



GRS[®]

make it

in 2026

STUDENT TRAVEL GUIDE

We are excited and grateful that you have chosen the GRS Training Center for your artistic journey. This travel pack is a resource for you to make the trip to Emporia Kansas a little easier. Traveling to an unfamiliar area can be difficult, so we have included links and information about the closest airports, lodging, how to get to the GRSTC, and the community we love to call home!

CONTENTS

TRAVELING TO THE TC	2
LODGING OPTIONS	3
ABOUT EMPORIA	4
ABOUT THE TC	5
2026 CLASS SCHEDULE	6

START YOUR JOURNEY





FLYING

If flying to Emporia makes the most sense for your situation, there are several nearby airports. Expect to drive an additional 2 hours to get to Emporia, so plan to rent a car. Most airlines have discounts for advance reservation (7-day, 21-day and 30-day).

Before booking, check policies and restrictions on Saturday night stay-over, ticket changes, refunds, etc. Get ticket prices from several airlines and through more than one travel service. Generally, you will spend less money on travel if you make your arrangements sooner rather than later.

COMPARISON OF NEARBY AIRPORTS:

Airport	MCI	ICT	MHK
Location	Kansas City	Wichita	Manhattan
# of Airlines	8	6	1
Distance to GRS	124 miles	91 miles	75 miles
Click for  Directions	MCI to GRS	ICT to GRS	MHK to GRS
Click for  Directions	MCI to GRS	ICT to GRS	MHK to GRS
On-site Car Rental	Yes	Yes	Yes
Website	flykc.com	flywichita.com	flymhk.com
Phone	816-243-5237	316-946-4700	785-587-4560

Airport Transportation Service: Need A Ride 620-794-4319



Located in the heart of Kansas at the edge of the Flint Hills, we are a short drive from Kansas City and Wichita.

900 Overlander Road, Emporia, KS

GET AN EARLY START

Most students **travel to Emporia the Sunday prior to class** and return home on the following **Saturday**.

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot transport students by any means for arrival, departure, or during their stay in Emporia. We are not licensed or insured for this type of service.

PACK YOUR CHECKBOOK

Bring your checkbook to **receive free shipping on tool purchases.**

DRIVING

CAR RENTAL

Renting a car is the best transportation from nearby airports to Emporia, and you have freedom to travel at your leisure. Round-trip mileage is an estimated 255 miles from Kansas City and 185 miles from Wichita, plus local travel. Rates that include unlimited mileage often make the most sense.

DRIVING YOUR OWN VEHICLE

Driving your own vehicle may be more practical than flying and renting a car. We have adequate parking for even a larger recreational vehicle.



STAY A WHILE

The establishments listed here have agreed to a special rate, but are not necessarily recommended by Glendo/GRS®. To receive this rate, you must call the Emporia hotel directly and specifically request "Glendo rate" when making arrangements. Rates do not include tax, and are subject to change without notice.

For a comprehensive list of Emporia Lodging: visitemporia.com/stay

FAIRGROUND CAMPING
visitemporia.com/place/lyon-county-fairgrounds
 For info on camping at the Lyon County Fairgrounds.

PLEASE NOTE: When traveling to the Training Center from the hotel district, take **EXIT 127B**.

HOTELS

All Emporia hotel rooms are smoke-free by law. Most listed below offer a hot or continental breakfast, fitness centers, and are pet-friendly. Click on hotel or call them directly for additional information.

