

**WELCOME**  
LITTLE LEAGUE  
BASEBALL FANS

**FREE & PRINTABLE**  
TOURNAMENT  
PROGRAM



**July 8-12 & July 17-19, 2026**

**Patriot Park**  
**4511 E. 56th Street**  
**Kearney, NE**

To the players, managers and coaches, their families and friends:

**Welcome to the 2026 Nebraska Little League State Tournament.**

Little League baseball came to Kearney in 1952, and over the past 75 years has given thousands of area players the opportunity to engage in our national pastime. A lucky few players each year have the opportunity to represent our league in the State Tournament, and I know that these players always look forward to the chance of playing against the best from Nebraska's other leagues.



Kearney Little League is pleased to be able to host the State Tournament this year for just the fifth time this century, and speaking on behalf of the 500+ players and the many volunteers who serve as managers, coaches, and board members, we hope you enjoy your time at the tournament, and that - win or lose - you will always do your best, and make lifelong, happy memories at this year's state tournament.

Sincerely,

Todd Herges  
Kearney Little League



Dear Baseball Fans,

On behalf of the Kearney Welcome Center, I would like to welcome you to our wonderful community! We are thrilled to have you here and we hope you enjoy our beautiful Patriot Park as well as the several amenities our city has to offer.

Kearney is known for its hospitality, with over 1800 hotel rooms, several shopping opportunities, variety of restaurants, entertainment of all sorts, award-winning attractions and family-friendly events!

Make sure to check out the Archway, Museum of Nebraska Art, Classic Car Collection, Hike/Bike Trail and Downtown "On the Bricks" just to name a few. Go to [www.visitkearney.org](http://www.visitkearney.org) or feel free to stop by our office at 220 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue which is located right by the new Kearney SportsPlex.

With all there is to do, we invite you back to enjoy our city – Kearney really does have it all. We hope you enjoy your stay and wish you the best of luck! PLAY BALL!

Sarah Focke  
Executive Director Kearney Welcome Center



Participants & Spectators,

On behalf of the City of Kearney, we are thrilled to have you here to compete at Patriot Park! This premier park has eight lighted fields, including two championship fields with added amenities. The soft and absorbent Colorado Gold infield mix makes for great playability. The spaciousness between fields is a quality that you will notice and appreciate. The park is beautifully landscaped with over 200 trees, numerous planting beds and grass berms outside the championship field fences. Eight outdoor and six indoor synthetic turfed batting cages allow for multiple players to get swings in before the game. Synthetic turf bullpens are located behind each dugout. Your experience will not be complete unless you try one of our famous Patriot Dogs at the concession stand.

Patriot Park serves over 2,000 local kids that participate in Kearney Little League Baseball, Kearney Travel Baseball, Kearney Girls Softball Association, Kearney Competitive Girls Softball Association, Kearney High Softball and Kearney Catholic Softball.

