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# <u>2025 SHRIMPOREE – OCTOBER 17-19, 2025</u> <u>INDEPENDENT VENDOR APPLICATION</u>

Owner/Contact:		
Name of Business:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
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- Vendors selling merchandise and businesses/organizations promoting services/products or brands may apply for Independent Vendor space.
- Independent Vendor Space is a stand-alone space within the festival.
- Vendors selling pre-packaged food items such as canned jellies/salsas, beef jerky, candy, etc. must include an ingredient list on the packaging.
- Vendors selling food items that are prepared on-site are considered Food Vendors and must submit a Food Vendor Application.

## Independent Vendor Booth Space Cost: \$500 per 10'x10' Space required:

- Rates cover the entire weekend.
- Booth spaces are stand-alone spaces within the festival.
- Canopies, tables, chairs, and displays are not provided. We require all Independent & Commercial Vendors to provide a canopy to protect staff from heat exhaustion.
- Vendors must occupy their booth at all times during festival hours.
- Vendor fees are non-refundable.
- Electricity is not included in booth space.

### **Festival Hours:**

Friday, October 17, 2025: 6 PM-Midnight Saturday, October 18, 2025 Noon-Midnight Sunday, October 19, 2025: Noon-6 PM

Applicants can guarantee their booth space with <u>FULL PAYMENT</u>. First come first served basis.

\*\*\*All applications will be juried and accepted based on the information provided by the applicant.\*\*\*

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

If the Shrimporee Festival is canceled by the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce due to unforeseen circumstances, vendor fees will not be refunded. The chamber does not take responsibility for any additional costs incurred, including travel and lodging.

Unforeseen circumstances refer to unexpected events that prevent the continuation of the Shrimporee Festival. Examples include inclement weather or natural disasters, site unavailability, technological challenges, viruses or bacteria.

PRODUCTS OR SERVICES:
Please list/describe your products or services:
All applications must include photos of merchandise. Applications are not complete without photos.
ACCOMMODATIONS:
Please describe your booth setup so that we can make necessary accommodations for you: For example, please list if your space will include a vehicle or trailer that patrons can walk through to view your products, large displays, or if you will have a standard setup such as a canopy and tables.

#### ADDITIONAL SHRIMPOREE VENDOR EXHIBIT RULES & EVENT INFORMATION

Check-In: Independent Vendor check-in is Friday, October 17, 2025 from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM. At this time, you will receive a Vendor Packet with (5) 3-day event access bracelets and (1) vendor parking pass for each booth purchased. You will be required to pay a \$20 cash cleaning deposit per booth. Event access bracelets must be worn to enter the grounds. If more than two people are working at your booth they must pay an entry fee. Additional 3-day passes are available for a discounted price of \$10 and may be purchased at 6 PM at the Blue Information Building on the Friday of the Event.

You must utilize the Arch Street gate (Left off Johnson Ave.) to enter the festival grounds at check-in. Please quickly unload your merchandise in your area and remove your vehicle from the grounds before setting up. This will ensure that all vendors have an opportunity to offload their products swiftly.

No Exceptions: All vehicles must be off the grounds by 3:30 pm. Late check-ins after 3:30 pm will require you to walk any of your wares/items to the grounds. All vendor booths MUST be set up and ready to sell by 5:30 pm, (thirty minutes before gates open at 6 pm on Friday).

**Site Access:** The Shrimporee festival grounds are located at 200 E. Johnson Avenue, Aransas Pass, TX 78336 off Hwy 361. Please utilize Johnson Ave. to enter the festival grounds.

Cleanliness & Cleaning Deposit: Please keep your vendor booth clean of debris and boxes throughout the event. Trash bags will not be provided to vendors. Volunteers will be working during festival hours clearing out trash cans as they become full. Please place your trash in a nearby bin or set it aside for disposal in the roll-off dumpster located near the vendor parking lot.

A cleaning deposit of \$20 cash per booth is due at check-in on Friday and is refunded on Sunday after the coordinator has inspected your booth and your area is free of all debris. You will not receive your check-in packet until this deposit is paid. There is only one vendor coordinator and over 80 vendors, so it is your responsibility to make sure your booth is inspected before leaving to obtain your \$20 cleaning deposit. Deposits will not be mailed.

#### **Vendor Hours:**

Friday, October 17, 2025: 6 PM-Midnight Saturday, October 18, 2025 Noon-Midnight Sunday, October 19, 2025: Noon-6 PM

Vendors must occupy their booth at all times during festival hours. On Friday and Saturday evenings, please roll down your tent sidewalls and exit the event promptly at event closure. All vendors must exit the festival grounds by 12:15 AM. Vendors may access the festival grounds on Saturday morning as early as 9:00 AM and on Sunday morning as early as 10:00 AM.