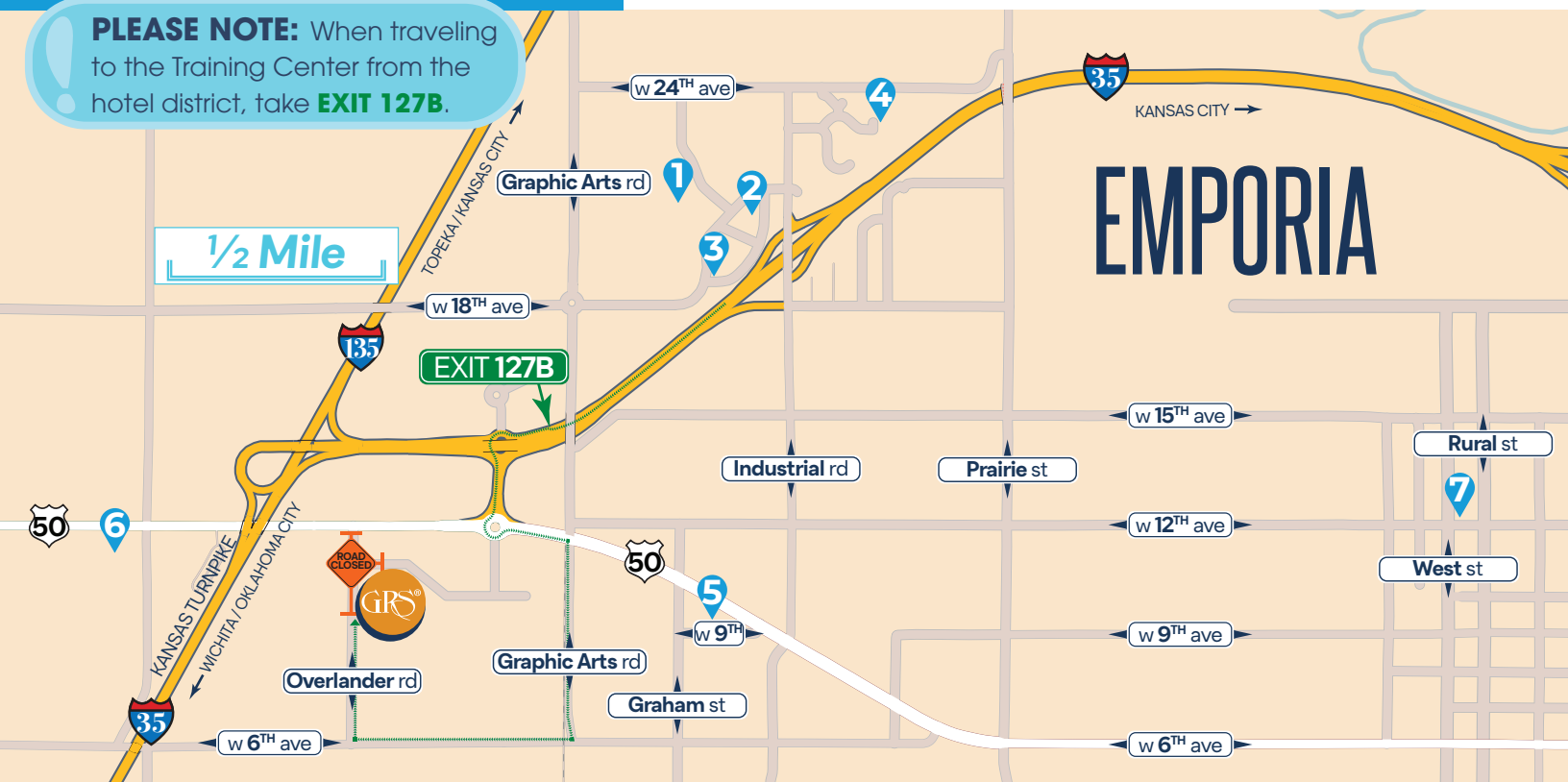


- 1 Best Western**
2836 W. 18th Ave
620-255-0953
- 2 Hampton Inn**
2900 Eaglecrest Dr
620-412-9040
- 3 Holiday Inn Express & Suites**
3007 West 18th Ave
620-343-1111
Suites feature pullout couch & kitchenette with sink.
- 4 MainStay Suites**
2602 Candlewood
620-343-7756
Full kitchen with dishes and a dishwasher.
- 5 Super 8**
2913 West Hwy 50
620-342-7567

