



Johnson County Old Settlers 2026 Event Summary

EVENT: 128TH Johnson County Old Settlers

2026 THEME: Let Freedom Ring: Celebrating 250 Years

WEBSITE: www.JohnsonCountyOldSettlers.com

WHERE: Olathe, KS (Santa Fe & Kansas Ave)

WHEN: Thursday, September 10, 2026 Noon-10PM
Friday, September 11, 2026 10AM-10PM
Saturday, September 12, 2026 10AM-10PM

ATTENDANCE: Averaging 75,000 annually

COST TO ATTEND: FREE

CONTACTS:

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Commercial Booths	Lauren Arntsen	JCOS.CommercialBooths@gmail.com	913.424.4924
Entertainment	Dave Cox	JCOS.Entertainment@gmail.com	913.787.1378
Food Booths	Julie Browning	JCOS.FoodBooths@gmail.com	913.709.0408
Parade	Curby Hughes	JCOS.Parade@gmail.com	

DESCRIPTION: Johnson County Old Settlers is a can't-miss, FREE family celebration. It is held each year on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday following Labor Day and welcomes nearly 75,000 guests! Experience nonstop fun with a carnival, handmade arts and crafts, auto show, flower show, ice cream socials and Kansas' Largest Parade. Enjoy live entertainment from national and local musical acts plus longtime favorites like Sweet Six, Gabfest and the Then & Now presentation. With delicious food booths, unique commercial vendors and interactive displays from local fire, police and emergency medical services, there's truly something for everyone!

ENTERTAINMENT:

Main Stage	Friday	7:30-10PM (TBD)
	Saturday	7:30-10PM (TBD)
Small Stage	Acts & Times	(TBD)

*Organization Summary: This event is organized and facilitated by Johnson County Old Settlers Association, Inc., an ALL volunteer, not-for-profit, 501(c)4 organization whose sole purpose is to produce this event each year. More information can be found at www.JohnsonCountyOldSettlers.com.



Johnson County Old Settlers 2026 Parade Application

Primary Contact _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Secondary Contact _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

- Fees Non-Profit Organizations/Groups (i.e. schools, charities, churches, etc.) FREE
 Commercial and Political Groups \$100each

**Note: Multiple vehicles/signs from other businesses/politicians are considered multiple entries and require separate applications.
Max of three entries per vehicle/business/organization/politician**

- Group (select only one) Antique Car/Truck
 Commercial
 Club/Organization
 Hitch or Horses with buggy/carriage/trailer (HORSES MUST BE DIAPERED)
 Marching Group
 Novelty
 Youth Group

How many people are walking with/marching in your group? _____

Does your entry have music? Yes No

If you are handing (no throwing) items to the crowd? Yes No What are they? _____

For vehicles, what is the make and model? _____

Driver Name _____ Mobile _____



Johnson County Old Settlers 2026 Parade Rules and Regulations

1. The order of participation is determined solely by the Parade Committee and is determined by specific criteria (i.e. type, size and length of each entry).
2. All parade entries must have a number, issued by the Parade Committee to participate in the parade.
3. Non-participating vehicles WILL NOT be allowed in the assembly area after 8AM
4. No participating entry is allowed to change their number or their position in the parade, unless it has been approved by the Parade Committee prior to the parade.
5. No entry will be allowed to SLOW OR STOP the forward motion of the parade.
6. The parade judges are NOT on the reviewing stand.
7. There will be NO THROWING OR TOSSING of anything during the parade. All handouts must be handed directly to the crowd along the parade route. All handouts must be pre-approved prior to the day of the parade. NO GUM is allowed.
8. Smoking will not be allowed in the assembly area or on the parade route.
9. Operators of vehicles must have a valid drivers license and must always stay with the vehicle during assembly and prior to the parade.
10. NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR ANY OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ARE ALLOWED.
11. PROFANE, OBSCENE OR LEWD ENTRIES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
12. Insurance requirements
 - a. All parade entries/participants will be required to have a minimum of \$500,000 in Liability Insurance.
 - b. All parade entries/participants must provide a Certificate of Insurance listing Johnson County Old Settlers Association, Inc. as a Certificate Holder.
 - c. Johnson County Old Settlers Association, Inc. does not accept copies of insurance cards.
 - d. If a parade participant cannot secure insurance, you must contact the Parade Committee for more information.
 - e. Certificates of Insurance must be received before the entry will be confirmed.
13. General Release/Indemnification: The signer acknowledges and agrees that they are participating in the Johnson County Old Settlers Parade at their own risk. The signer hereby acknowledges and agrees that Johnson County Old Settlers Association, Inc. is not responsible for any injury of any kind occurring to themselves or to their child(ren)/or ward on account of such participation in the Parade. The signer further agrees to hold harmless, on their own behalf and on behalf of their child(ren)/ward, Johnson County Old Settlers Association, Inc., its shareholders, directors, officers, agents and employees from and against any and all liability, expense or damage of any kind or nature, and from any suits, claims or demands, including reasonable legal fees and expenses, on account of any matter or thing related to participation in the Parade, including but not limited to that which may arise on account of the negligence of Johnson County Old Settlers Association, Inc., other participants, its suppliers, agents, employers, contractors, drivers or installers.