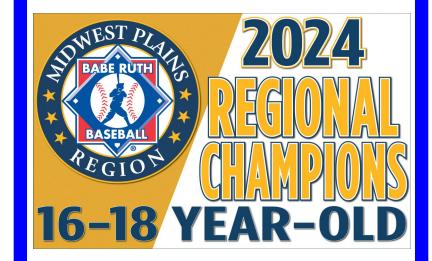




Garden City Parks & Recreation 310 N. 6th Garden City, Ks 67846 www.gcrec.com (620) 276-1200 2024 Midwest Plains Babe Ruth Regional Tournament

16-18 Year-Old

July 24-28, 2024



Lightner Stadium Garden City, Kansas



# STATE FLAGS

# Midwest Plains Cal Ripken



# **State Flags**

### Please bring a 3' x 5' flag representing your state.

The Midwest Plains Regional Tournament is a tournament of State Champions and special invites representing each of the eight states which make up the Midwest Plains Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken region. Since every team is a representative of their home state, we plan to incorporate a state theme into the tournament ceremonies.

## The Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth Baseball

Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul.

Develop a strong urge for sportsman-like conduct.

Develop understanding of and respect for the RULES

Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory.

Develop control over emotions and speech.

Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.

Develop into real, true CITIZENS.

### **Tournament Shirts!!!!!**

If you would like to pre-order tournament shirts for a team, please send sizes to jared.rutti@gardencityks.us\_\_\_\_ No later then July 15.

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### **TEAM INFORMATION**

- All games shall be 7 innings, unless the home team is leading at the end of 6 -1/2 innings of play. In the event a game is called before completion, the game will be resumed from the point of discontinuance. All decisions in regard to rescheduling will be made by the Task Force of the Regional Tournament. Tournament games will be terminated immediately if one team is ahead by fifteen (15) or more runs after three and one half (3-1/2) innings or four(4) innings and has had equal times at bat. Tournament games will also be terminated immediately after game has become regulation (4-1/2 or 5 innings) if one team is ahead by ten (10) runs and has had equal times at bats or the home team is leading.
- 2. Managers and coaches WILL NOT have their room and board provided. These expenses are absorbed by the local league. However, assistance in securing reservations is available from the Tournament Director.
- 3. Each player, manager, and coach on the same team shall wear a different number on his uniform. The regular Babe Ruth League shoulder emblem shall be worn on the left sleeve, left chest if vest-type uniform, or cap. THE BABE RUTH EMBLEM IS A MUST.
- 4. Upon elimination from the Midwest Plains Babe Ruth Regional Tournament, arrangements for the team check-out will be established between the Tournament Officials and the team manager or coaches. This departure time shall remove all liabilities associated with this tournament from Midwest Plains Babe Ruth Leagues, Inc. and the Tournament Committee.
- 5. The Regional Commissioner or his representative shall have the authority to remove any player, coach, or manager for actions detrimental to Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken Baseball. Any misbehavior or misconduct on or off the field could cause the disqualification of a manager, coach, player, or the entire team from the tournament.
- 6. The tournament is under jurisdiction of the Regional Commissioner, the designated tournament Task Force and the Tournament Director. The Tournament Protest Committee shall have final authority in all protest and matters not covered by the official Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations.
- 7. All teams are to arrive as a complete group and will depart as a complete group. There will be no exception, unless there has been prior approval given by the head of Task Force for this tournament.

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## **Dear State Representative,**

**Congratulations!!** By representing your State, you have advanced to this Midwest Plains Babe Ruth Regional Tournament for 2024. You can be proud of your accomplishments.

This booklet is for you to use as a guide to the 2024 Midwest Regional Tournament in Garden City. Inside you will find information regarding the tournament as well as information about the City of Garden City. Also inside, there is information regarding what is expected of a Regional Babe Ruth player. You are encouraged and expected to respect the rules and regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball. This includes good sportsmanship toward all umpires, tournament officials, coaches, fellow players and fans. We know you will be courteous to the citizens of Garden City who have opened their community to you.

