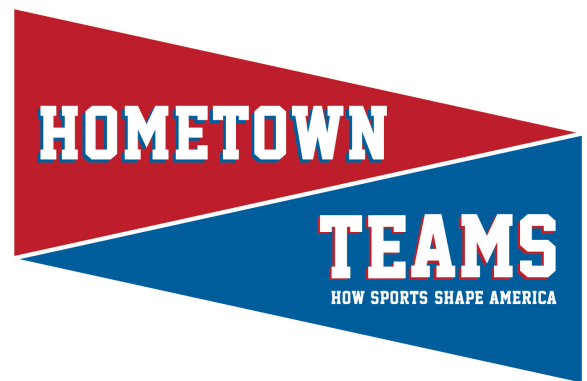


Interested in bringing a  
**Smithsonian Institution**  
traveling exhibition to **your**  
hometown? Here's your chance!



## ***Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America***

Coming to Kansas in 2015

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**



**THE KANSAS HUMANITIES COUNCIL** is pleased to announce a special Kansas tour of ***Hometown Teams***, a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution. Six sites are needed to host this Smithsonian exhibition for six weeks each in the year 2015.

***Hometown Teams*** explores the ways sports build and unite communities. The enthusiasm and dedication of fans, athletes, and coaches bonds us across time, cultures, generations, and geography.

By engaging with photographs, audio and video clips, and hands-on components, visitors to the ***Hometown Teams*** Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition will learn how sports continually shape American culture and society. From the little leagues to the big leagues and everywhere in between, sports are a significant part of our national narrative.

### **How to Become a Host for Hometown Teams**

KHC invites museums, public libraries, art centers and other nonprofit cultural organizations to apply. Elaborate facilities and experience with traveling exhibitions are not essential to a successful application. Eligible applicants will:

- Be located in a community with a population below 20,000.
- Have a history of partnerships among organizations in the community or region.
- Demonstrate ideas for strong public humanities programming.
- Have convenient hours that are open to the public.
- Tell a unique local history that ties in with the theme of ***Hometown Teams***.
- Provide a minimum of 900 square feet of display space, additional space for an exhibition telling the local story, a ceiling height of at least 8 ½ feet, and four functional electrical outlets in the display space.
- Provide limited security during the exhibition's stay.

**If eligible, please fill out the application on page 3.**

**Not Eligible But Still Interested in the *Hometown Teams* initiative?**

All communities are welcome! KHC will select additional nonprofit partner sites in communities of all sizes. Partner sites will receive small grants of up to \$1,500 to explore community stories related to themes in the *Hometown Teams* exhibition. However, please note that the Smithsonian exhibition will not be on display at any partner site. **If you indicate interest** in becoming a partner site on page 3, KHC staff will follow up with additional details.

**The six sites selected to host the Smithsonian exhibition will receive:**

- Free rental of the Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition.
- An exhibition support manual and assistance in exhibition and program planning.
- Publicity materials such as posters, brochures, press kits, banner, PSAs, and a tour web site.
- \$2,000 in funding support from KHC for complementary community programs such as the local companion exhibition, guest speakers, film or book discussions, oral history projects, community forums, etc.
- Statewide publicity and promotion.
- Expertise of and consultation from a statewide tour historian.

**Sites selected to host the Smithsonian exhibition will:**

- Provide a one-time cash fee of \$200 to KHC to help offset shipping costs.
- Assign a project director for the exhibition who will attend two statewide planning meetings.
- Implement publicity in your local community and region in cooperation with KHC.
- Produce a local companion exhibition and at least two public humanities programs for adults.
- Provide a cost share report at the project's conclusion tracking all staff and volunteer time, facility expenses, and other donated resources.
- Provide a secure, dry space to store empty exhibition crates for the duration of the exhibition.
- Engage in cooperative publicity with partner sites.
- Contribute hard work and some out-of-pocket expenses.

