

June 1, 2021

MULTI-CLASS GATHERING FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 2021 AT THE MCPHERSON MUSEUM

The museum has decided to hold the multi-class gathering this year, on Friday August 6 with limitations that include:

- 1. Maximum capacity in the museum at one time will operate at 250 persons because;
- 2. Masks are not required during the event although recommended and;
- 3. Off-duty police officers will provide security for the event because;
- 4. There will be only one entrance and one exit for the event located south of the building;
- 5. With the exception of the emergency exits available for emergencies;
- 6. Available space for the event is limited to 3 separate rooms that include;
 - a. CHS Gathering Hall
 - b. Dick & Linda Nichols McPherson Expo Hall
 - c. Dick & Beverly Hess Family Exhibit Hall

We hope that everyone decides to attend, as this will be an opportunity to reconnect with classmates and friends. We are operating with limitations because we must remember that although many of our elders are vaccinated, we still want them to feel comfortable and safe when celebrating with their classmates. Many of us will have more opportunities to 'party' so for this year, let us give the senior classes the event they deserve!

Operating with a limited capacity is not ideal, we absolutely understand. However, we must create a safe space for everyone so that means hosting an event everyone can feel comfortable attending. All of you will get the chance to grab some drinks and catch up with friends – but there may be some wait time at the front entrance. Please be patient if you are required to wait. We will have security monitoring the line, if there is one. Aside from the plans we have in place, we are not sure what to expect so we hope that you all understand and will try to help us out while providing you this event as safely as possible after coming out of a very serious and tragic pandemic.

We are still taking reservations for each milestone class that wishes to reserve a space in the museum. Reservations are \$100 per class and include a table with chairs. We do not have a limit on how many classes reserve a space. We are only limiting the number of attendees. If you would like to reserve a space, please call us at **620-241-3340** or contact Katie at <u>meetings@visitmcpherson.com</u>.

For questions, you may call the museum at 620-241-8464 or email Carissa at <u>director@mcphersonmuseum.com</u>.

If your class has decided **not to attend** this event and are either meeting elsewhere, or decided not to gather at all this year, we would appreciate it if you let us know! That will help us navigate the event this year and prepare for next year! Thank you so much in advance!

The above plans were decided based on McPherson County Health Department guidelines, advice and recommendations concerning COVID-19.

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