

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

Mobile Aquarium - Event Application

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) own and operate a mobile aquarium (MA). The purpose of the MA is to increase public awareness and appreciation of Kansas' fisheries resources, increase interest and participation in recreational fishing, and aid KDWPT in staying connected with the citizen's of Kansas. The MA is a highly sought after outstanding exhibit. However, the MA requires much personnel time and is expensive to operate. As with many programs at KDWPT, decisions concerning use of the MA will be made by balancing fiscal responsibility with potential event impact. With this in mind, the MA will participate in approximately 3-5 events a year including the Kansas State Fair in September.

To guarantee consideration, applications must be postmarked by **November 30th**. Applications will be scored by a panel of KDWP employees and successful applicants will be notified no later **January 30th**. Soon after, the entire MA event schedule will be posted on the MA website.

Prior to submitting an application, please make sure that you can meet the MA set up requirements.

MA Setup Requirements:

- Firm level surface (cured asphalt or concrete slab required).
- 115 grounded AC power 20 amp AND 220v/50amp service within 100 feet.
- Fire hydrant (city treated water) within 100 feet.
- Drain within 100 feet (preferably to sewer or storm drain).
- A 50' x 15' area for set up and display.
- 20 feet of overhead clearance for angling demonstrations (9 feet for display only).
- Location without sharp turns, curbs >6" or steep inclines >15°.
- Overhead cover (shade) when used out of doors and ample lighting are preferred.
- Access to area one day prior to event and one day after for aquarium set-up and take-down.
- Access at least 1 hour prior to daily event start time for maintenance.
- 24-hour security dedicated strictly to the Mobile Aquarium if used outside a secure facility.

Note: The Mobile Aquarium is extremely heavy (14,000 lbs empty, nearly 40,000 lbs when filled, and is supported by eight, 10-ton bottle jacks). The truck and trailer measure roughly 60 feet in length (trailer = 40 feet). Please keep this in mind when scheduling events.

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Submit Completed Application by November 30th to:

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

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- 1) **What is the name of your event?**

- 2) **What is the name of the group organizing the event?**

- 3) **Who is the event contact? Please provide name, address, phone number, and email.**

- 4) **Where is your event located?**

- 5) **What are the dates and exhibit opening and closing times?**

- 6) **Is there a registration fee for event attendees? If so, who will benefit from event revenue?**

- 7) **What is the target audience of your event?**

- 8) **What are the previous attendance figures for your event (if this is a new event please provide an expected attendance and reasoning behind the expectation figure)?**

- 9) **What do you expect to accomplish by having the MA at your event?**

