



# Topeka Area Catbackers



## ***Annual Golf Tournament***

Our annual golf tournament was held on July 16th at the Firekeeper Golf Course in Mayetta, KS. We had a fantastic turn out this year with 15 four man teams and a beautiful day for golf. Each player received a Topeka Area Catbackers T-shirt and matching hat along with several door and hole prizes.

Joining us this year was Ben Boyle and Brooks Barta. Ben is the General Manager for K-State Sports properties and the current television play by play announcer for both men's and women's basketball games. Brooks is a former K-State linebacker, 1991 First Team All-Big 8, and the current Holton High School Head Coach.

Thank you to everyone who played and helped organize this event. The golf tournament for next year has all ready been scheduled for June 24th at the Lake Shawnee Golf Course.

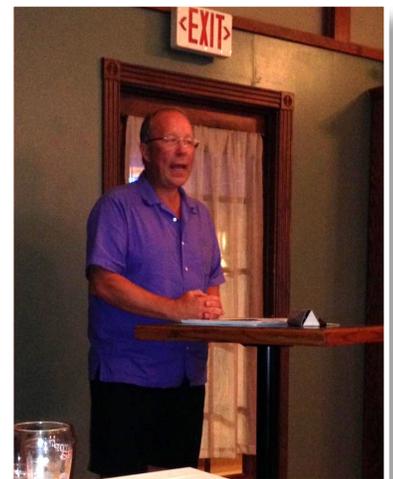


## ***Cat Chat with Wyatt Thompson***

On Thursday, July 23rd, we held our second Cat Chat at the Celtic Fox in downtown Topeka. More than 50 Catbackers gathered to dine on a sandwich and salad buffet while listening to Wyatt Thompson, the "Voice of the Wildcats".

Wyatt talked about the past basketball season and how we have a lot to look forward to this year. He broke down the Wildcat football team, position by position, and told us who would be the likely starters (except at QB). Wyatt was looking forward to seeing what Elijah Lee, Dalton Risner, Justin Silmon and other newcomers would be able to contribute. He also talked a little about current Wildcats in the NFL like Ryan Mueller, Tyler Lockett, BJ Finney, Jake Waters and their chances of surviving training camps. Wyatt told many great stories as well.

Next Cat Chat will be on October 22nd at the Ramada Inn West when we welcome parents of several current KSU players to get their perspective on KSU Football.



# ***Bus Trip to Stillwater***

On October 3rd, forty-eight eager Wildcat fans enjoyed the journey to Stillwater to support the Cats playing against the Oklahoma State Cowboys. Our host, Earlene Jirik, greeted everyone as they entered the bus with a Topeka Area Catbacker backpack filled with their lunch that included a sandwich of their choice, chips, an apple, a muffin, and candy treats. To keep everything cold we included a frozen bottle of water. To finish out the day we provided brownies and cookies. Everyone enjoyed the idea of the backpack lunch because it gave them a bag to take items into the game as well as future games.



The bus promptly left Topeka at 7:30am and arrived in downtown Stillwater at 12:15pm which allowed them time to attend the Pep Rally. They were able to “high five” Willie and participate in special cheers to “GO CATS” with the cheerleaders. We all then boarded the shuttle to the game arriving at the stadium to join the large amount of other eager Wildcat fans sitting in the visiting team section.

The game was full of excitement, unfortunately not all in our favor. When quarterback, Joe Hubener, was injured early in the game, Cody Cook stepped up and filled in as quarterback very admirably. We were very close to going home with a victory, but came up a little short. On the way back, still filled with great pride in our team for all their efforts, we stopped at Braums for a meal and change of driver. The trip ended back in Topeka around 2:00am with a very successful and fun filled trip.

A special thanks to the Topeka Area Catbackers for providing a trip opportunity along with other special events to support the fan participation for our Wildcats. Another special thanks to our host, Earlene Jirik for organizing everything and to the host helpers, Cherylene and Chris Lovett, Donna Clark, Carroll Morgensen, Donna Vialle, Bill Harmon and Dale Jirik.

## ***Have you renewed your membership?***

We want to remind everyone to renew their membership with the Topeka Area Catbackers and to encourage others to join. Being a member means you’ll receive special invitations to “member only” events which include our third Cat Chat scheduled on October 22nd, at the Ramada Inn West, where we will hear from several parents of current football players. Another member only event is our Luncheon that has been scheduled on November 4th, at the Ramada Inn West, where Bruce Weber will speak about the exciting upcoming basketball season.

Please visit our website at [www.topekaareacatbackers.com](http://www.topekaareacatbackers.com) for all our membership benefits and upcoming events, as well as our membership form. Or, you can mail the membership form to the Topeka Area Catbackers, c/o Cheryl White, P.O. Box 4767, Topeka, Kansas 66604. The yearly membership fee is only \$20 for your entire family.



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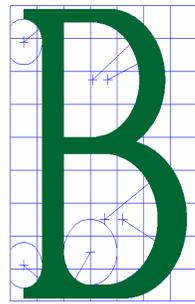
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# **Topeka Area Catbackers Club Events**

**October 22nd - Cat Chat with a Parent's Perspective**

**November 4th - Luncheon with Bruce Weber**

**June 24th, 2017 - Annual Golf Tournament**

Lake Shawnee Golf Course

**July 26th, 2017 - Annual Mike Ahearn Fund Event**

Ramada Inn West, Topeka

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A membership renewal form can be found on our website:

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