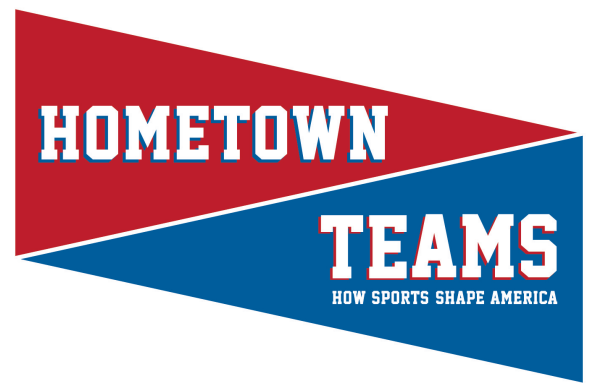
**For more information**, or to talk with a past project director to better understand the commitment involved, contact:

**Tracy Quillin**, Director of Communications  
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**To see examples** of participating host communities from past traveling Smithsonian exhibitions, go to KHC's website: [www.kansashumanities.org](http://www.kansashumanities.org) click on Programs, then click on Hometown Teams.

Stay connected to *Hometown Teams* updates and KHC by following @kshumanities on Twitter and liking the Kansas Humanities Council's Facebook page!

*Please note:* KHC will move forward with *Hometown Teams* projects as funding allows.



**HOMETOWN TEAMS APPLICATION**  
**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

*Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and submit by email, fax, or mail to KHC by September 30, 2013. Please note that both the Smithsonian host site and partner site application processes are competitive. No single organization is guaranteed a slot as either a Smithsonian host site or a partner site.*

*I am interested in serving as:*

**only** a Smithsonian host site.

**either** a Smithsonian host site or a partner site.

**only** a partner site. *If your organization is only interested in being a partner site, please send your name, the name of your organization, and contact information to **Murl Riedel**, KHC's Director of Grants, at [murl@kansashumanities.org](mailto:murl@kansashumanities.org) by September 30, 2013. Murl will follow up with you with the details of being a partner site.*

1. Organization Name, Address, City, Zip, Website Address, and Community Population
2. Project Director, Title, Phone, Fax, E-mail
3. Number of permanent staff (full & part-time) and regular volunteers
4. Organization's annual visitation and weekly hours of operation
5. Number of hours per week **Hometown Teams** exhibition will be open to visitors.
6. Preferred dates for hosting the exhibition (indicate #1 and #2 choice)  
 \_\_\_ **Jan 31-Mar 15, 2015**      \_\_\_ **Mar 21-May 3, 2015**      \_\_\_ **May 9-Jun 21, 2015**  
 \_\_\_ **Jun 27-Aug 9, 2015**      \_\_\_ **Aug 15-Sept 27, 2015**      \_\_\_ **Oct 3-Nov 15, 2015**
7. Please list any dates that your organization CANNOT host the exhibition.
8. Describe the facility where the *Hometown Teams* exhibition will be displayed. Please indicate:
  - Number of square footage in exhibition space – minimum of 900 square feet required.
  - Ceiling height, measured from floor to ceiling – minimum of 8 ½ feet required.
  - Whether or not the space has at least four working electrical outlets – exhibition contains three video components and an iPad stand that requires electricity.
  - Ability to provide limited security – one-person is onsite when the exhibition is open to the public.

9. Identify at least 3 other organizations in your community or region that will contribute to the success of this project. (*Please note:* the involvement of the local Convention and Visitors Bureau or Chamber of Commerce is required.)
10. Include letters of support from these organizations to show broad community involvement and commitment to the exhibition project.
11. Tell why your organization would like to host the ***Hometown Teams*** exhibition.
12. Describe your initial plans for a local companion exhibition highlighting how your community's unique story connects to the *Hometown Teams* theme. KHC encourages applicants to think beyond the "typical" sports story. Special consideration will be given to applications that explore sports themes including, but not limited to, gender, race and ethnicity, rites of passage, ritual, community building, and sportsmanship.
13. Describe your initial plans for complementary public programs that extend the ***Hometown Teams*** theme into your community. (Examples: guest speakers, film or book discussions, oral history projects, community forums, etc.)

**DEADLINE: September 30, 2013**

Emailed or faxed applications must be received by 5:00 pm.

Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2013.

Send to: **Tracy Quillin**, Director of Communications, Kansas Humanities Council  
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