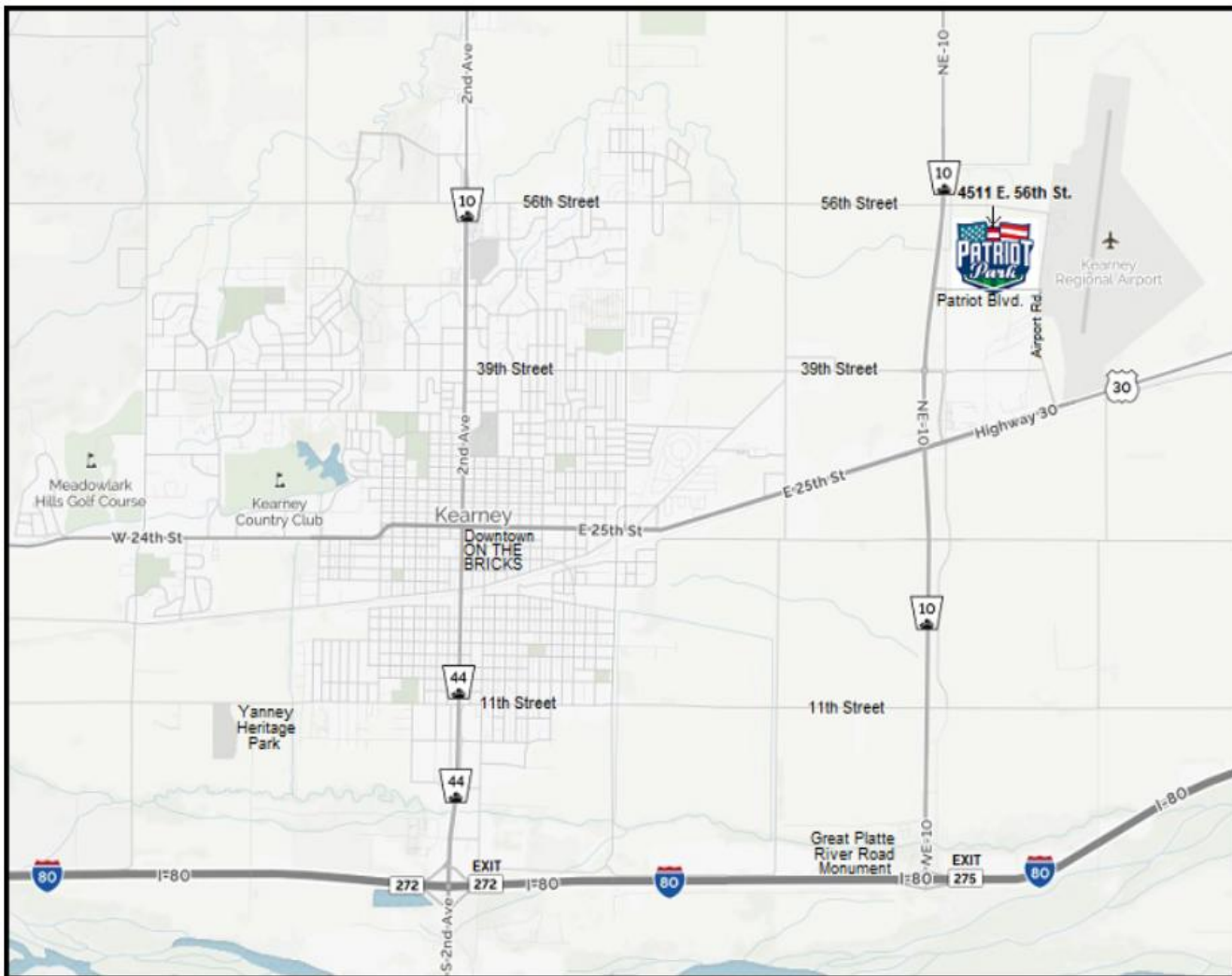
Have a great day playing ball and thanks again for coming to Kearney.



Scott Hayden  
Director of  
Recreation Services



Eric Hellriegel  
Director of Parks







# MENU



## FOOD

Hot Dog	\$4
Tortilla Dog	\$4.50
(Hot Dog, Nacho Cheese, Wrapped in Flour Tortilla)	
Nachos with Cheese	\$4
Pretzel with Cheese	\$5
Pretzel with Cinnamon Sugar	\$5

## TOURNAMENT WEEKENDS ONLY

 Bases Loaded Nachos	\$7
(Tortilla Chips, Pulled Pork, Nacho Cheese, Salsa, Sour Cream, Jalapenos)	
 Patriot Dog	\$7
(Hot Dog, topped with Pulled Pork, Nacho Cheese, Jalapenos)	

## SWEETS

Candy	\$3
(Snickers, Kit Kat, Reese's, Skittles, Licorice Gummy Candy)	
Cotton Candy	\$3
Bubble Gum (10 pieces)	\$1
Lollipop	\$0.25





