



**CELEBRATE  
FREEDOM  
IN WAMEGO, KS**



**THE COMPLETE  
A-Z EVENT GUIDE  
& FAQs**

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# FIREWORKS VIEWING TIPS



**Enjoy one of the biggest and greatest fireworks show in the Midwest! The show starts at 10 p.m. and prepare to be amazed with a spectacular display of fireworks that has a “finale that never ends.”**

## **Where is the best view of the show?**

The view at the recreation complex is simply spectacular! Those who make the journey have never regretted the decision, or the effort. Within the complex your view is 3D of fireworks launching and sequencing around the ball diamonds in a true 360 degree experience with more than 60 discreet shoot sites throughout the display. This year, wherever you are, tune your radio to B104.7 FM and enjoy an enhanced experience listening to the show soundtrack courtesy of Hot Country B104.7.

## **How long is the Firework Show?**

The show lasts approximately 30 minutes. Arrive early and enjoy the pre-show concert at the recreation complex. Food vendors are also open and available at the fireworks launch site.

## **What should I Bring?**

- FM Radio - Hot Country B104.7 will have the soundtrack for the fireworks starting at 9:50pm. Be sure to listen to get the full experience of the show!
- Lawn Chairs & Blankets - Most of the Rec Complex is grass
- Flash Light - Complex lights are cut to enhance the firework viewing.
- Coolers (no alcohol on public property) be sure to bring plenty of water, stay hydrated.
- Frisbee, football, and washers (no personal fireworks allowed on public property)
- Picnic basket
- Bug spray
- Ear plugs for sensitive ears (get ready for lots of loud boomers and crackling shells!)

# FIREWORKS VIEWING TIPS

## WIND

Don't sit downwind of the launch site. Thick smoke will obscure your view.

## MUSIC

The fireworks show is set to music. Tune in to 104.7 FM on an FM radio.

Note: Streaming apps will not be synchronized due to a 5 - 10 second delay.

## ARRIVE EARLY

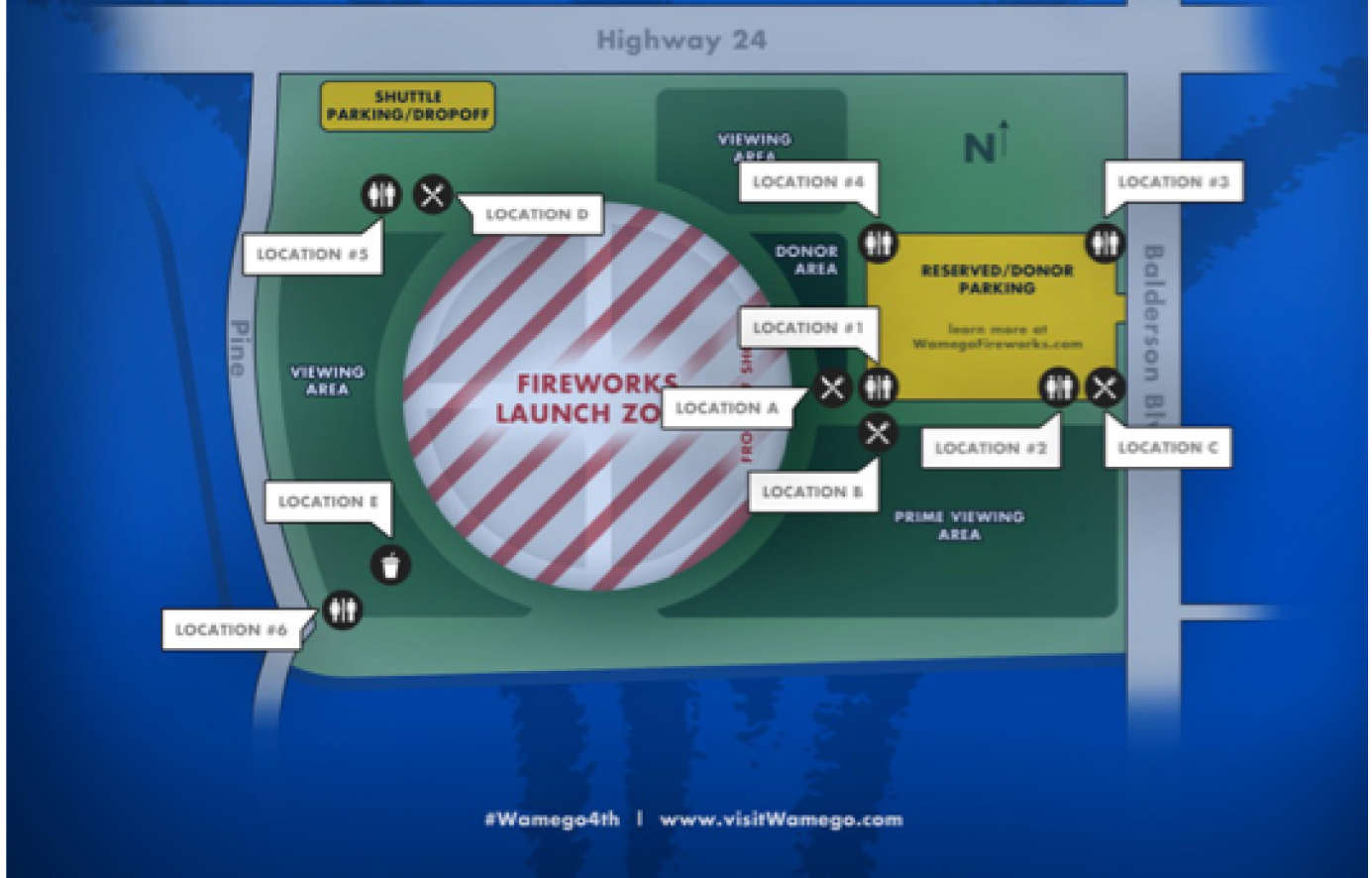
Plan to have your spot by 8PM and avoid the hassle, enjoy the pre-show entertainment and beat the rush!



