

Meeting Professionals

Plan Your Next Meeting or Convention in Great Bend!

We will meet your needs and exceed your expectations.

Our community is able to accommodate meetings of all sizes. Whether you are planning a corporate board meeting or a large trade show, Great Bend has a wide array of options designed to fit your needs.

We know that planning a meeting or convention requires a high level of professionalism and attention toward the smallest details – we can help! Let the CVB assist in planning your meeting with our exceptional sales and service staff.

Why Great Bend?

- Centrally located within the state.

<u>Cities</u>	<u>Miles to Great Bend</u>	<u>Drive Time</u>
Garden City	126	2.5
Goodland	204	4
Kansas City	251	4.5
Pittsburg	271	5
Salina	76	1.5
Topeka	188	3.5
Wichita	114	2

- Over 480 hotel rooms – with over 300 within walking distance of the convention center.
- Great Bend continues to be a major state convention destination, with great hotels, a variety of meeting venues, and warm hospitality.
- The Highland Hotel & Convention Center (620-792-2431) features:
 - 30,000 square feet of meeting space
 - Includes more than 13,000 square feet of exhibit space
 - 11 breakout rooms
 - Banquet seating for groups up to 1,200
 - 172 Guest Rooms
 - Executive Suite with Jacuzzi
 - Indoor Pool/Fitness Room/Jacuzzi
 - Restaurant and Lounge
 - Banquet Facilities
 - Poolside Dining

- Best Western Angus Inn (629-792-3541) features:
 - 3,200 square feet of meeting space
 - 3 breakout rooms
 - Banquet seating for groups up to 200
 - 90 Guest Rooms
 - Executive Suite with wet bar and whirlpool bath
 - Courtyard Area with Kitchen, Indoor Pool, Fitness Room, Sauna, Whirlpool

- Great Bend Expo Complex(620-792-2401) features:
 - 900,000 square feet of outside paved exhibit space
 - Electrical Service available to all outside space
 - Adjacent to Professional Rodeo Arena
 - RV hook ups available
 - Three indoor exhibit areas:
 - Expo 1
 - 15,000 square feet of exhibit area
 - Heated, AC, office, concession area and restrooms
 - Expo II
 - 25,000 square feet of exhibit space
 - Unheated, concession, restrooms
 - Expo III
 - Indoor Arena 150 x 250
 - Outdoor livestock wash racks

For a complete listing of all meeting venues contact the Great Bend Convention & Visitors Bureau at 620-702-2750 or e-mail: [information @ visitgreatbend.com](mailto:information@visitgreatbend.com)

Tourism Professionals

Great Bend has a life unto itself, one that beckons to be shared.

Our Tourism Division is ready to assist:

- Travel Agents
- Tour Operators and Wholesalers
- Group Leaders
- Receptive Operators
- Other Travel and Event Planners

The CVB tourism division is active in organizing promotions and programs to increase awareness of Great Bend as a leisure travel destination;

Why Great Bend?

Centrally located in the heart of Kansas, Great Bend offers rural charm, amazing natural resources, and true Midwestern hospitality combined with all the amenities travelers need and expect. Great Bend is a travel discovery that will delight all ages, interests, and activity levels. Great Bend is a Prairie Surprise!

In Great Bend, groups can . . .

- discover the lingering cornerstones of great American History as they explore the Santa Fe Trail, take in the walking tour of the historic downtown area, and visit the Barton County Historical Village.
- migrate to the Kansas Wetlands Education Center at Cheyenne Bottoms to embrace the spectacle of the largest inland marsh in the United States.
- Watch in wonder as birds defy gravity and fly free in the sky at the Kansas Raptor Center located at the Great Bend Zoo. The Center specializes in the medical rehabilitation of eagles, hawks, owls, falcons, and vultures.
- Identify inspirational eras of art at the Shafer Gallery and Barton Art Center.
- become enchanted with “Santa” as he appears in other countries while visiting the 22 life sized Santas Around the World.
- Attend tours and demonstrations at the Dominican Sisters Heartland Farm ranging from solar greenhouses to raising Alpacas.
- Enjoy a batch of restaurants as diverse as the community itself. From mom and pop taco shops to some of the finest steaks in the region, Great Bend satisfies every taste and budget.