## SNACKS

Popcorn	\$1
Chips	\$1
 Jerky	\$6
 Protein Bar	\$3
 Trail Mix	\$2
 Granola Bar	\$1
 Fruit Cup	\$1
 Fruit (Bases on Availability)	\$1
 String Cheese	\$0.50
 Pickle	\$0.50


## FROZEN TREATS

Big Bopper	\$4
Sundae Cone	\$3
Cookies & Cream Bar	\$3
Ice Cream Sandwich	\$2
Uncrustable	\$2
 Strawberry Fruit Bar	\$2
Patriot Pop	\$1

## COLD DRINKS

 Water	\$2
 Liquid IV Drink Packet	\$2
 Unsweetened Iced Tea	\$3
 Core Power Protein Shake	\$4
Powerade, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite,	\$3
Dr. Pepper, Diet Dr. Pepper, Lemonade.	\$3

## MISCELLANEOUS

Patriot Park T-Shirt	\$15
Patriot Park Lapel Pin	\$2
Bag of Ice (5 pounds)	\$2
Extra Cheese	\$0.50
 Souvenir Cup with Ice	\$5
(FREE ice refills all season)	

 Indicates healthier menu options.

Sales tax is included in prices.

**We are unable to accept bills larger than \$20 and apologize for the inconvenience.**









1964 Ralston  
 1965 Omaha Suburbans  
 1966 Omaha Hillside  
 1967 Omaha Westside  
 1968 Ralston  
 1969 Omaha Westgate  
 1970 Grand Island  
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 1972 Omaha Westgate  
 1973 Omaha Hillside  
 1974 Omaha Hillside  
 1975 Omaha Westgate  
 1976 Omaha Westgate  
 1977 Omaha Keystone  
 1978 Omaha Country Club  
 1979 Omaha Keystone  
 1980 Blair  
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 1982 Omaha Hillside  
 1983 Omaha Grover  
 1984 Grand Island

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 2002 Central City  
 2003 Omaha Grover  
 2004 Blair  
 2005 Omaha Hillside

2006 Grand Island  
 2007 Omaha Keystone  
 2008 Kearney  
 2009 Blair  
 2010 Kearney  
 2011 Kearney – **Midwest Runner-Up**  
 2012 Kearney – **Midwest Champion**  
 2013 Kearney  
 2014 Kearney – **Midwest Runner-Up**  
 2015 Omaha Memorial  
 2016 Kearney  
 2017 Kearney  
 2018 Kearney  
 2019 Kearney  
 2020 No Tournament  
 2021 Hastings – **Midwest Champion**  
 2022 Kearney  
 2023 Kearney  
 2024 South Sioux City  
 2025 Kearney  
 2026  
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State Champion advances to the Midwest Region Tournament.  
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*Little League Baseball's motto, "Character, Courage, and Loyalty," was added to the logo in 1960, according to Little League, to emphasize the program's focus on developing well-rounded, good citizens, not just skilled athletes. This motto serves as a constant reminder of the values Little League aims to instill in its young players.*

