



schedule of events

all registrations available at visitsterlingks.com

★ Friday the 3rd

- 5pm - 8pm Sterling Chamber Main Street Information Booth at Sterling Lake**
Early bird sales of Old Fashioned 4th of July t-shirts, buttons, wristbands for inflatables, games, train rides, and more.
- 5pm Vendors and Concessions at Sterling Lake**
- 5pm - 8pm Registration for All American Kids Contest (Walking to 9 yrs)**
Hosted by Lil' Cub Childcare and Preschool
Registration Location: Sterling Chamber Main Street Booth or [Register Online](#)
\$10.00 suggested donation to benefit Lil' Cub Childcare
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm Kids Fishing Derby** *Hosted by Cross Point Sterling*
Registration Location: Sterling Lake Island at 4:30pm (16 & under)
Entry Fee: FREE Prizes for biggest, smallest, and most fish caught
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm Adult Fishing Derby** *Hosted by Cross Point Sterling*
Registration Location: Sterling Lake Island at 6pm (16 +)
Entry Fee: \$10 per fisherman (50/50 split for longest fish. Proceeds go to benefit Puerto Rico Mission trip) Bring your own pole and bait.
- 6:45pm Adult Pickleball Tournament** *Hosted by SHS Girls Basketball*
Location: Sterling High School Pickleball Courts
Entry Fee: \$50 per team [Register Online](#)
- 7pm Cornhole Tournament** *Hosted by Hood Construction*
Location: Sterling Lake Tennis Courts
Entry Fee: \$20 per team (\$25 day of tournament). Prizes include a chance to win: Blackstone grill, a flatscreen TV, and more. [Register Online](#)
- 7:30pm Homerun Derby** *Hosted by SHS Softball*
Location: Sterling High School field
Entry Fee: \$30 [Register Online](#)
- 8pm - 11pm Street Dance with Steel Skarecrow**
Location: In front of Sterling Pool Bath House
Fee: FREE - Sponsored by Scott & Stephanie Walton & Walton Plumbing & Heating
- 8pm - 11pm Late Night Swim** *Hosted by Sterling Municipal Swimming Pool*
Location: Sterling Pool
Fee: FREE with button or \$2 for all other participants

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Saturday the 4th



- 7am Community MURPH** *Hosted by Dominion Ministries*
Location: Run begins in the parking lot of Sterling College's Gleason Center (230 W Cleveland)
Fee: FREE [RSVP Online](#) or register same day
- 7am Annual Bike Ride** *Hosted by Travis Tesone*
20 Mile Road Ride - 23 Mile Gravel Ride - 2 Mile Family Bike Ride
Location: Start/End at SW Corner Gazebo at Sterling Lake
Check-in at 6:15am Race starts at 7:00 am
Entry Fee: \$10-25 per person [Register Online](#)
- 7am Annual 5K & 15K Freedom Run** *Hosted by Lyons Recreation Center*
Location: 15k begins at Lyons High School & ends at NW entrance of Sterling Lake
Location: 5K begins at 16th & Ave T (Alden Road) & ends at NW entrance of Sterling Lake
Entry Fee: \$30.00 per person [Register Online](#)
- 7:45am 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament** *Hosted by Ean Heise*
Location: Sterling Lake Tennis Courts
Entry Fee: \$25.00 per person [Register Online](#)
- 9am - All Day Vendors and Concessions at Sterling Lake**
- 9am Silver Sand Pile** *Hosted by Encounter Church of Sterling*
Location: Southwest of Sterling Pool Bath House Kids dig for coins, 3 age groups
Fee: FREE
- 9am - 11am Obstacle Course** *Hosted by Cordell Chiropractic*
Location: Sand Volleyball Court Open to All Ages
Fee: FREE
- 9am - 11:30am Pedal Boats on Sterling Lake** *Hosted by Sterling United Methodist Church*
Location: Boat Launch by Island
Fee: \$20 per timed boat ride - Can ride up to 4 riders or 550 pounds per boat. Waiver required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a legal guardian in boat.
- 9am - 1pm & 6 - 8pm Sterling Chamber Main Street Express Train**
Location: Sterling Lake
Fee: \$10 wristbands for unlimited rides sold at SCMS booth or \$1 per person per ride
- 9am - 1pm Inflatables and Carnival Games** *Hosted by Sterling Chamber Main Street*
Location: West of tennis courts at Sterling Lake
Fee: \$10 wristbands include all access pass to carnival games, inflatables and SCMS train. Bands sold at SCMS booth.
- 10am 88th Annual Turtle Races** *Sponsored & Hosted by First Bank*
Location: Sterling Lake Main Stage Gazebo
Bring your own turtle & it must be a box turtle to compete. Temporary decorations are encouraged. Must not use any permanent paint, glue or markers to identify or decorate the turtle. Remember to return the turtle to its home after the race is over. The Hutchinson Zoo will be available by 8:30 am for turtle pre-race check ups and turtle education. Zoo booth located by the splash pad.
- 11am Swimming Pool Games** *Hosted by Sterling Municipal Swimming Pool*
Location: Sterling City Pool For kids and kids at heart. Free
- 11:30am All American Kids Contest (Categories from Walking to 9 Years)**
Hosted by Lil' Cub Childcare and Preschool
Location: Sterling Lake Main Stage Gazebo
\$10 Suggested Donation benefits the Lil' Cub Childcare and Preschool
Children must be pre-registered at the SCMS Booth on July 3rd