**Fees:** Vendor fees are non-refundable and do not include electricity.

**Teardown:** Teardown is at 6:00 pm on Sunday. It's recommended that you pack your product before bringing your vehicle onto the grounds; this should help keep the isles decongested for a safe and timely load-out. No vehicles will be allowed onto the grounds until they are clear of patrons. DO NOT bring your vehicle onto the grounds before 6:15 PM. All vendors must exit the festival grounds by 7:30 PM. Cleaning deposits may be forfeited after this time.

**Vendor Parking:** The vendor parking lot can be accessed from the Euclid Street gate (Off Johnson Ave.). One parking pass per booth is provided at check-in. The provided parking pass must be displayed on your windshield to access and park in the vendor-designated parking lot. If the provided parking pass is not clearly and properly displayed for parking patrol to see, you will be directed to move your vehicle to a paid parking lot. Parking in these lots starts at \$5.00 per car, with proceeds benefiting non-profit youth organizations. Trailers must have an additional parking pass secured with tape or a zip tie. Vehicles that are found in violation will not be allowed back in the parking lot for the remainder of the event. Also, please be courteous to other vendors and do not block or "triple park" other vehicles. There are free satellite parking areas designated throughout the Aransas Pass area and include free shuttle transportation to and from the Shrimporee grounds.

**Insurance:** It is recommended that you carry appropriate insurance to protect yourself against loss, injury, or property damage while exhibiting your wares at the Shrimporee Festival. We will not make any attempt to provide coverage for you, and you are urged to read and understand the release statement at the bottom of your application.

**Security:** Our festival is fenced in, and continuous security patrols are provided during festival hours as well as overnight. Your merchandise must be completely under the tent with sidewalls let down before exiting the festival grounds in the evenings. If you are unable to roll down your tent sidewalls, please ask an individual at the Blue Information Building to help you find a volunteer to assist with the task.

**Exclusivity:** Absolutely no rights to exclusivity are granted or implied to exhibitors at this Festival. Every effort will be made to keep similar or like crafts separated.

**Sales Tax:** You must have a sales tax permit to participate in the festival and you are responsible for the payment of any applicable sales tax incurred while at the festival. You may be required to produce your permit at any time during the weekend.

**Fire Extinguisher:** You must bring a certified 5 lb. fire extinguisher and have it accessible at your booth for safety purposes.

**Merchandise:** Our sponsoring entity has the right to accept or reject any application and reserves the right to refuse duplicate merchandise being offered by another vendor. All applications will be reviewed and accepted on those guidelines.

Items undisclosed in this application are not permitted for sale. All merchandise must be sold from your booth. Peddling or selling your wares in the crowds or away from your booth including calling/shouting to the crowd from your booth will not be permitted. Weapons or replicas of any kind, cannabis accessories/apparel, pornographic items, toy guns or laser lights are NOT permitted for sale.

**Complaints:** If an issue arises between you and another vendor, please report your complaint to the vendor coordinator or a Chamber representative at the Blue Information Building. DO NOT confront the vendor. Anyone not abiding by the rules will be asked to leave the festival for the remainder of the event. All rules and regulations must be followed at all times during the festival. Anyone who is asked to leave the grounds for violations of the rules will not be allowed to remove their ware until event closure.

#### RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of being accepted to participate as a Vendor in the Shrimporee Festival the Vendor, for himself, his personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, as well as the Vendor's owners, officers, heirs and affiliates acknowledges, agrees and represents that:

- 1. THE VENDOR HEREBY accepts the risks inherent in the event and hereby agrees to release the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce, its owners and affiliates, Other Event Vendors, the City of Aransas Pass, and all Participating Clubs and any and all employees or contractors or their assigns from any loss, liability or damage caused to the Vendor or to the Vendor's personal property, including claims for negligence, which arise out of the participation in or travel to the event or at the festival location.
- 2. THE VENDOR HEREBY agrees to save and hold harmless and indemnify Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce its owners and affiliates, Other Event Vendors, the City of Aransas Pass (Indemnities), from all claims for loss, damage, cost, expense, fine or penalty, regardless of whether the same is also indemnified against by any other person, arising out of or in connection with the Vendor's participation in or travel to the event at the venue, regardless of any omission or negligence of any Indemnities.
- 3. THE VENDOR AGREES that any property damage to the festival grounds or to Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce property as a result of negligent behavior or intentional misconduct by the Vendor will be the sole financial responsibility of the Vendor.
- 4. The undersigned agrees to provide appropriate liability and property insurance and understands that the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce, its officers, directors, employees and agents, the Shrimporee Festival Planning Committee, and the City of Aransas Pass do not provide insurance for the undersigned for any purpose.

Signature of Applicant	Printed Name		Date
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