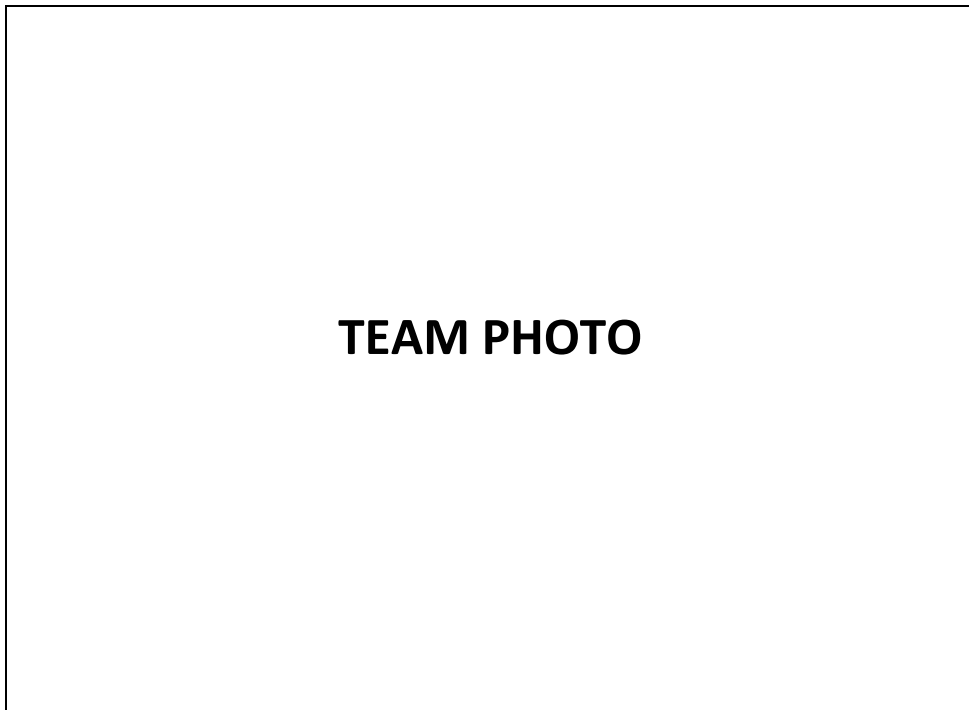
**CHARACTER:** Little League emphasizes building good character, which includes integrity, honesty, and respect for others.



**COURAGE:** Little League encourages players to face challenges with bravery, both on and off the field, and to persevere in the face of adversity.

**LOYALTY:** Little League promotes loyalty to one's team, coaches, and the broader Little League community.

Majors Team: Benson Little League  
From: Omaha, NE  
League President:  
Website: [www.BensonLittleLeague.org](http://www.BensonLittleLeague.org)



**TEAM PHOTO**

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League President: Wes Harmony  
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**FREE EVENT Friday, July 10 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am**

Discover Kearney's past at the famous G.W. Frank Museum of History & Culture on UNK's campus! Enjoy a guided tour from Frank House Director April White, followed by time to explore exhibits and learn about the Frank family, central Nebraska's boom-and-bust history, and what life was like at the Nebraska State Hospital for Tuberculosis. Plan for an hour and a half for the tour and time to explore. The Frank House is located on the UNK Campus at 2010 University Drive. <https://www.unk.edu/offices/frankhouse/index.php>





Harmon Park – 3100 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

CLICK LINK for details.

[www.kearneyartistguild.com/2018-art-in-the-park](http://www.kearneyartistguild.com/2018-art-in-the-park)

*CruiseNiteKearney*

July 14-19, 2026 Kearney, NE

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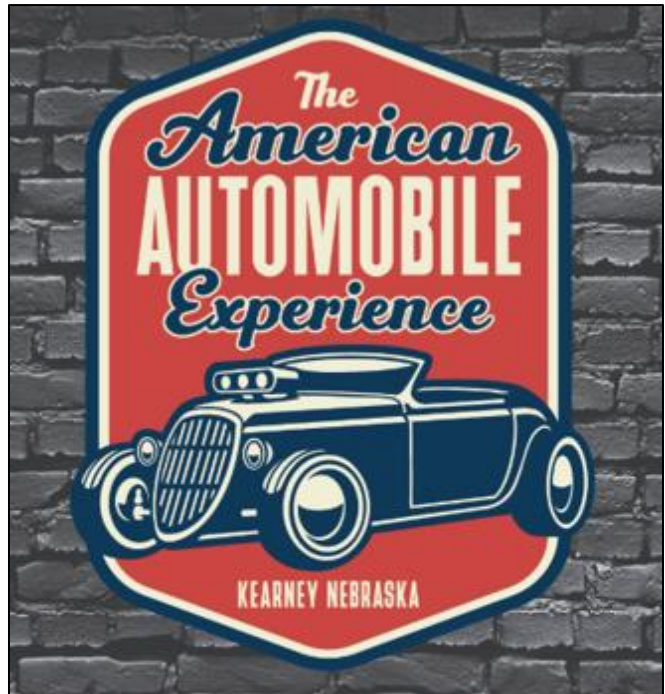
**GROUNDHOG DAY**  
THE MUSICAL

