



Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Mobile Aquarium - Event Application



The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) 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 KDWP 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 KDWP, 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 4-5 events a year. Two events will be chosen at the discretion of the Chief of Fisheries and 2-3 events will be chosen through this application process.

To guarantee consideration, applications must be postmarked by **November 1st**. Applications will be scored by a panel of KDWP employees and successful applicants will be notified no later **December 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 preferred).
- 115 grounded AC power 20 amp 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 1st to:

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

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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?**
- 10) Will you specifically include the MA in event promotions? If so what types of promotions will you include it in (i.e. radio, online, TV, newspaper)?**
- 11) Are there any exhibitor fees (parking, booth space rental, electrical or water charges, entrance fees, etc.)? If so, what are they and will you waive any of these fees?**
- 12) Please describe your inclement weather policy? For instance, will your event be cancelled in the event of rain or continue on as scheduled?**

13) Do you have any objections with the distribution of promotional materials that may include stickers, temporary tattoos, or literature such as fishing regulations and fish identification guides?

14) Have you applied for the MA in the past? If so, how many times have you applied, when did you apply, and how many times were you successful?

15) Is there any additional information that you would like to have considered when evaluating your application?