- 11:30am - 1:30pm Hole in One Contest** *Hosted by Sterling Country Club*
Location: South side of Sterling Lake
Winner must hit a hole-in-one (or closest to the tee) onto the Lake Island to win \$1.00 per ball or \$5.00 for 6 balls
- Noon Pizza Eating Contest** *Hosted by CrossPoint Sterling Sponsored by Gambino's*
Location: Sterling Lake NW Picnic Shelter
Entry: FREE
- Noon - 1pm Old Fashioned Outdoor Games** *Hosted by Table Coffee Roasters*
Location: West of the splash pad in the lawn. Sack races, three legged races, egg toss, etc. For kids and kids at heart.
Fee: FREE
- 1pm - 3pm Historic Walking Tours**
Self-guided tour of Sterling's historic, beautiful buildings and houses
Cost: \$2 map brochures available at the SCMS Booth
- 1pm - 3pm 150 year Sterling history @ The Emporium Museum**
Location: 108 S. Broadway
Explore the history of Sterling with our local historian, Jerry Bourgain.
- 1pm - 3pm Sterling College Mabee Library Open House**
Location: 615 N 7th Street
Come visit the home of the Sterling College C.S. Lewis Center and take a tour of our collections.
- 3pm Stars, Stripes, and 250 Turtles!**
Location: Library Park
Rubber toy turtle hunt for kids! Each child may find and keep up to 3 turtles. If you find a turtle with a number- bring these winning turtles to the BBQ for a free local business treat!
- 3pm Patriotic Medallion Scavenger Hunt** *Hosted by Sterling Jr/Sr High Cross Country*
Location: Register in front of Sterling Standard - 330 S. Broadway
Teams of 2-4, no age limit. Prizes given to teams who find a medallion hidden throughout Sterling downtown.
- 3pm - 4:30pm Community Ice Cream Social** *Hosted by United Presbyterian Church*
Location: 307 N. Broadway
Free will offering for UPC free pantry and food bank
- 5pm Hometown 4th Parade (Theme for 2026: America 250)** *Sponsored by SCMS*
Entry deadline is 5pm on July 2 (Late entries may be accepted but not judged)
Entry forms available online @ visitsterlingks.com Line-up begins at 3:30pm
All entrees must check-in at SCMS table at 8th & Washington
- 6pm - 7:30pm Community Wide Barbeque By Pete's Back Alley BBQ**
Hosted by Sterling Chamber Main Street
Location: NW Shelter house (in case of rain, go to Sterling High Commons)
FREE with the Old Fashioned 4th of July button or pay \$12 a plate, \$5 for children 3-6 years old, under 3 years old eat free.
- 7pm - 9pm Live Music w/ Ben Decker & Friends**
Hosted by Sterling Chamber Main Street
Location: Sterling Lake Main Stage Gazebo
- 7:35pm Button Drawing** *Sponsored by Sterling Chamber Main Street*
Location: Sterling Lake Main Stage Gazebo
Drawing chances are included with the purchase of an Old Fashioned 4th of July Button. Must be present with button to win
- Dark Sterling Old Fashioned Fourth Fireworks Extravaganza**
Location: Visible all-around Sterling Lake

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additional 4th of july activities



- June 29th - July 3rd America 250 Estimation Jars.** Visit local participating businesses to guess how close to 250 individual items are in each jar. Prizes will be awarded at each location after the holiday weekend.
- July 2nd - 5th The Sterling Community Theatre Troupe will present "Come From Away"**
Location: Betsy Dutton Theatre at Sterling High School
Tickets at the door: \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students
Times: Thursday at 7:30pm, Friday at 7:30pm, Sunday at 2pm
- Fri, July 3rd Golf Scramble Saturday Stars and Stripes 2 Man Scramble**
Location: Sterling Country Club sterlingcountryclub.com
Start time: 9am Entry fee: \$150 Team, \$20 Team Mulligans, \$10 Team Skins
- Karaoke with DJ Mike Osburn** *Sponsored by Sterling/Lyons American Legion*
Location: Sterling Legion 108 E. Garfield Events begin at 8pm on Friday night
No cover charge - Must be 21+
- Sat, July 4th Annual Antique Tractor Pull** *Sponsored by Great Plains Antique Tractor Club*
Location: 499 W Monroe (North of old Rodeo Grounds)
Registration begins at 10am on Saturday with the pull starting at 11am
- Dos Amigos Beer Garden**
Location: 313 S. Broadway Hours: 11am - 10pm
- Uncle Sam's Bowl Off** *Hosted by Sterling Bowl*
Entry Fee - \$50 per person (18 or older to play) Prizes for top bowlers
Same day registration at Noon Location: 329 S Broadway Hours: 1pm - 3pm
- Clive's Staples Coffee Shop & Bakery**
Patriotic Pastries, chili dogs, and other specials
Location: 135 S. Broadway Hours 7am - 8pm on July 4
- Dillons**
Location: 212 S. Broadway
Shop for all your weekend holiday needs. Ribs and refreshment specials.
- Sunrisen Outfitters**
Location: 111 N Broadway Hours: 3pm - 5pm
- Sun, July 5th Community Worship Service**
Hosted by Northwest Kansas FCA Music by Presence Worship
Location: Sterling Lake Main Stage Gazebo
10:30 am Praise and worship service. Bring your lawn chairs.
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Times: Sunday at 2:00 pm