Considerable time and effort has been put forth to ensure each of you a wonderful experience at the Midwest Regional Tournament. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your coach, a tournament official or the commissioner in charge of the tournament.

Again, Congratulations on your success!! The best of luck to you in the 2024 Babe Ruth Midwest Regional Tournament!!!

Robert Fossum Tournament Director



Inappropriate behavior, as defined by these resources, reflects poorly upon the entire program and is unacceptable. It is our belief that good sportsmanship is developed at the local League level.

As a result of concern over and discussion of this issue at the Fall meeting (September 17& 18, 1994) the Midwest Plains Regional Board of Directors developed the following policy in order to assist Leagues and Tournament Committees to foster and monitor the Spirit of Babe Ruth Baseball:

"During tournament play, if an individual is ejected, the manager of that team may also be ejected and neither MAY be eligible to participate in any capacity for the next contest as well. If ejected for a second time, he/she may be sent home at once and not allowed to participate at the next tournament level should the team win the championship. If problems of any form continue, the team may be declared out of the tournament".



### GAME CONDUCT

- 1. Umpires will enforce all rules and regulations covered in the 2024 Official Baseball Rules and the Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations-2024.
- The Game will be kept moving at all times. No unnecessary delays or mound conferences will be permitted.
- ANYONE-Players, managers, or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be removed from the playing field and facilities immediately. Fans may also be asked to leave the premises should the umpire or tournament officials deem necessary.
- ONLY THE MANANGER (no coaches or players) shall discuss any plays of a controversial nature. The Umpire-In-Chief shall be fully informed of the identity of each team manager.
- 5. Managers, coaches, and players shall wear uniforms consistent with Babe Ruth All Star or League Champion Teams. No coaching shorts or player's shorts, nor raggedy shirt tails, etc. will be permitted. Shirt tails must be tucked in at all times. The Regional Commissioner will have final approval of all uniforms worn by the players, coaches or managers. All players, coaches and managers' uniforms must have the Babe Ruth patch on the left shoulder, left chest for vest-type uniforms, or cap and at least a six inch number on the back of the shirt. No number may be duplicated. Absolutely no player, coach or manager will be allowed on the playing field without a Babe Ruth patch and a number on their uniform.
- Protective headgear must be worn at bat and on the bases. A mask and throat protector must be worn by any player or coach warming up a pitcher. Protective headgear must be worn by any batboy/girl or ball retriever.
- Equipment—bats, gloves, balls, etc,- shall be stacked neatly in their proper places at all times.
- Discarding bats and protective headgear in such a way as to cause possible injury to another player or spectator shall be deemed unsportsmanlike.
- 9. Only players, coaches, team manager and bat persons shall be allowed on the players' bench. NO ONE ELSE IS ALLOWED.
- 10. It is expected that every player, manager, coach, board member and spectator will conduct himself/herself in an exemplary manner while representing the BABE RUTH BASEBALL program. In doing this, we agree to abide by the (1) Sportsmanship code of Babe Ruth Baseball, (2) Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball, and (3) the official baseball rules as published by the Commissioner of Baseball and included in the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rule Book.

## **Important Contacts**

#### Garden City Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Jared Rutti 620-272-1636 jared.rutti@gardencityks.us

#### Tournament Director

Robert Fossum (620)276-1200 robert.fossum@gardencityks.us Please Send pictures to this email address

#### Tournament Headquarters

Garden City Recreation Commission 310 N 6th St Garden City, Kansas (620) 276-1200

#### Kansas Babe Ruth State Commissioner

Bob Willis 316-461-4933 ksbrlinc@gmail.com

#### Kansas Cal Ripken State Commissioner

Paul Unrau 620-747-0346

#### Regional Commissioner Tim Kuntz

701-220-2773 tkuntz@bis.midco.net

#### **Midwest Plains Task Force for this Tournament**

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Midwest Plains Babe Ruth 16-18 Regional Tournament

