Welcome to the Capital of Kansas! Topeka offers a variety of attractions for both history and recreation buffs. Just to name a few, some of these major sites are the State Capital building, Cedar Crest, Brown vs. Board of Education center, Combat Air Museum, Gage Park, Lake Shawnee Recreational Area, Kansas Expocentre and Topeka Civic Theatre and Academy. We hope you are able to take advantage of your time here and visit them. Details are available at <a href="http://www.visittopeka.travel">http://www.visittopeka.travel</a>. Lawrence, KS – home to KU and the Jayhawks, is approximately 30 minutes from Topeka. Historical FT Leavenworth is about one hour away.

#### **Checking In:**

PSC is located in the Frank Carlson Federal Building. You cannot gain access to the building prior to 0800 on the first day. You must check in to the classroom for a visitor's badge. The PSC Learning Center is located on the first floor in the back right corner. Ensure you report with your Common Access Card (CAC), it is required for logging onto your classroom workstation.

<u>Weather</u>: Being in the Midwest means that summers can be very humid and winters harsh. Summer temperatures can reach into the 90s and winter snowstorms can accumulate anywhere from 4-12". The peak tornado season for Kansas is April-June, bringing severe thunderstorms. It's always a good idea to check <u>www.weather.com</u> for weather forecasts.

<u>Schedules</u>: All Workshops will begin at **0830** on the first day. You are encouraged to arrive at **0800** to allow time to log onto a classroom computer. Begin times after that will be at the discretion of the Instructor. For travel arrangement purposes, Workshops are scheduled to end at:

Basic HR Systems Workshop – 1600 Advanced HR Systems Workshop – 1530

Please make travel arrangements accordingly. (Allow 1.5 hours driving time **–plus**– 1 hour for early arrival **–plus**– rental car check-in...estimate 3 hours from your departure in Topeka to Kansas City International.)

# Uniform: No Unit Ball Caps are allowed at PSC. ODU's are not authorized for class.

Summer Period (1 Mar - 31 Oct). Service Dress Blue Bravo and Tropical Blue Long are the prescribed uniforms.

Winter Period (1 Nov -28 Feb). Service Dress Blue Bravo, Winter Dress Blue, and Tropical Blue Long are authorized.

Note: For those attending workshops on Fridays, every Friday is alternate attire. Alternate attire is business casual, but may include jeans. Please, no excessively worn jeans, no t-shirts, and no tennis shoes.

<u>Airport</u>: Kansas City International airport is approximately 75-miles (1.5 hours from Topeka, KS.) The airport code is MCI.

http://www.kansas-city-mci.com/

#### Transportation: A rental car is strongly recommended.

Shuttle services available are:

KCI Shuttle (816-243-5000 or 800-243-6383),

KCI Roadrunner Express (800-826-1734)

# **<u>Directions</u>**: (Map, see next page & <u>Google Maps link</u>)

#### From KCI airport.

Take I-435 West / I-29 North from the Airport.

When these split, take I-435 South toward Topeka.

Take the I-70 exit towards the Kansas Turnpike/ST Louis/Topeka and continue on I-70 West.

Exit the "Turnpike", remaining on I-70. This is the **first** Topeka exit on the Turnpike. Your toll will be approx. \$2.00.

In Topeka, take the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave exit. Continue straight on SE Madison Street.

Turn left on SE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

One block **after** the freeway will be one of the entrances to the Townsite Parking Garage. (Approx. \$6.00 / day.)

# From the West side of Topeka.

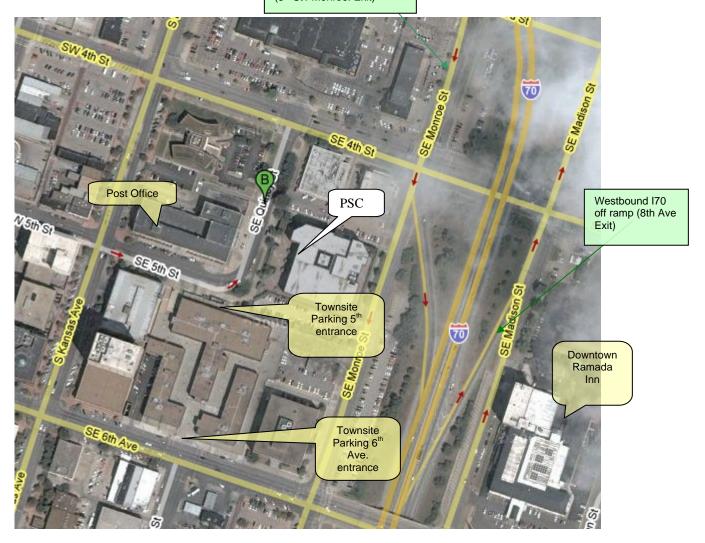
Take I-70 East.

