gardens are decorated with a collection of 50 elegant sculptures, flowing streams, fountains, and waterfalls that complement the beauty of plants and that create a visually stunning atmosphere.

The Old Cowtown Museum is the afternoon venue. This living-history museum presents vignettes of Wichita life in the 1865-1880 timeframe.

The Jamboree wraps up with the Banquet on Saturday evening.

Please fill out and return the registration form attached to this newsletter by June 30th. ■