#### Wednesday, July 24

1:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	*Team Check-in at Tournament Headquarters Garden City Parks & Recreation (GCPR)	
6:00 PM	*Player/Coach Picnic at The Big Pool	
7:30 PM	*Skills Contest at The Big Pool	
Thursday, July 25		
8:00 AM	#Managers/Coaches/Umpires/Tournament Offi- cials Breakfast at Barron's (Clarion Inn)	
10:00 AM	Game #1	
12:30 PM	Game #2	
3:00 PM	Game #3	
6:00 PM	OPENING CEREMONIES	
7:00 PM	Game #4	
Friday, July 26		
10:00 AM	Game #5	
12:30 PM	Game #6	
3:00 PM	Game #7	
5:30 PM	Game #8	
Saturday, July 27		
10:00 AM	Game #9	
12:30 PM	Game #10	
3:00 PM	Game #11	
5:30 PM	Game #12	
Sunday, July 28		
10:00 AM	Game #13	
12:30 PM	Game #14	
3:00 PM	Game #15	

\*Events in which <u>all players, managers and coaches</u> must participate

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The Awards and Closing Ceremonies will take place immediately following the last tournament game. The Winner of this regional tournament will represent the Midwest Plains region in the World Series in Cape Girardeau, MO August 8-18.

#### BABE RUTH / CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL POLICIES

Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken Rules and Regulations will be adhered to during the Midwest Plains Cal Ripken Regional Tournament including pitching limitations, 10-run rule, mercy rule and substitution for an injured player. Unsportsmanlike <u>behavior will not be tolerated</u>, and could jeopardize the opportunity for a player or team to proceed in the tournament. A protest committee shall be in force during each game of the tournament. Should you desire a protest, you must declare it <u>immediately</u> after the involved ruling and it will be resolved before the game continues. Protests are not allowed on judgment calls.

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

#### MANAGER/COACHES HOUSING & TOURNAMENT HQ

Housing for all managers, coaches, players, parents and fans will be the responsibility of each individual. A list of hotels that are in Garden City are listed in the booklet.

#### TOURNAMENT LOCATION

ALL tournament games will be played at Clint Lightner Stadium in Garden City. The park is located at 708 East Maple St. There is ample parking at the complex. No alcoholic beverages or smoking are allowed in the complex. Everyone should be aware that public consumption, transportation of open containers, and similar laws and ordinances are strictly enforced within the City of Garden City.

#### ADMISSION TO GAMES

All players, coaches, fans, and parents attending the tournament should be familiar with the Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken Policy regarding admission charges and free passes to the tournament games. Admittance other than by paying the admission charge (\$5) will be provided only to those players, coaches, managers and officials authorized by the hosting organization.

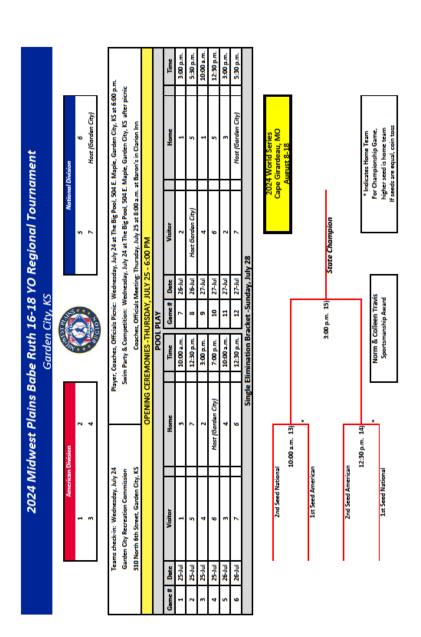
#### PRACTICE FACILITIES

A field for practice will be available for each team. These practice fields will be available based on a first come, first served basis with the Tournament Director working out scheduling with the coaches. Priority will be given to teams waiting to play the next game.

#### PUBLIC HOUSING AND CAMPING

No camping, motor homes, etc. are allowed overnight in the Garden City Parks & Recreation Complex. There is a City RV Park that provides electricity, water, sewer, and TV cable. Housing is located at motels and nearby RV Parks. Each person desiring such housing <u>should make their own reserva-</u> tions and arrangements.

