



73rd Annual Kansas FCE Conference

October 9 – 11, 2025 in Dodge City, Kansas

“LET’S GET THE HECK *INTO* DODGE IN ‘25!”

Hotel and Conference Locations:

Holiday Inn Express
201 4th Ave.
Dodge City, KS 67801

Guymon Petro Building
301 4th Ave. – 2nd Floor
Dodge City, KS 67801

The Holiday Inn Express (HIE) and the Guymon Petro Building (GPB) are located south of Wyatt Earp Blvd. (US Hwy. 50) on 4th Avenue. The Cowboy Capital Saloon & Grill is located on the first floor of the Guymon Petro Building.

For Hotel reservations, call Dodge City Holiday Inn Express at **620-225-1000**. Please use the **Reservation Code: FCE State Meeting**. **Reservations made by September 1, 2025**, will have a *Special Conference Rate* of \$124 plus applicable tax (1 King or 2 Queen beds). Each smoke-free room holds 1-4 people, and has a refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker and hair dryer. Each Guest is invited to enjoy a **full breakfast FREE** in the Lobby during their stay.

Conference Purpose: *To promote the Kansas Association for Family and Community Education (FCE) programs, broaden Kansan’s perspectives, celebrate achievements, present awards, provide leadership directions, receive National FCE updates, conduct the annual Kansas FCE meeting, elect officers and provide opportunities to connect with other Kansas FCE members.*

Conference Registration & Confirmation: Registrations postmarked **BY** September 1, 2025, will receive **Early Bird Conference Rates**. Confirmation will be sent via email to each registrant.

Make **CHECK** or **MONEY ORDER** payable to **KAFCE Conference**

Mail to: Connie Chavez, 725 Atkin St., Jetmore, KS 67854 Phone: 303-718-3349

Late Registration/Cancellation Refunds: Registrations postmarked **AFTER** September 1, 2025, will pay the Regular Rate. There are **NO Refunds** after September 9th, except for major medical emergencies or the death of an immediate family member. However, after September 9th, the registration fee can be transferred to another attendee. **Registrations will be accepted until September 30, 2025.**

Meals include the Friday evening banquet and the Saturday luncheon. Please specify any special dietary needs when registering.

Display tables for educational displays or special projects/lesson boards must be reserved by September 30th. Contact Connie Chavez at 303-718-3349 or email her at **Chavez_17@msn.com** to reserve your table space.

Many THANKS to the Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau for providing the gift bags and offering their assistance to make our annual conference a success!

2025 Kansas FCE State Conference Schedule

Locations: Holiday Inn Express (HIE), Guymon Petro Building (GPB), *As Noted.

Thursday, Oct. 9th, 2025

- 1-4 pm **Conference Registration** (HIE)
- 1-4 pm **Set-up** displays, gift baskets (GPB)
- 2-4 pm **"Make & Take"** Art Project at **2nd Ave. Art Guild***, 608 N. 2nd Ave.
- 4-5 pm **Boot Hill Distillery – Private Tasting Tour***,
501 W. Spruce St.
- 5-6 pm **Boot Hill Distillery – Private Tasting Tour***, 501 W. Spruce St.
- 6-9 pm **Kick-off Party at Boot Hill Distillery's Patio***, 501 W. Spruce St.
- 6-7 pm **B-B-Q** from **S&P Catering Food Wagon**
- 6-8 pm **Live Music** by **John & Connie Chavez**

Use your time today to get settled in, participate in a group activity, catch up with your friends or tour the town! Attendees and their guests are invited to attend Boot Hill Distillery's Kick-Off Party this evening (at no extra charge)!

Friday, Oct. 10th, 2025

- 8:45 am **Big Blue Trolley Tour** (1+ Hr.) (HIE)*
- 9-12 pm **Conference Registration** (GPB)
- 9-12 pm **Set-up** table displays
- 9-12 pm **Sale** of marketing items & tickets for
"Prizes by the Yard"
- 10 am **Harvey Girls Talk/Tour** (1+ Hr.) The Depot*
- 10 am **Big Blue Trolley Tour** (1+ Hr.) (HIE)*
- 1-3 pm **Business Meeting**
- 3-4 pm **Discussion/Education Roundtables**
- 4 pm **Drawing** for **"Prizes by the Yard"**
- 6 pm **FCE Awards Banquet** with **Speaker:**
Christina Haselhorst, AKA, Boot Hill's very own **Miss Kitty!**

Saturday, Oct. 11th, 2025

- 9 am **Installation of 2026 State FCE Officers**
- 11 am **FCE Luncheon** with **Speaker:** Lisa Burdett, retired CSI agent and Pawnee Sunflower FCE Unit President.

Conference Registration

Conference attendees can pick up their hostess bags with name tags and luncheon/banquet tickets at the **Holiday Inn Express on Thursday** or on **Friday at the Guymon Petro Building Conference Center, 2nd Floor.**

The "Attractions" brochure in your gift bag is a great resource to help you find all the sites you'll want to visit during your stay in Dodge City!

"Prizes by the Yard"

Each FCE Unit or County Council is asked to provide a gift basket or an item (\$20 value) for a drawing that supports the Kansas FCE Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 by the "yard". The gift basket drawing will be held on Friday afternoon.

2025 Conference Speakers:

Friday's Banquet Speaker

Christina Haselhorst is a woman who wears many hats! She sings her heart out as Miss Kitty and entertains throngs of visitors each summer at the Long Branch Saloon; she serves as the Director of Financial Aid at Dodge City Community College; she's a wife and mother of three, and if that's not enough, she's an active member of the Miss Kansas Organization.

Saturday's Luncheon Speaker

Lisa Burdett, with degrees in Microbiology and Veterinary Pathology, joined the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in 1996 as a crime scene investigator (CSI) agent. She will share highlights of her crime-solving career with us! Lisa is a wife and mother of three, as well as a grandmother. She is an active FCE member and lives in Larned.