

Dear Prospective GEHAMS train show vendors,

September, 2022

Greetings to all you Model RR lovers & welcome. Thank you for your interest in our GEHAMS 2023 SHOW!

WE ARE PLANNING ON HAVING OUR TRAIN SHOW ON MARCH 4&5, 2023 @ THE KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS! All vendors who have completed and sent in registration forms with proper amount of registration money (a check made out to GEHAMS), will be CONFIRMED by text or email, within a reasonable time frame. Money is due with registration. This is different than the last 2 years.

We are planning to arrange the tables and locate the vendors in generally the same locations (OR as close as possible) as in the past or as requested on the attached registration form & drawing, it is first-come, first-served. We will still need to be careful about fire code concerns and Fairground requirements, but we will do our very best. Thanks for your patience and understanding with these matters. We want to make our show very worthwhile for you, the layouts, and our customers/guests.

Please note the following:

- 1) The March 2023 train show is taking place on MARCH 4 & 5, 2023 at the Kern County Fairgrounds. Set up will be on Friday March 3, 12:00-9:00 PM.
- 2) Kevin Birkbeck will be handling the vendor registration again this year, & I plan on being in attendance as well. Please DO NOT contact Doug Wagner regarding the train show registration, he is no longer in charge of vendor registration.
- 3) FYI {Kevin has been a modeler since the age of 7 beginning in HO moving to N, Nn3, G scales & On30 & this year, back to HO. He has won awards for his modeling and is very familiar with the GEHAMS show.} Also please note Kevin volunteers at the local prisons, hospitals & has some teaching duties in local schools, so be patient in waiting for a response to any questions or concerns you may have via text or email.
- 4) All registrations MUST be to us no later than January 16, 2023. Please understand that our show space is limited, and vendors will be given space on a first-come, first-received basis. We begin filling up by mid December so please register early. Any registrations received after the vendor spots are all taken will be placed on a waiting list. Sometimes this waiting list allows for a last minute substitution, but sometimes not. If you REALLY want a place at our show, we advise you to register ASAP, returning the NECESSARY FORMS, MONEY, and a DRAWING of your desired table set up.
- 5) **If you are renting tables from us, the cost is \$55 for EVERY table you rent from us. If, HOWEVER, you are providing ONE of your own tables (30"x96") and combining them with tables you are renting from us... then the charge will be \$15 for ONLY ONE of your tables (a space equal to 30"x96") You may not rent 1 table from us & then bring 3 of your own tables. We are only able to put on this show if we pay for the cost of the floor real estate in our building. You will be allowed 1 free card table, approximately 3'X3'. The revenue generated from our show must cover our expenses to the Fair Grounds and the rental companies we utilize. Due to these expenses and increased costs we MUST charge for the extra table space that is utilized by bringing ONLY 1 of your tables ... (an example of your vendor costs would be: you are renting 2 tables from GEHAMS and bringing only 1 of your own tables (30"X96")... the cost would be a total of \$125... 2 of our tables=\$110 + ONLY 1 of your tables \$15 {in addition to the free card table we are allowing}=\$125)**

- 6) Please return the attached registration, MONEY, along with a clear table drawing you are submitting. Send this by regular mail to me, Kevin Birkbeck, as soon as possible:

Kevin Birkbeck
c/o GEHAMS
5711 GREENHORN MOUNTAIN COURT
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313

QUESTIONS??? e-mail kevin4strings@gmail.com Cell Phone/text: (661)496-9514

- 7) Every effort will be made to accommodate your desired table set-up. That being said, please understand our space is limited, and we want to serve each of you with respect, honesty & in a courteous manner. In addition, this show is like setting up a giant jigsaw puzzle so we will do our best to meet your vendor needs. This may require adjustments based upon the layouts attending, and the vendors attending. Please know we love trains as you do, we are not interested in slighting or offending anyone... we will do our best in fulfilling your requests... so please be flexible and understanding. Thank you in advance for supporting our train show. The registration forms are included as an attachment with this email. You will need to copy the forms & fill them out as completely as possible, include your check made out to GEHAMS & place them all in an envelope, then address the envelope to Kevin Birkbeck (see above).
- 8) **PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE FULL & ACURRATE CONTACT INFORMATION**, so we can get a hold of you if need be. Then mail registration forms & money to the above address, the sooner the better. {**Please be aware of all the requirements regarding the California sellers permits**, we can assist with this to a degree, but it is YOUR responsibility (see registration form info. Seller permit forms may be secured from the California Franchise Board's web site)}
- 9) Hours & logistics for set up are (Friday 12:00-9:00PM for setting up), 2 chairs will be given for each table rented from GEHAMS. You are allowed 1 free card table of your own. In the past we have had close to 2000 in attendance at our show, so please adjust your planning accordingly.
- 10) Please contact me if you are having difficulties. I'll give it my best effort to meet your needs.

We trust these instructions are clear and concise. If you have any questions it is BEST to text or email me, Kevin, and I will respond as soon as I am able. Please ONLY call if it is a greater concern.

Understand, there are over 100 vendors on this list, & I do a lot of volunteer work and if all of you begin to call me, whew!... that will be overwhelming. I want to serve you well and as best I can, therefore emailing or texting is best. Thank you for your consideration. Looking forward to another great Train Show...

In the service of you all & the GEHAMS train club, happy rails... Kevin Birkbeck, Train Show organizer