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KANSAS MUSEUM OF HISTORY TO PARTICIPATE IN *SMITHSONIAN* MAGAZINE'S MUSEUM DAY 2009

Free admission to Museum Saturday, September 27, with card from magazine or kshs.org

TOPEKA, Kan.— The Kansas Historical Society announced that the Kansas Museum of History will participate in the fourth annual Museum Day on Saturday, September 27. Sponsored by *Smithsonian* magazine, Museum Day is a day when museums and cultural institutions nationwide open their doors free of charge to *Smithsonian* magazine readers and Smithsonian.com visitors. A celebration of culture, learning, and the dissemination of knowledge, *Smithsonian's* Museum Day reflects the spirit of the magazine, and emulates the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties.

Attendees must present *Smithsonian* magazine's Museum Day Admission Card to gain free entry to participating institutions. The Museum Day Admission Card can be found in the September 2008 issue of *Smithsonian* magazine or can be downloaded at kshs.org.

"We're proud to be part of this program," said Museum Assistant Director Rebecca Martin. "It allows us to help fulfill our mission of helping Kansans make a personal connection to their state's heritage."

The Museum currently features *Forces of Nature*, a weather exhibit, in its Special Exhibits Gallery. Visitors will find artifacts and photos relating to Kansas weather extremes, including items from the Greensburg tornado and the 2007 winter storm. Main Gallery highlights include a Cheyenne tipi, fully stocked covered wagon, 1880s steam locomotive, and 1950s diner.

The Kansas Museum of History is located at 6425 SW 6th Avenue. Hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday and 1 – 5 p.m. Sunday. The Museum is closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. Admission is \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 students. Kansas residents receive \$1 discount. Group rates are available with prior notice. KSHS, Inc., members, current military, and children five and under admitted free. More information online at kshs.org.

The Kansas Historical Society does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs. The Historical Society requests prior notification to accommodate individuals with special needs or disabilities.

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