

KOS Spring Meeting

Chanute, KS, May 1-3, 2026

We hope that you can join KOS for our 2026 spring meeting. This year we are meeting in Chanute, Kansas, located in Neosho County. KOS has never met in Chanute! A number of popular and well-known birding hotspots are within an easy distance. These include Big Hill, Elk City, Fall River and Toronto Reservoir/Wildlife Areas; Caney and Neosho Wildlife Areas; Bourbon, Montgomery, Wilson and Woodson State Fishing Lakes; Lehigh Portland Trails State Park, Sedan City Lakes; and many other locations. The general area includes a significant portion of the scenic Cross-Timbers physiographic region, the substantial wetlands at Neosho Wildlife Area, a lot of good riparian habitat along the Caney, Elk, Fall River, Neosho and Verdigris Rivers and some good opportunities for grassland birds.

Friday evening: we will have a come-and-go social hour at the Union Works Brewing Co. in Humboldt from 7 PM to 8 PM. Some appetizers will be provided. This is a full-service restaurant with salads, sandwiches, and pizza.

Saturday: field trips will visit many of the areas listed above. The number of field trips will be determined by how many people register for the meeting. Please meet in the parking lot of the Chanute Sports Complex, 315 W. 35 Parkway, across the street from the Holiday Inn (3401 Blue Comet Drive) at 6 am. There will be multiple field trip options, and of course you are welcome to strike out on your own. Some beverages and snacks will be provided for the field trips.

There will be a banquet on Saturday night at the SEK Impact Center, (1500 W. 7th St), in Chanute. The menu will be fried chicken with side dishes and will be served buffet style. The speaker after dinner will be Brian Obermeyer, Great Plains Grasslands Strategy Director for The Nature Conservancy.

Sunday: we will have half-day trips with destinations closer to Chanute than the Saturday trips. There will be a noon compilation at the playground picnic shelter at Santa Fe Lake in Chanute. Please bring your own lunch. (There is a Subway across the street from the park entrance). Beverages will be provided. The park is at the corner of S. Santa Fe Ave. and Chanute 35 Parkway. The park entrance is along S. Santa Fe Ave just north of 26th St."

Lodging: Please make your own lodging arrangements. Options in Chanute include:

Holiday Inn Express (620) 431-0817

Super 8 (620) 431-7788

America's Best Value Inn (620) 431-9460