Exit at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street / Monroe Street.

Turn right on Se 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

One block **after** the freeway will be one of the entrances to the Townsite Parking Garage. (Approx. \$6.00 / day.)

Eastbound I70 off ramp (3<sup>rd</sup> St / Monroe. Exit)



# **Phone Numbers**:

<u>PSC Weather Hotline</u>: 785-339-3700, then press 1. This hotline is updated during times of inclement weather advising the PSC what time to report.

Kansas Highway & Weather Info: Dial 511 from a landline or wireless phone.

1-866-511-KDOT is also available for the same info.

#### **Hotels:**

Current per diem for Topeka can be found at the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee website:

https://secureapps2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/

If you do not have access to this site, try:

http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?queryYear=2006&contentType=GSA\_BASIC &contentId=17943&queryState=Kansas&noc=T

AmeriSuites

6021 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. (785) 273-0066

Best Western Inn

700 SW Fairlawn Rd. (785) 228-2223

**Candlewood Suites** 

914 SW Henderson Rd.

(785) 271-7822

Clubhouse Inn

922 SW Henderson Rd. (785) 273-8888

Comfort Inn

1518 SW Wanamaker Rd.

(785) 273-5365

Country Inn & Suites

6020 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. (785) 478-9800

Courtyard Topeka

2033 SW Wanamaker Rd.

(785) 271-6165

Days Inn

1510 SW Wanamaker Rd.

(785) 272-8538

Fairfield Inn

1530 SW Westport Dr.

(785) 273-6800

Hampton Inn

1401 SW Ashworth Pl.

(785) 273-0003

Holiday Inn Express - Topeka

901 SW Robinson Ave.

(785) 272-8040

Holiday Inn Topeka – West

605 SW Fairlawn Rd.

(785) 272-8040

**Ouality Inn** 

1240 SW Wanamaker Rd.

(785) 273-6969

Residence Inn – Topeka

1620 SW Westport Dr.

(785) 271-8903

Sleep Inn & Suites

1024 SW Wanamaker Rd.

(785) 228-2500

Super 8 Motel

5968 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

(785) 273-5100

#### **Restaurants:**

# **AMERICAN**

**Applebee's Neighborhood Grill** 

5928 SW 17<sup>th</sup> Street

**Boston Market** 

2110 SW Wanamaker Rd

Chili's Grill & Bar

2021 SW Wanamaker Rd

**Perkins Family Restaurant** 

1720 SW Wanamaker Rd

BAR-B-OUE

**Boss Hawg's Barbeque Co.** 2833 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St

<u>Champion Bar-B-Que & Sports</u> 1616 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St

**Grover's Smokehouse** 

1217 SW Gage Blvd

**House of Barbeque** 

1221 SW Huntoon St.

New China Mongolian Barbeque

201 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St

**BURGERS** 

**Bobo's Drive In** 

2300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Burger King** 

1800 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave

2817 SE California Ave

3690 SW Topeka Blvd

6002 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave

Hardee's

2424 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

2300 NW Topeka Blvd

440 SW 29th St

2100 SW Wanamaker Rd

**McDonalds** 

3320 SW Harrison St

1640 SW Wanamaker Rd

3530 NW 46<sup>th</sup> St

1201 SW Gage Blvd

5525 SW 21<sup>st</sup> St

2880 SE California Ave

2001 NW Topeka Blvd

3117 SW Topeka Blvd

1301 SW 37<sup>th</sup> St

3072 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St

2933 SW Wanamaker Rd

Wendy's

1251 SW Gage Blve

728 Sw Topeka Blvd

2027 SW Fairlawn Rd

1820 SW Wanamaker Rd

2025 NW Topeka Blvd

3250 SW Topeka Blvd

**CHINESE** 

All Chinese Buffet

2160 SW Wanamaker Rd

China Pavilion 5348 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St

**Golden Dynasty Carry-Out** 

5141 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St

**Grand Beijing** 115 SE 29<sup>th</sup> St

<u>Great Wall Chinese Restaurant</u> 1336 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St

**Hong Kong Buffet** 

1835 NW Topeka Blvd

**Hunan Chinese Restaurant** 

5005 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St

**Jade Garden Chinese Restaurant** 

2038 SW Gage Blvd

New China Mongolian Barbeque

201 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St

Panda Garden

600 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Sun's Chinese Restaurant** 

2121 SW Belle Ave

**Taste of China** 

2022 NW Topeka Blvd

**COFFEE HOUSES** 

Buzz

2839 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St.

