



NEWS RELEASE

FINAL REMINDERS FOR RIVER FESTIVAL 2021

(Salina 08-21) As Festival-goers pack their gear to enjoy Salina's "Epic Arts Party" this week, here are some reminders of what to bring and what to leave at home:

*The Festival's five entrance gates open to the public at 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, and at 10 a.m. Friday through Sunday, September 3-5. NO general Festival attendees will be permitted before these times. There is no early setup in the Festival stage areas by vendors, volunteers, or the public. Volunteers reporting for early shifts should come to the Mulberry Street or Tony's Pizza Events Center Bridges, wearing their weekend-admission Wristband for security to see and check.

*Daily and weekend admission wristbands will be available for purchase at the Mulberry, Fourth Street, or Tony's Pizza Events Center entrance bridges or the north Oakdale gates, but not at the Kenwood Bridge entrance. Festival-goers may enter over Kenwood Bridge only if they already have purchased and are wearing their wristband. Advance-price four-day Wristbands are on sale at all regional Wristband Retailer locations until close of business or 12 midnight, on Tuesday, August 31.

* Coolers with snacks and beverages are permitted on-grounds. NO glass containers of any kind are allowed.

* Per City Ordinance No 12-11052, NO smoking, electronic cigarettes or any tobacco products are allowed anywhere in Oakdale Park during River Festival 2021.

*Masks will be REQUIRED for each person who enters Festival Headquarters, to get a henna tattoo, and within the First Treasures tent.

* In the rest of the park, masking and social distancing is strongly encouraged.

* The Festival will post clear occupancy or gathering guidelines at select locations across the park as necessary. Patrons will be expected to follow all posted guidelines.

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* Shade umbrellas are allowed behind designated and marked sight lines only. No canopy tents of any kind are allowed anywhere in the park by the general public.

*No pets on grounds. Authorized, designated service animals only are permitted.

*No bicycles, scooters, or skateboards are allowed within the park, except for police and emergency services personnel.

*Guest services available at the River Festival include the EMS First Aid Center, a fully staffed mobile-device Nex-Tech Wireless charging station at the edge of the pond near Stage II, the Baby Station tent, and Lost & Found.

* CityGo shuttle busses from various points in the Tony's Pizza Events Center parking lots to Festival grounds are wheelchair accessible and will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday only. A special route from 2 to 4 p.m. on those two days will make brief stops (weather dependent), so riders can see the artists at work on the murals at The Yard sports facility on Fourth Street and on the grain elevators of the Salina Kanvas Project on North Santa Fe.

See the Festival Program on-site or <https://www.riverfestival.com/attend/#visitor-info> for guest-service locations and details. Helpful final reminders about what to bring or not bring also can be found on the site.

For needed accommodations, please call Amanda Morris at Salina Arts & Humanities at 785-309-5770 between 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Every effort will be made to accommodate known disabilities. For material or speech access, please call at least five working days prior to the event.

The Smoky Hill River Festival is the flagship event of Salina Arts & Humanities, a department of the City of Salina .SA&H has served a unique role in arts advocacy and support since 1966. The Smoky Hill River Festival, Horizons Grants Program, Smoky Hill Museum, Arts Infusion Program in schools, Community Art & Design, Cultural Connections, and the Friday Night Live performance series are among the programs of Salina Arts & Humanities, located at 211 W. Iron Avenue in Salina.

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