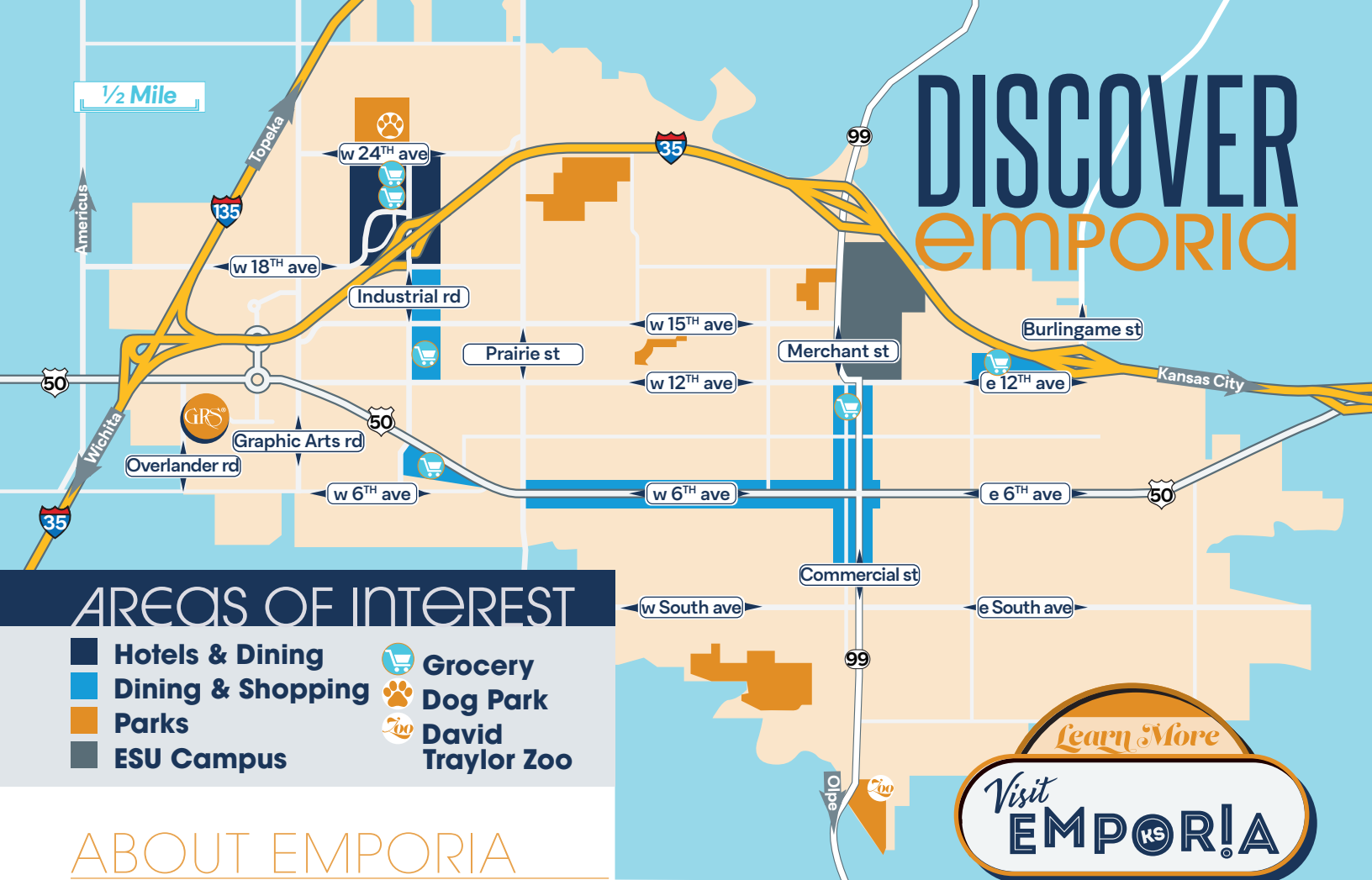
Call numbers listed for Glendo Rate

ADDITIONAL LODGING

- 6 Emporia RV Park LLC**
4601 West Hwy 50
Call for Glendo Rate: **620-343-3422**
Rate includes: electric, water, sewer, cable TV, and wireless internet.
- 7 Guffer Mansion**
612 West 12th Ave
Call for Glendo Rate: **620-983-6642**
Boutique Bed & Breakfast.



DISCOVER emporια



AREAS OF INTEREST

- Hotels & Dining
- Dining & Shopping
- Parks
- ESU Campus
- Grocery
- Dog Park
- David Traylor Zoo

ABOUT EMPORIA

WEATHER

Spring and fall are transitional seasons with rain likely and temperatures being warm or cool. Occasional thunderstorms in late spring through summer may occur. During summer (late June through mid September), highs can reach the mid 90s and above. Short sleeves and lightweight pants (or shorts for casual wear) are perfect for summer. We recommend bringing a light jacket or sweater for class in the Training Center.

EMPORIA COMMUNITY

With a population of nearly 25,000, Emporia is a modest and typical Midwestern town. It has a surprising balance of industry, culture, education, and agriculture. Emporia State University has over 6,000 full-time students from around the world.

Restaurant choices are standard for the Midwestern and Southern states. Both Mexican and Asian food restaurants thrive, with a variety of fast food franchises located throughout the city. The community has adopted a smoke-free law, so all dining, lodging, and the GRS Training Center are smoke-free.

TRANSPORTATION

LYON COUNTY AREA TRANSPORTATION:

Visit lyoncountyks.gov/176/LCAT
Or call 620-343-4207 for information.