Friday – July 17 – 7:30pm  
Saturday – July 18 – 7:30pm

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for attraction details.

Discover the Archway in Kearney, Nebraska, and embark on a journey through America's history along the Great Platte River Road. This family-friendly exhibit narrates the story of pioneers who played a significant role in shaping the nation during the Oregon Trail era and beyond. Come and join in the celebration of the Journey that Built America!

*Exciting news! You can purchase tickets for the historical exhibit either when you arrive or in advance.*

## Hours

MON-SAT      SUN

9-5PM      12-5PM

LAST TICKET SOLD @ 4:30PM

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Turf/Batting Cages



Track



Pickleball

Check us out at [www.KearneySportsPlex.org](http://www.KearneySportsPlex.org)  
and schedule your indoor space rental.

***The Walking Track is available at no charge.  
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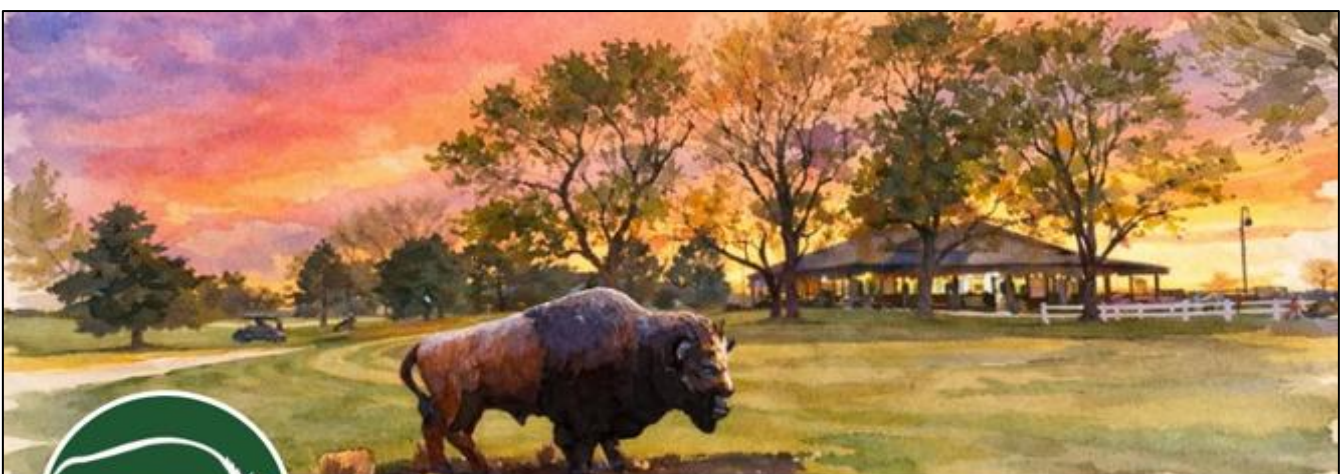
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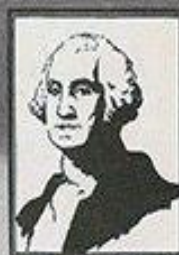
**I will respect the decisions of the umpires.**

**I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game.**



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## LITTLE LEAGUE PLEDGE

*I Trust In God.*

*I Love My Country*

*And Will Respect Its Laws.*

*I Will Play Fair,*

*And Strive To Win.*

*But Win Or Lose,*

*I Will Always Do My Best.*

