

What: University Kiwanis Drone Search Contest (a timed event)  
When: September 14, 2024, 8:30 AM first flight.  
Alternate 'rain date' September 21  
Where: University Kiwanis Park, 4400 Southwest Parkway, Wichita Falls  
Why: The Sheer Fun of it!  
Who: Any amateur drone operator (please, no professionals), LIMIT of ten entries! The drone must have imaging and image storage capabilities.

Cash prizes for places 1 (\$250), 2 (\$150) and 3 (\$100)

Entry fee: \$25 per drone operator, payable **in cash** (exact change please) on the day of the event.

Location: There will be in a 'pop-up' structure near the playground in the park. Look for a University Kiwanis feather banner. The first drone flight will launch at 8:30 AM. **Flight sequence for each of the drone entries will be random so all participants must be on site by 8:30 AM.**

Entry procedure: The event is open to any amateur drone operator. **Entry will be via text message of the word "DRONE" to cell number 940-782-6460.** The first ten such text messages received based on date and time will be the field of ten competitors. The entrant will be identified only by the cell number from which the text came to the cell number specified above. Please record that number or have it available when you arrive at the park on September 14. The first ten entrants will receive a "Confirmed" reply. Entries after the field of ten has been filled will receive a text message "Sorry – filled". If participation response is good, University Kiwanis will repeat the event at a later date.

Contest Rules: The area of the park to be searched by drone will cover no more than 20 acres, essentially the south end of the park limited to the south at Southwest Parkway and limited to the baseball field to the north. Each contestant will be allowed 12 minutes to find and image ten distinct objects in the field of search, images of which will be available pre-flight. Hence, drone operators should be at the park before 8:30 AM to familiarize themselves with the objects to be located. At the expiration of 12 minutes, the number of objects imaged by the drone will be recorded and the next drone operator allowed to take the field. Only one drone will be in the search field at a time. The operator with the most images, or in the event that all 10 objects are imaged, the shortest time to find all the objects will be awarded first place. The second and third fastest times (or if at the 12 minute maximum, the number of images captured) will be awarded accordingly. In the event of ties, the pot will be split among the tied participants.