



**2009 Merriam Turkey Creek Festival
Saturday, May 16, 2009 - Antioch Park
Schedule of Events**

24th Annual TURKEY CREEK FESTIVAL in Merriam, Kansas

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MAY 16

8:00AM 5K "ONE LESS HILL OF A RUN" FUN RUN, WALK, YOUTH SPRINTS, AND STROLLER WALK
New Course this year!!(Starting line – Merriam Visitors Bureau (5304 E. Frontage Rd) and Finish line located behind Sears Grand, 8703 Shawnee Mission Parkway—see flyer for other details) Sanctioned by Mid-America Running Association, as a Grand Prix Race, proceeds benefit Merriam Community Center Foundation. Runners and walkers receive T-shirt, post race refreshments, goody bag. Fee: \$20.00 (after May 14th \$25.00), \$5.00 (after May 14th \$7.00) for youth sprints, corporate teams \$70.00 (after May 14th \$75.00). Register on line through www.active.com. Register at Irene B. French Community Center, or call (913) 322-5550 to request an application, or visit our website at <http://www.merriam.org/park/SplEvents/5KfunRun.htm>. Race day registration Merriam Visitors Bureau 5304 E. Frontage Rd.

7:00-12:00PM PANCAKE FEED AT ANTIOCH PARK (6501 ANTIOCH ROAD) shelter house #1 in Antioch Park sponsored by Merriam-Shawnee Noon Lions Club, tickets available at door. Adults are \$5.00 and Children under 12 are \$3.00.

10:00AM-5:00 PM ACTIVITIES IN ANTIOCH PARK

- **The ARTS ZONE- "Summertime Arts and Crafts Sale"** regional artisans displaying their original creations including: stained glass, baskets, pottery, jewelry, woodworking, wearable art, dried flowers, birdhouses, critter rocks, garden steppingstones. Kansas City Kite Club will be displaying some static kite displays.
- **The KIDS ZONE- On-going CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES** including: FREE "Build a birdhouse or picture frame" clinic sponsored by Merriam's Home Depot store, or little red train ride, pony rides, exotic petting zoo, moon walk, 23' double inflatable slide, an obstacle course, a roving magician and a balloon artist and caricaturist. The pedal boat rides are back this year, sponsored by the Merriam Kiwanis Club.

11:00AM TURKEY CREEK FESTIVAL PARADE "CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERS – THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY!" traveling north on Antioch Road from 69th to 64th Terrace, featuring: floats, drill teams, dancers, clowns, antique cars, and a host of the ever popular Abdallah Shrine parade units. Great viewing spots along Antioch Road.

THE MUSIC ZONE- 3 FREE CONCERTS

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| • Jim Cosgrove – Mr. Stinky Feet & Hiccups | (Main Stage) | Noon - 1:00 PM |
| • The Duovers - | (Fire Pit Stage) | 1:00 - 3:00 PM |
| • Pompous Jack - | (Main Stage) | 3:00 - 5:00 PM |

THE FOOD ZONE - Good Things to Eat...

14 concession booths featuring new and different delectable treats, such as gyros, pitas, quesadillas, brats, kettle corn, strawberry shortcake, and old favorites such as: turkey legs, lemonade, hot dogs, cotton candy and funnel cakes. You won't go away hungry!

WHERE TO PARK?

Parking Spots for the Disabled are available at north entrance (Rose garden) in Antioch Park during the festival. Limited parking in south parking lot before and after parade. No other parking is permitted within Antioch Park during the festival. **FREE SHUTTLE BUSES** running from 9:30AM - 5:30PM every 15 minutes from the following Merriam parking lots:

- Shawnee Mission Medical Center, 74th St & Antioch
- Merriam Town Center; Johnson Drive and Antioch (south of Cinemark Theater)
- Merriam City Hall, 900 W. 62nd Terrace (north parking lot)

Photo and News Story opportunities...Reporters and photographers are welcome, contact Susan Hayden, Tim Murphy or Dave Smothers at Merriam Parks and Recreation (913) 322-5550 for further information.

THE TURKEY CREEK FESTIVAL IS PRODUCED BY THE CITY OF MERRIAM, KANSAS

Presenting and Associate corporate sponsors include: City of Merriam, Lee Apparel, Baron Automotive Group and Shawnee Mission Medical Center.