Free Shuttle Service and Public Parking Options  
[www.VisitWamego.com](http://www.VisitWamego.com)

No Personal Fireworks or Alcohol Permitted on City Property

# RESTROOM & CONCESSIONS LOCATIONS



## Restrooms (41 restrooms available on site)

- Location #1 - 8 indoor units, Concessions Building
- Location #2 - 12 units, 1 accessible
- Location #3 - 3 units
- Location #4 - 3 units, 1 accessible
- Location #5 - 10 units, 1 accessible
- Location #6 - 5 units

## Concessions (A - 3-10 PM / B, C, D, E - 6-10 PM)

- A - Pretzels, Funnel Cakes, Nachos, Chili Dogs, Candy, Popcorn, Seeds, Gum, Shaved Ice, Water, Tea, Lemonade, Gatorade, Soda
- B - Hamburgers, Sandwiches, Brats, Mega Dogs, Bierocks, Chips, Cookies, Brownies, Shaved Ice, Water, Tea, Lemonade, Gatorade, Soda
- C - Hot Dogs, Sandwiches, Bierocks, Popcorn, Shaved Ice, Water, Tea, Lemonade, Gatorade, Soda
- D - Sandwiches, Bierocks, Chips, Cookies, Shaved Ice, Water, Tea, Lemonade, Gatorade, Soda
- E - Water and Gatorade only

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT VISITWAMEGO.COM**

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## **Admission**

Free! Thanks to our sponsors, the Parade, Wamego Fireworks Show, and Car Show are free and open to spectators.

## **Alcohol Policies**

Alcohol is not permitted on public property, which includes the parade route, the Wamego Sports Complex, Wamego Middle School, and the Wamego Recreation Complex, where fireworks are shot and spectators view them.

## **ATMs**

Multiple ATMs can be found in Wamego. Downtown ATMs: Landmark National Bank (6th & Lincoln) and Bank of the Flint Hills (5th & Elm and at the corner of Hwy 99 and Hwy 24). Highway 24 ATMs: Bennington State Bank (north side of Hwy 24 when entering Wamego from the west); Kaw Valley State Bank (south side of Hwy 24 when entering Wamego from the west).

## **Carnival**

Enjoy carnival rides for all ages and thrill levels at the Carnival along Ash Street in Wamego, one block east of Downtown Wamego. Savor cotton candy, burgers, carnival rides and games for all ages! June 30th through July 3rd - 6pm to 10pm - wristbands \$25.00. July 4th 3pm to 10pm - wristbands \$27.00.

## **Concessions**

- At the Wamego Recreation Complex, the Friendship House will have 5 concession locations (see map on page 2)
- Look for food and drink trucks on the Parade Route (Lincoln Avenue).

## **Drinks/Water**

We encourage guests to be prepared, stay safe, and stay hydrated. Along the parade route, fundraising groups will be selling bottles of water. While there are opportunities to buy water and fill your own water bottle, we encourage you to bring your own water and plan accordingly for hydration needs.

## **First Aid**

During the parade, police and volunteers will monitor the route. First Aid is available in the northwest corner of the Wamego Recreation Complex near the Shuttle drop-off zone. EMS, Police, and Fire officials will all be stationed in this location. In an emergency, call 911.

## **Fireworks (Personal)**

Personal fireworks are not permitted on public property, which includes the Wamego Recreation Complex, Wamego Sports Complex, Wamego Middle School (Satellite and Shuttle Parking), and the Parade Route along Lincoln Street. Please understand that safety is paramount during this event—we appreciate your compliance with the law not to shoot fireworks around others on city property to keep this event fun and safe for everyone.

## **Fireworks Soundtrack**

Use an FM radio tuned to B104.7 to personally enjoy the music at a level that is right for your ears. (Streaming internet or phone-based apps introduce a delay and will not synchronize with the show therefore you must use “over the air” FM radio. Sport type radios using earbuds are our favorite because you won’t miss a note.)

## **Food**

Multiple restaurants throughout Wamego are glad to serve you. Go to [visitwamego.com](http://visitwamego.com) to identify dining options. Concessions are available at the Wamego Recreation Center, the Carnival and the Downtown food court.

