

# GEHAMS MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024 BAKERSFIELD TRAIN SHOW DEALER REGISTRATION

Please Enter Information and/or Check Appropriate Boxes As They May Apply

**Please Return This Form with money before January 11, 2024 (Pages #1 And #2**

**Only – Not Pages #3 & #4-Payment due with registration)**

**The Earlier the Better-We Usually Start Getting Filled up Around Mid-December**

Please mail forms to:

Kevin Birkbeck

GEHAMS

5711 Greenhorn Mountain Court

Bakersfield CA 93313

Phone: (661) 496-9514 **PLEASE FILL OUT CLEARLY & COMPLETELY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

<b># TOTAL Tables=</b>		<b>X \$55.00</b> (new price due to Fair increase)Per rented Table =	\$15.00 for only 1 of your tables sized (30"X96")= (1 card table is free 3x3)	Total Amount Of Rent Due For ALL Tables=
<b># Chairs Required (No Charge)</b>		(2 chairs per rented table only)		
<b># Exhibitor Passes Required</b>		0 check (send passes to above address)		
<b># Vehicle Parking Passes Required (Only for those Actively Working the Tables, Please)</b>				
<b>Check Box At Right If You Require Electricity (No Charge)</b>				<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Items Sold</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> HO <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> O <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> Z <input type="checkbox"/> Books <input type="checkbox"/> DVD/Video <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
<b>California Seller's Permit# Required To Sell Merchandise At Show Unless Exempt (2 shows or less annually)</b>				
<b>Check Here If You Are Exempt From California Seller's Permit (Sell at less than 2 shows)</b>				<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PAY ALL MONEY NOW (THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM LAST 2 YEARS) Total Money is due with registration</b>				\$

**Please Be Sure To Read Train Show Information And Rules On Pages #3 And #4.**  
 Additional Information may be sent after registration as needed

**\* Table Display Arrangement \***

**REGISTRATION AND LOCATION IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS**

Please illustrate **EXACTLY** how you would like your tables to be arranged. This helps in the floor planning process. Please include any display cabinets, **ONLY** 1 personal table (30"x96") & 1 free card table (3'x3'), along with the tables you rent from us. **PLEASE INCLUDE ALL TABLES**, rented & your personal tables in your drawing. Every attempt will be made to accommodate the table arrangement illustrated. However, if there is a problem, we will contact you. Please remember, we can't fit everyone along the wall close to the front and close to the bathrooms! If you indeed have a truly "special need" please be clear about this. A special need is not a preference! If you don't have any preference for location, we'll put your arrangement in a space that will make it fit on the floor plan. Also, please understand, we are always tight on space, & this floor plan is like a giant jigsaw puzzle-be flexible. Please do not start rearranging your tables after they are set up!... you may be encroaching on fire code, aisle space and other legal issues! **WE will do our very best to give you the spot you would like, but this can't always be done. FLEXIBILITY IS A KEY ATTITUDE with our show's success. We want everyone to feel they have been served well & with dignity.**

**DRAW HERE**

Please send this form – Pages #1 & #2 **ONLY** – **WITH A CHECK MADE OUT TO GEHAMS** to:

KEVIN BIRKBECK/ GEHAMS  
5711 Greenhorn Mountain Court  
Bakersfield CA 93313

Please mail the forms & money so we receive it no later than January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. An email/text confirmation will be sent to you confirming your request for a space reservation. If you don't happen to receive your confirmation within a reasonable amount of time, please contact Kevin Birkbeck ASAP. (Please understand I volunteer in the local Hospitals & Prisons, I am not always immediately available by phone or email, But I will get back to you soon) **THIS APPLICATION FORM IS THE ONLY WAY TO REGISTER FOR THE TRAIN SHOW—WE DO NOT ACCEPT WALK IN OR PHONE IN REGISTRATIONS.** If we don't have any room for your table arrangement request you will be contacted... so please be sure that you have included an updated contact phone number & email for this purpose. Also remember, we will be unable to issue refunds for any cancellations after February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024—unless a replacement dealer can be found to take your place {this is the date that we must pay the fairgrounds for the use of the building, and the rental company for the tables and chairs}. **ALSO** be certain about the number of tables you need. Once the rental company has received our order & delivered the tables and chairs, there will not be an opportunity to get any more tables or chairs. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me via my cell phone (661) 496-9514, or by email at Kevin4strings@gmail.com.

**End of Dealer Application Form – Mail Only Pages 1 & 2 with money Back to me Kevin Birkbeck to secure a**

**Registration—Not Pages 3 & 4**

\* GEHAMS BAKERSFIELD TRAIN SHOW INFORMATION \*

**WHAT:** Golden Empire Historical & Modeling Society's Annual Model Train Show

**WHEN:** March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

**WHERE:** Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield, California

**SHOW INFORMATION CAN BE ACCESSED @ <https://gehams.club/gehams-home>**

**Hours & Setup Policies/Procedures**

The show is open to the public from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Saturday, and 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, on Sunday. The setup hours on Friday, are from Noon until 9:00 PM, and on Saturday, from 7:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Dealers can drive their vehicles/trailers into the building, but drive-in access will be restricted as pathways become obstructed with layouts, vendors and vehicles. Exhibitors should unload their vehicles and immediately remove their vehicle from the building before setting up. If drive-in access becomes impossible, then you may unload your vehicle from either the front or rear of the building, but please do not block the doors with your vehicle or trailer.