JESSE SOLIS SHUTTLE SERVICE

2531 Lincoln St • 620-342-8753 or 620-340-8753

PET BOARDING

Companion Vet Care

2909 W. 12th Ave • Emporia, KS 66801 • 620-342-1221

East Emporia Veterinary Clinic

602 Exchange St • Emporia, KS 66801 • 620-343-7682

Emporia Veterinary Hospital

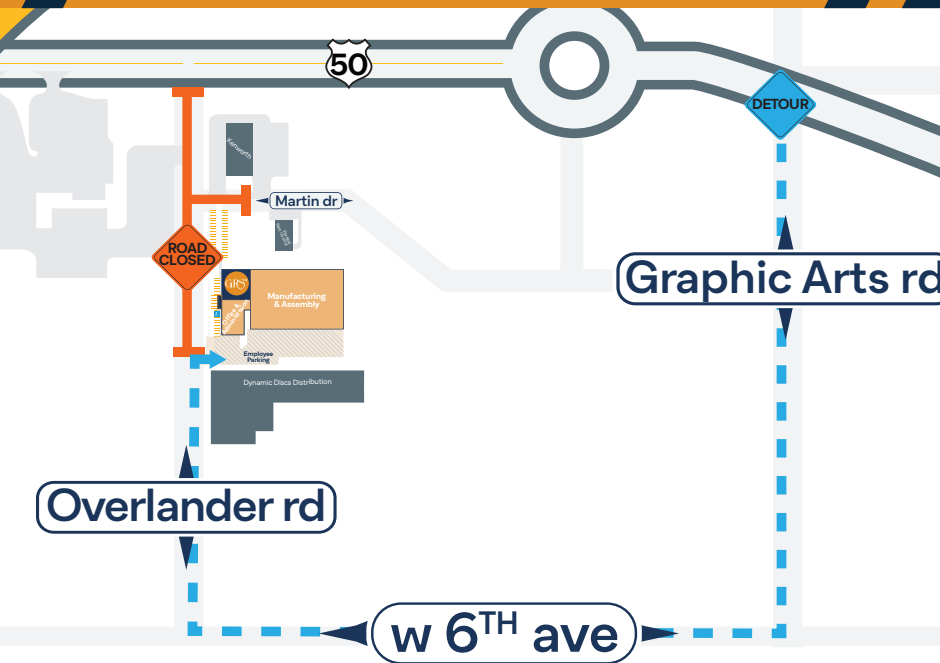
710 Anderson St • Emporia, KS 66801 • 620-342-6515

YOU HAVE ARRIVED

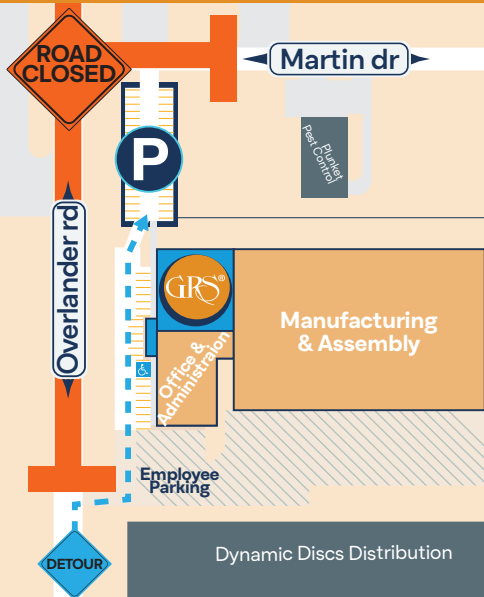
PARKING & ITINERARY INFO

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

OVERLANDER RD. IS CLOSED FROM GRS TO HWY 50.



DETOUR: Take Graphic Arts Rd. south to 6th Ave. Turn right on 6th and travel west to Overlander Rd. Turn right on Overlander Rd. and travel north to GRS



PARKING

Access the north parking lot from Overlander Rd., through the Employee lot.

IN-CLASS SCHEDULE

Classroom hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY

- 7:45 a.m. Doors Open For Paperwork Completion
- 8:00 a.m. Greeting & Introductions
- 8:15 a.m. Classroom Instruction
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:00 p.m. Classroom Instruction

TUESDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Classroom Instruction
- 11:50 a.m. Class Photo
- 12:00 p.m. Catered Lunch with GRS®
- 1:00 p.m. Classroom Instruction

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Classroom Instruction
 - 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
 - 1:00 p.m. Classroom Instruction
 - 4:00 p.m. Product Demonstration & Questions 1
 - 4:30 p.m. Product Demonstration & Questions 2
- *Additional evening hours may be available Wednesday and Thursday, varies by instructor.*

THURSDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Classroom Instruction*
 - 12:00 p.m. Factory Tour
 - 1:30 p.m. Classroom Instruction*
- *Representatives will be available for questions and order placement either in the morning or afternoon.*

FRIDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Classroom Instruction*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:00 p.m. Classroom Instruction

AVAILABLE IN THE COMMON AREA:

- Snack machine
- Cold beverage machine
- Refrigerator/freezer
- Microwave
- Air fryer & toaster
- Coffee & hot water dispenser

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TRAINING CENTER

[YouTube .COM/GRSTOOLS](https://www.youtube.com/grstools)



APRIL&MAY		
04/27 – 05/01		
Basic Metal Engraving Jake Newell		\$1295
Basic Western Engraving Diane Scalese		\$1295
05/04 – 05/08		
Basic Jewelry Engraving Jake Newell		\$1295
Stock to Finish: Custom Set Ring Matthew Tuggle		\$1650
05/11 – 05/15		
Combination Course for Jewelers Todd Daniels		\$1495
Knife Engraving & Inlay Mitchell Lurth		\$1650
05/18 – 05/22		
Basic Metal Engraving Sam Alfano		\$1295
Basic Stone Setting John Sorich IV		\$1495
Ornamental Layout & Design Lee Griffiths		\$1750

June		
06/01 – 06/05		
Basic Metal Engraving Lee Griffiths		\$1295
Basic Stone Setting Kevin Biehn		\$1495
06/08 – 06/12		
Flare Cut Firearms Engraving Diane Scalese		\$1650
06/15 – 06/19		
Basic Western Engraving Jeremiah Watt		\$1295
Stylistic Scroll on Rings Jake Newell		\$1650
06/22 – 06/26		
Bridal Setting Adam Guzzon		\$1650
Scroll Design & Engraving Jake Newell		\$1650

JULY		
07/06 – 07/10		
Intro to Handcrafted Jewelry & Engraving Matthew Tuggle		\$1495
Advanced Firearms Engraving Brian Powley		\$1950
07/13 – 07/17		
Basic Firearms Engraving Rex Pedersen		\$1295
Combination Course for Jewelers Todd Daniels		\$1495
07/20 – 07/24		
Intro to Pavé John Sorich IV		\$1650
Lettering for Engravers Sam Alfano		\$1650
Lifelike Bulino Elements Lee Griffiths		\$1950
07/27 – 07/31		
Basic Jewelry Engraving Mitchell Lurth		\$1295

AUGUST		
08/03 – 08/07		
Graduated Halo Pendant Matthew Tuggle		\$1950
08/10 – 08/14		
Basic Western Engraving Diane Scalese		\$1295
08/17 – 08/21		
Basic Stone Setting Adam Guzzon		\$1495
08/24 – 08/28		
Basic Jewelry Engraving Sam Alfano		\$1295
08/31 – 09/04		
Basic Metal Engraving Rex Pedersen		\$1295
Decorative Stone Setting Todd Daniels		\$1650

SEPTEMBER		
09/21 – 09/25		
Basic Metal Engraving Brian Powley		\$1295
09/28 – 10/02		
Combination Course for Jewelers Todd Daniels		\$1495
Fabricating & Engraving: Silver Bracelet Diane Scalese		\$1650



OCTOBER		
10/05 – 10/09		
Basic Jewelry Engraving Mitchell Lurth		\$1295
Wax Carving: 5 Pendants Liam Powers		\$1650
Engraving Arabesque Scrolls Sam Alfano		\$1950
10/12 – 10/16		
Fabricating & Engraving: Charm Necklace Amy Raymond		\$1650
10/19 – 10/23		
Western Bright Cut: Beyond the Basics Jeremiah Watt		\$1295
Decorative Stone Setting Todd Daniels		\$1650
10/26 – 10/30		
Fabricating & Engraving: 4 Projects in 5 Days Jeremiah Watt		\$1650

BASIC COURSES
For entry-level bench artists working in metal for the 1st time.

INTERMEDIATE
Project and technique focused classes to level up your skills

ADVANCED
Explore the finer details of your craft for professional results.

ENROLLMENT GRS.COM — 800-835-3519



@GRSTOOLS

LOVE THE PROCESS with a nine week training program that gives you the time to focus on growth.

June 01				AUGUST 07	
Week 1 Basic Course	Weeks 2 & 3 Review & Development	Week 4 Intermediate Course	Weeks 5 & 6 Practice & Refinement	Week 7 Intermediate Course	Weeks 8 & 9 Refinement & Capstone Project

FOR ENTRY-LEVEL BENCH ARTISTS

FOCUS PROGRAM

ENGRAVING OR STONE SETTING TRACK