

2018 Chamber Event Planning Guide

Gold Events:

- **Annual Banquet**
 - This annual event is held in January. This event includes a social hour, dinner, brief annual meeting and awards presentation. During this event, chamber members are given the opportunity to see the accomplishments of the chamber in the year that has passed and view the goals for the following year.

- **Chamber Golf Tournament**
 - This chamber golf tournament provides a unique opportunity to enjoy a day of golf at the College Heights Country Club and the chance to network with other business associates. We will use a big cup format to speed up play and the 4-person scramble format opens up the tournament to all golfing abilities. This fun fundraiser helps raise the dollars needed to support the multitude of programs that serve our schools, workplaces, and city through the Crete Chamber of Commerce. Registration for 4-person scramble includes 18 –holes of Golf, a boxed lunch as well as a giveaway at the Awards Dinner. Sponsorship benefits will be released later in the year.

- **Crete Summer Kick-Off**
 - Kick off the beginning of summer with the Crete Chamber of Commerce in City Park with an evening of food, entertainment and fun for the whole family. More event details will be unveiled later in the year.

- **Crete's Great Pumpkin Festival**
 - The Crete's Great Pumpkin Festival is the first full weekend in October and has been acclaimed as "Nebraska's Pumpkin Festival" by *The Food Network Magazine*. This weekend festival in downtown Crete is full of autumn fun. The fall festival includes a Kick-Off Celebration with a Great Pumpkin Blitz and distribution of pumpkins throughout Main Street along with our annual Swine & Wine – Pork Feed to benefit our Crete's Chamber FBLA Scholarship Fund. The evening is filled full of a variety of community sponsored events leading up to the actual festival day. On the Sunday of the weekend festival, downtown Crete is filled full of craft show vendors, pumpkin drop, carnival games, live entertainment, food court, pumpkin pie eating contest, bouncy ball drop and bounce house as well as our main attraction, zipline down Main Street. Families can then take a relaxing ride on our hayrack ride out to our Community Pumpkin Patch to pick a pumpkin together to take home to enjoy for the autumn season. It is fun for the whole family to enjoy! This community wide event is the Chamber's largest event of the year with an outreach of over 2,500 people on actual festival day. It's a great opportunity to bring your family to downtown Crete after Sunday church or your morning activities. Food Court and Craft Show pricing as well as sponsorship benefits will be released later in the year. *Multiple sponsorship options are available.*

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- **Chamber Lunch & Learns - Tech Tuesdays**
 - These lunch and learn events are held once or twice a quarter. These educational events bring in experts in the fields of technology, marketing, social media and current issues to provide members with the latest updates and information to implement within their business. Chamber Lunch & Learns showcases local businesses at what they do best.

- **Crete Holidays**
 - Shopping locally throughout the holiday season; including events such as Crete Holidays Kick- Off which will be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and will include a month full of holiday events sponsored by participating Chamber businesses in the Crete Holidays event. This event concludes with the Crete Holidays Grand Prize Drawing which will be on the last Saturday before Christmas. Great opportunity for retail based businesses, insurance companies and restaurants to utilize this participation investment. Sponsorship benefits released later in the year.

Silver Events

- **Eggstravaganza - Easter Egg Hunt**
 - The Chamber partners with Radiant Springs Church to host a community wide Easter Egg hunt for children to participate in the community annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt features one large hunt area with a designated area for younger children. Chamber members have the opportunity to purchase eggs and place tasty goodies and promotional materials in the eggs for a lucky child to win.

- **Crete's Firework Display**
 - This event is an annual firework display held at 10pm the day before Independence Day at the College Heights Country Club where donations from business help provide this community wide event for individuals to enjoy. Sponsorship benefits will be released later in the year.

- **New Educators Ice Cream Social**
 - This annual event is held in August. The Chamber organizes an ice cream social to honor and welcome new educators to our community.

- **Swine & Wine – Pork Feed**
 - This event is the kick – off celebration of the Crete's Great Pumpkin Festival held at The Brew House. This is a fundraising pork feed dinner includes an evening of live entertainment, networking and relaxation leading up to the main festival events on Sunday. All funds raised benefit our Crete FBLA Scholarship Fund.

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