**Cardona Coffee LLP** 

243 Forbes Field

Classic Bean

2727 SW Wanamaker Rd 2125 SW Fairlawn Rd

722 S Kansas Ave

Coffee Break Café

601 NW US Highway 24

**Coffee Lovers** 

1801 SW Wanamaker Rd

**Daylight Donuts** 

4000 SW 21<sup>st</sup> St

463 SE 29<sup>th</sup> St

**Heartland Coffee & Packing** 

719 SE Hancock St

Kaner Coffee

2601 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

Lazio's Coffee Bar & Roasterie

2111 SW Belle Ave

Lola's Café Espresso

4025 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, #2701

Margie's Java Café

4036 SW Huntoon St

Ms Coffee

1915 SW Collins Ave

Nib's House of Coffee

2525 NW Topeka Blvd

PT's Coffee & Roasterie

5660 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St

**World Cup Espresso** 

1501 SW 21<sup>st</sup> St. #110

*ITALIAN* 

**Constantino's Italian Restaurant** 

1003 SE Ouincy St

Mr. Goodcents Subs & Pasta

3640 SW Topeka Blvd, #B

Olive Garden Italian Restaurant

1925 SW Wanamaker Rd

Paisano's Ristorante

4043 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave

Sbarro's

1801 SW Wanamaker Rd

**MEXICAN** 

Carlos O'Kelly's Mexican Café

3425 S Kansas Ave

**Casa Authentic Mexican Food** 

3320 SW Topeka Blvd

Chili's Grill & Bar

2021 SW Wanamaker Rd

**Desert Moon fresh Mexican Grill** 

4121 SW Huntoon St

El Coyote Mexican Restaurant

1405 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

La Siesta Restaurant

201 NE Woodruff Ave

**Las Fuentes Mexican Restaurant** 

3656 SW Topeka Blvd

**Lupita's Mexican Restaurant** 

732 S Kansas Ave

Pepe & Chela's

1001 SW Tyler St

Rosa's Mexican Restaurant

2025 SE California Ave

**Snacks El Mexicano** 

2100 SE California Ave

Taco Bell

1801 SW Wanamaker Rd

101 SE 29<sup>th</sup> St

2013 NW Topeka Blvd

1560 W Wanamker Rd

Taco Casa

4645 NW Hunters Ridge Cir

1423 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

5656 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St.

Taco El Sol 2124 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

Taco John's

3506 SW Topeka Blvd

514 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave

Taco Tico

240 SW Gage Blvd 5222 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St

2102 NW Topeka Blvd

Taco Villa

5300 SW 21<sup>st</sup> St. #A

Tacos El Mexicano

2002 SE California Ave

**Tortilla Jacks Mexican Restaurant** 

1618 SW Washburn Ave

**PIZZA** 

**Boulevard Pizza** 

5145 SW Topeka Blvd

**Chuck E Cheese** 

2215 SW Wanamaker Rd

Cici's Pizza

2130 SW Wanamaker Rd

Domino's Pizza

735 NW Topeka Blvd

2835 SE California Ave

2110 SW Randolph Ave

Gambino's Pizza

3613 NW 46<sup>th</sup> St

Glory Days Pizza

2811 SW Wanamaker Rd

4731 NW Hunters Ridge Cir

Godfather's Pizza

5300 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St

1707 SE 29<sup>th</sup> St. #700

1835 NW Topeka Blvd

Mandeno's

4011 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St

Papa John's Pizza

1700 SW Washburn Ave

# <u>Papa Murphy's Take 'n' Bake</u> 6021 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St

1035 SW Gage Blvd

# <u>Pizza Hut</u>

500 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave 2007 SE 29th St 2310 NW Topeka Blvd 3406 SW Topeka Blvd 2119 SW Gage Blvd 1700 SW Wanamaker Rd

# Pizza Parlor

1919 NE Seward Ave

# Topeka Pizza

2835 SE California Ave

Valentino's 4011 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St

# **SEAFOOD**

**Long John Silver's** 

1500 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

2117 NW Topeka Blvd

3110 SW Topeka Blvd

2746 SW Fairlawn Rd

# **Red Lobster Restaurant**

2011 SW Wanamaker Rd

# Seabrook Tavern & Grill

2105 SW Mission Ave