## TOURNAMENT BRACKET



## TEAM CHECK IN

Teams will check in according to the following schedule on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at the Tournament Headquarters (Garden City Parks & Recreation 310 N 6th St).

<u>TEAM</u>	CHECK-IN TIME
Host Team (Garden City)	1:00 PM
Kansas	1:30 PM
Kansas Invite or Colorado	2:00 PM
Colorado Invite or Kansas invite	2:30 PM
Colorado	3:00 PM
Missouri	4:00 PM
North Dakota or Colorado invite	4:30 PM

After checking in, each team will be given the opportunity to practice at Clint Lightner Stadium Located at 706 East Maple St. Teams may begin their practice at Lightner Stadium after their scheduled check-in time, and may practice for a half hour.

E-Credentials is recommended, but if not using E-Credentials all the items below must be brought in hard copy. IF using E-Credentials the only hard copy items needed to bring are Consent for Treatment forms (#5).

Each team must have in their possession, the following credentials when checking in:

- 1. Babe Ruth League, Inc. Letter of Tournament Eligibility signed by the State Commissioner or his representative indicating the team won their State Tournament and/or is eligible to play in the Regional Tournament.
- Tournament team roster signed by League President; 2.
- Coaching certification ID card or certificate. One member of coaching staff 3. needs certificate of concussion training.
- Certificate of Coverage of liability **and** accident insurance policies with 2 claim forms signed by league official for accident insurance. 4.
- Consent for treatment form signed by parent or guardian; 5.
- A color team photograph with identification must be uploaded with your 6. tournament roster with your e-credentials. Print and place one copy in your team's credentials. Digital photographs may be emailed.
- 7. Copy of any waiver from Babe Ruth Headquarters;
- . During games, all team members, managers, and coaches must be in complete uniform, with Babe Ruth emblem (no shorts).

Missing or incomplete documentation will delay your check-in time. All documents must stay in the possession of tournament officials during the tournament.



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Visit the Finney County Convention and Visitors Bureau website to gather more information on the City of Garden City.



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#### Garden City Churches

### **Bible Christian Church** 1501 E Mary St (620) 276-8356

Church of Christ 1715 Pioneer Rd (620) 276-2500

Faith Baptist Church 1455 N 16 Mile Rd (620) 275-7350

**Fellowship Baptist Church** 506 N 1st St (620) 275-5304

**First Assembly of God** 702 N Campus Dr (620) 276-3371

First Baptist Church 1007 N 11th St (620) 275-5266

**First Christian Church** 306 N 7th St (620) 275-5411

First United Methodist Church 1106 N Main St (620) 275-9171 First Southern Baptist Church 2708 N 3rd St (620) 276-3143

Grace Bible Church 2595 N Jennie Barker Rd (620) 275-6701

Church of Brethren 505 N 8th St (620) 275-7469

Vietnamese Buddhist Association 910 E Spruce St (620) 271-0272

**St. Dominic Catholic Church** 615 J C (620) 276-2024

**St. Mary Church** 509 St John St (620) 275-4204

St James Lutheran Church ELCA 1608 Belmont Pl (620) 275-5108 For tournament information and updates visit