**Table Pricing & Arrangement Options**

Each 96" x 30" table is \$55.00 for the 2-day show (THIS IS DUE TO A FAIR GROUNDS PRICE INCREASE). \$15.00 for ONLY one of your personal tables (30"X96"). You may bring 1 card table size (3X3) for free, remember you are renting table space... NO ONE DAY TABLE RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT APPROVAL. We will try and get you your preferred table area, but we must keep in mind fire codes and other legal constraints. Overall space limitations may dictate any table/booth adjustments we need to make. Space and location is on a first-come, first-served, basis. If the table area you desire is unavailable, we will contact you to see about making alternate arrangements, so please, include an updated phone number and email address, so we can contact you easily. We so appreciate each of you and truly value your flexibility regarding our show!

**Floor plans, Badges, etc.**

We plan on making available the floor plan and setup instructions when our floor plan is finalized. This can be as late as 2 weeks before the show or even later-be patient. Exhibitor badges will be available for pickup at the show on set up day. This is our preferred mode for dispersing the Exhibitor badges. Vehicle parking passes for the show days are available at our administration table inside our exhibitor building at the fair grounds on set up day or they may be mailed to you if needed (check the 0 on the registration form)

**California Seller's Permit:**

A California Seller's Permit is required to sell merchandise at the show (Sorry, not our rules). The only way to sell at the show, without a California Seller's Permit, is that you are exempt from having to obtain a California Seller's Permit. According to the California Franchise Board, exemptions are allowed ONLY if you sell at 2 shows or less, within a calendar year. If you need an exemption form, please be certain of your exemption status. If you have any questions concerning the California Seller's Permit, please consult the California Franchise Boards web site for the application form regarding the California Seller's Permit.

**Information or Questions:**

**Kevin Birkbeck/GEHAMS**

**5711 Greenhorn Mountain**

**Court Bakersfield, CA 93313**

**Phone: (661) 496-9514 (text)**

**Email: [Kevin4strings@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin4strings@gmail.com)**

## Rules & Other General Information

**Show Hours:** Please make an attempt to maintain your display space open to the public for the ENTIRE DURATION of the show. We realize that you have to get home, but we've had numerous complaints, in the past, from the public that dealers have already started taking merchandise off the tables, or layouts were already breaking down, before the show is officially over (THE SHOW CLOSSES AT 5:00 PM SATURDAY, 4:00 PM SUNDAY-NOT EARLIER) and we have had to refund admission as folks were threatening us that we were not offering truth in advertising. The paying public is how we fund our show so, please remain open for business for the entire time. Set up is on Friday from 12:00-9:00 & Saturday 7-10 AM. The show is open to the public from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, on Saturday, and from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, on Sunday. In the event these hours change, you will be notified. Dealers should arrive no later than 9:00 AM, on Saturday. On Friday, the building will be vacated at 9:00 PM. On Saturday, the building will be vacated at approximately 5:15 PM. All dealers and layout exhibitors will be readmitted at 9:00 AM, on Sunday, and must vacate the building by 9:00 PM, on Sunday. These are Fair Ground requirements.

**Table Space Rules:** We try to maintain a 6' working space between dealer tables for the aisles. The 6' wide working exhibitor aisle must remain unobstructed. Dealers may not place anything in the aisles, so as to impede customer or dealer movement in the aisles. You may bring only one of your own tables (@ \$15 for a 30"X96" table, excluding the 1 free card table). Bringing your own chairs is OK. GEHAMS does not provide table covers, nor are they required for the show, they are optional. Also, please pick up any trash you may accumulate during the show & keep your area reasonably tidy.

**Badges:** Dealer/Exhibitor badges are to be used by only those working at a dealer table or assembling operating displays. This will BE STRICKLY ENFORCED as we had some issues with theft last year and MUST AVOID THIS PROBLEM!!! These badges must be worn at all times, including setup, public show hours and move-out. Only persons with these badges will be allowed in the hall during Friday/Saturday setup. Badges are not to be given to any person for the purpose of shopping during non-public hours, or to access the show early.

**Cancellations:** Cancellations received more than 18 days in advance of the show, will receive a full refund. Cancellations within 18 days of the show will receive no refund—unless a replacement dealer can be found to take your place. Dealers may resell their space to someone else, but they must notify GEHAMS ASAP, if this occurs.

**Security:** Kern County Fairground's security guards are normally on-duty 24 hours. **GEHAMS assumes no responsibility for dealer/exhibitor loss.** We recommend that you cover your display Friday and Saturday nights. When you leave on Friday or Saturday, please take all your personal belongings with you. **NO ONE** is admitted into the building under any circumstances after the GEHAMS staff leaves the building.

**Parking:** Any parking fees required by the Kern County Fairgrounds are the responsibility of the dealer, but the fairgrounds has allowed GEHAMS to issue parking passes for dealer vehicles, in the past, which allows you to park in the vicinity of the Train Show Building. These are issued, within reason, by fair grounds consideration. They can be picked up at our administration desk on Friday during the set up times.

**Reservations:** Reservations are on a first-come, first served-basis. We will do our best to give you the space you want. Reservations will only be granted after GEHAMS receives the returned reservation form & ALL MONIES PAID IM FULL!! MONEY + APPLIICATION = RESERVED SPACE AT OUR SHOW!!! **ALL MONIES MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR REGISTRATION-IF NO MONEY IS RECEIVED, THEN YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED. THE RESERVATION FORM ATTACHED IS THE ONLY METHOD TO REGISTER FOR THE TRAIN SHOW! NO OTHER MEANS OF REGSITERING WILL BE ACCEPTED. SUCH AS POST CARDS, PHONE CALLS, EMAILS, SMOKE SIGNALS OR VERBAL METHODS. IF YOU DON'T SEND THE ENCLOSED FORM WITH YOUR MONEY, TO REGISTER FOR THE SHOW, YOU WILL NOT BE REGISTERED.** If you do not receive an EMAIL/text Invoice/Confirmation after a reasonable amount of time, please contact me ASAP.

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