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## Getting Around

Many utilize the FREE shuttle service from Wamego High School Sports Complex (Football field W. edge of town) Please reference shuttles on this guide. After the fireworks traffic will be heavy and slow, so relax and stay, visit with friends and listen to music by the band Stitch In Time.

## Length of Parade & Fireworks

The Annual Independence Day Parade begins at 6:00 p.m. and is anticipated to be just over an hour. Please stay behind the flag line for spectator safety! The fireworks launch lasts about 30 minutes.

## Lost and Found

Our volunteers do their best during clean-up to compile lost personal items. To receive information if any lost items are found, please contact the Wamego Chamber at 785-456-7849 or the City of Wamego at 785-456-9119 the work week after Independence Day to check for any lost items. Wallets, purses, and other personal items containing sensitive information should be turned in to law enforcement immediately.

## Parking

- Public Parking is available in marked lots adjacent to the Wamego Recreation Complex and along Balderson Blvd. Side street parking is permitted unless otherwise marked. No parking is allowed along the shoulders of Highway 24.
- Donor Parking is available to those who have contributed for a parking pass. The donor lot is within the Wamego Recreation Complex. To learn more or to purchase a donor parking space, go to [boomtownusa.com](http://boomtownusa.com).
- ADA parking is available at the Wamego Middle School parking lot. This lot is a hard surface that is free on a first come, first serve, basis.

## Pets

Pets do not enjoy the heat, large crowds, or loud noises. For everyone's safety, pets are strongly discouraged along the parade route and in the complex during fireworks displays.

## Phones

With tens of thousands of mobile devices using local towers at the same time, cellular service can become intermittent. Please plan accordingly.

## Police/Security

Local and regional law enforcement agencies and officers, EMS and Fire responders will be on the parade and fireworks premises throughout July 4. Their mobile event headquarters will be stationed in the northwest corner of the Wamego Recreation Complex, near the shuttle drop-off zone. Additionally, the Wamego police department is located at 408 Elm Street, Wamego, KS, 66547 and their administrative phone number is: (785) 456-9553. In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

## Restrooms

To accommodate an ever-growing number of guests at the celebration, porta-potty facilities will be available along the parade route, at the carnival, within city park and in multiple locations at the Wamego Recreation Complex. Please see the map on page 3 of this guide displaying restroom locations at the recreation complex. Please go to [visitwamego.com](http://visitwamego.com) for the restroom map for parade route.

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## Shuttle Parking

- Locations of Shuttle Parking (to be utilized with Google Maps on your Smartphone)
- The Shuttle is free and open to the public to and from the Wamego Recreation Complex from 4-9 p.m. and will provide return service after the fireworks show.
- Wamego High School Football Field Shuttle Parking- RED SHUTTLE (Gravel lot) (Corner of Highway 24 and Columbian Road)
- Wamego Middle School Shuttle Parking- GREEN SHUTTLE (Concrete lot) (Physical Address: 1701 Kaw Valley Road, Wamego, KS, 66547)
- ATA shuttle busses will consistently be running to the northwest corner of the Wamego Recreation Complex. This is a short walk to the carnival and parade route.
- Shuttles will begin at 4pm & make parade stops at the top of the parade route for those wishing to attend the Parade. This is NOT a pick-up location. Parade runs along Lincoln Street (Downtown Wamego) from 8th to 4th Street. From there it is a short walk to the recreation complex for the fireworks show.

## Traffic Plan

Local law enforcement agencies, the Wamego Chamber & CVB, as well as the Wamego Fireworks Show Pyro Crew have consistently worked together to create a traffic plan that effectively directs spectators out of Wamego after the Fireworks show in a safe way. We kindly ask for patience as vehicles are dispersed efficiently and expeditiously to ensure safety of all guests and law enforcement. Take a deep breath, relax and listen to the band Departure.

## Wamego Recreation Complex

The W.R.C. is home to the shooting location of the fireworks show. Reserved Donor parking and seating, as well as an abundance of public viewing areas are within the recreation complex. Shuttles from the Sports Complex and Middle School will drop off and pick up in the northwest corner of the Recreation Complex from 4-9 p.m. and after the fireworks show. The Recreation Complex will have water, restrooms, concessions and pre and post show concert playing at 8p.m. and again after the fireworks show.

## Water

We encourage guests to be prepared and stay safe and hydrated. Along the parade route, there will be fundraising groups selling bottles of water. At the Rec Complex, there are opportunities to buy water.

## Weather

If weather impacts any of the scheduled events, updates will be available via B104.7 FM radio station and the Wamego Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and the Wamego Fireworks page. We encourage our guests to be weather-aware and have a plan for your own safety.

## Wi-Fi

Throughout Wamego on July 4, complimentary Wi-Fi will be provided by WTC. Just check out your phone's Wi-Fi connections upon entering Wamego and enjoy free service for the day!

## YOU

Dozens of volunteers, staff and community members do what they do for YOU! We are thankful you chose Wamego as your Independence Day celebration destination, and knowing that you, your families, and your friends can make lasting memories with one another while taking part in one of Kansas' largest Independence Day celebrations is why we have been working year-round to welcome you. Thank you for celebrating freedom in Wamego!