www.gcrec.com or www.facebook.com #Garden City Parks and Recreation

• Updated Brackets

- Rain Delays
- Cancellations
- Scores



- 1. Sportsmanship will be stressed. Judgment calls by the umpires will not be questioned. If there is a question concerning a rule, it will be discussed in a gentlemanly manner. Protests will be handled as prescribed in the Babe Ruth Rule Book. Players, managers, coaches and fans will not be allowed to talk to the Protest Committee during protest deliberations unless so asked by the Committee.
- 2. Smoking, chewing of tobacco or drinking of alcoholic beverages by any player, manager or coach will not be allowed on the field or in the dugouts. Teams that allow players to drink pop or eat food in the dugouts are required to clean up debris from such activities immediately after the game. Please be aware that by city ordinance no alcoholic drinks are allowed in the Garden City Parks & Recreation facilities. Everyone should be aware that public consumption, transportation of open containers, and similar laws and ordinances are strictly enforced within the City of Garden City.
- 3. The players, a manager and three (3) coaches and a bat person are the only ones allowed in the dugout during the game (based on official roster).
- 4. The area between the dugout and the gate to the field is considered a part of the dugout.
- 5. Managers, coaches, and players are to remain in the dugout except when participating in the game or time out is called. Player coaches are to wear helmets on the field. Coaches must remain inside dugout while team is on defense.
- 6. Teams are not to verbally or in any other way harass opposing pitchers, hitters or defensive players. Encourage your own players. Don't make remarks to the opposition. Players should be advised not to argue with the umpires. Your manager will handle all disputes with the umpires.
- 7. Catchers are required to wear masks and helmets during warm-ups both before and during the game. All catchers are to wear protective cups. Only players or coaches may warm up the pitchers. A back-up catcher is to be ready to warm up the pitcher if the catcher is not ready after the end of an inning. Pitchers will be allowed eight (8) pitches between innings and teams have one and one half minutes to be ready to play between innings. A player should be assigned to pick up any balls that are thrown back to the dugout after inning warm-ups.
- 8. No equipment will be left laying on the field while the game is in progress. It must be kept in the dugout.

#### **CONDUCT**

Your conduct must be outstanding both on and off the field. Any misbehavior or misconduct not only could cause your disqualification from the **MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT**, but could also disqualify your team.

#### **HEADQUARTERS**

The Tournament Headquarters will be the Garden City Recreation Commission (GCRC).

#### GATE ADMISSION FEES

Credit / debit or cash may be used for any transaction at the ballpark. All day admission is \$5.

#### **UMPIRES**

The umpires for the Regional Tournament have had many years of experience working KSHAA, collegiate, American Legion, Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball. They too are here to make this tournament the best possible experience for all, so we hope that all players, coaches and fans treat them accordingly. Three umpires will participate in each regional tournament game

#### AWARDS

First and second place finishers in the Regional Tournament will receive team awards for their accomplishments. The first place team will also receive individual player awards and a Championship banner. The Norm & Colleen Travis SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD will be presented to the team that best exemplifies the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Code. This award provides each player with a pin and the team receives a banner. Each participant in the Regional Tournament will receive a certificate of participation.

#### CONCESSIONS, T-SHIRTS AND PROGRAM SALES

A concession stand selling food items, candy and soft drinks will be open during each tournament game. Tournament T-shirts will be available at Tournament site throughout the duration of the tournament. The shirts will feature the 2024 Midwest Plains Babe Ruth Regional Tournament teams logos. The tournament souvenir program will also be sold. T-shirts may also be ordered prepaid for later delivery if the desired size is not available for an additional \$7 charge.

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### **PLAYER INFORMATION**

Your hosts for the 2024 Babe Ruth 16-18 Regional baseball tournament is: Garden City Recreation Commission. GCRC sincerely wants your stay in Garden City to be pleasant and memorable. As a member of Cal Ripken baseball, you will be expected to follow the regulations set forth by the Cal Ripken / Babe Ruth Baseball Organization.

#### ASSISTANCE

We want every participant to thoroughly enjoy the entire tournament. If you need any information or assistance, contact your team manager or coach immediately. He, in turn, may rely upon the aid of Babe Ruth Officials, when necessary.

#### WHAT TO WEAR

As champions of your States, we expect your dress to be neat. You may, of course, dress informally and comfortably. We expect press coverage during your entire stay, therefore, be a true representative of your community and dress neatly at all times.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Follow your team schedule at all times. Be at practice sessions, tournament games and other events on time. Be sure to check with your team manager whenever you may have to deviate from the listed functions.

#### SEATING AT CLINT LIGHTNER STADIUM

Clint Litner Stadium two sets of bleachers for seating without a roof on them. Fans might consider bringing stadium seats or lawn chairs for comfort. There are plenty of shade trees that are available to camp under as well.

#### TEAM CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

All players and coaches on the tournament teams are required to arrive/meet at the Garden City Recreation Commission (GCRC) according to the check-in schedule in this booklet. Teams will check in between 1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24. Official team check-in will be made by each team manager and the entire team. Check-in will take place at the Tournament Headquarters (GCRC).

#### YOU MUST CHECK IN AS A TEAM this means all players, coach-

es, and managers on <u>team roster</u>. Consent to be exempt from this requirement can come <u>only</u> from the Head of the tournament Task Force: Bob Willis (see contacts).

## GENERAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

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- 9. The home team is assigned the third base dugout. No team is to occupy a dugout until the preceding game team has cleared. Home and visitors pool play game status is printed on the game bracket/schedule. Home status in round one of bracket play is determined by seeding. Champion ship game will be determined by coin flip if both teams are seeded the same.
- 10. In the case of injury, the game will be stopped at the earliest possible time. Do not come on the field until time is out and the umpire signals you to do so.
- 11. Make sure your team knows how to appeal plays.
- 12. Teams should be prepared to play as soon as the field is made ready after the preceding game.
- 13. Players will be introduced before each game in the player/coach order that is printed on the official tournament roster. Players should line up in front of the first and third base foul lines (do not smear up the foul lines) facing their respective dugouts. Managers are asked to shake hands at or near home plate before the start of every game.
- 14. Make sure players, along with managers and coaches, shake hands following each contest.
- 15. Managers are to have lineup cards ready 30 minutes prior to the game with first and last names, numbers and positions listed. Reserves with first and last names and numbers are to be listed on the lineup card as well as names and numbers of coaches and manager. Lineup cards should be made in *triplicate*, one for the press box, one for the opposing team and one for the home plate umpire.
- 16. Opening Ceremonies will take place on Thursday, July 25. After you arrive for check-in, your coaches will be informed of the final plans for Opening Ceremonies and the procedures to follow. After Opening Ceremonies are completed, leave the field in an orderly fashion. Walk off single file in a quiet manner.

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### <u>HOTELS</u>

#### AmericInn Lodge & Suites

3020 E. Kansas Avenue Garden City, KS 67846 620-272-9860 800-634-3444

### Best Western Plus

2412 E. Kansas Ave Garden City, KS 67846 620-277-7100

#### **Comfort Inn**

2608 E. Kansas Avenue Garden City, KS 67846 620-275-5800 800-424-6423

#### **Dusty Trail Inn** 2808 North Taylor Avenue Garden City, KS 67846 620-805-6330

#### Garden City Inn

1202 West Kansas Avenue Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-7608 800-826-0784

#### **Holiday Inn Express**

2502 East Kansas Garden City, KS 67846 620-275-5900 800-HOLIDAY

#### New Sunflower Inn & Suites

1311 East Fulton Street Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-2387 800-333-2387 America's Best Value Inn 1818 Comanche Garden City, KS 67846 620-275-5095 888-315-2378

#### Clarion Inn & Conference Center 1911 East Kansas Avenue Garden City, KS 67846 620-275-7471 800-875-5201

**Continental Inn** 1408 Jones Avenue Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-7691 800-621-0318

#### Flamingo Motel

1612 Jones Avenue Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-7601

#### Hampton Inn

2505 E Crestway Drive Garden City, KS 67846 620-272-0454 800-426-7866

#### National 9 Inn

123 Honeybee Court Garden City, KS 67846 620-275-0677 877-675-0677

### Sunnyland Bed & Breakfast

501 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-0500 866-453-0500

### HOTELS

#### Magnuson Red Baron Inn

East Hwy 50 & 83 Bypass Garden City, KS 67846 620-275-4164 800-333-4164

## <u>rels</u>

Sleep Inn 1931East Kansas Plaza Garden City, KS 67846 620-805-6535

#### **Townplace Suites by Marriott**

3510 E. Kansas Ave. Garden City, KS 67846 620-805-6717

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