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75th ANNUAL SHRIMPOREE MAY 19-21, 2023

INDEPENDENT VENDOR APPLICATION

Owner/Contact: _____

Name of Business: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**Independent (Commercial Booth Space 10'x10') Cost: \$400 Rates cover the entire weekend
Booths are not secured without full payment. **Vendor fees are non-refundable**
Additional Space can be provided for additional charge, if available.**

Items that you are vending: *(Application must include photos of items to be sold)* _____

- **You must provide your own tables, chairs, tent, etc.**
- **No power will be provided**, please bring your generator if power is needed. We recommend using a 10'x10' tent to protect your staff from heat exhaustion.

All Applications Will Be Juried and Accepted Based On the Rules Stated in The Rule Sheet. No Weapons or Replicas of Any Kind, "Head-Shop" Paraphernalia, Or Pornographic Items Allowed, No Toy Hand Guns or Laser Lights!

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. If you have listed items that are not accepted you will be notified of what items were accepted and should you try to sell the non-approved items you will be asked to cease and if you choose to not abide, then you will be asked to leave the show. No items may be sold unless first approved by this office.

All merchandise must be sold from your booth (no peddling or selling your wares in the crowds or away from your booth including calling/shouting to the crowd from your booth).

All Independent Vendors check in on Thursday, May 18th, 2023 between 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event that Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce must cancel the Shrimporee Festival due to unforeseen circumstances, vendor fees will **not** be refunded. The Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce does not assume responsibility for any additional costs, charges, or expenses including charges made for travel and lodging.

Unforeseen Circumstances Defined for Refund and Cancellation Policies:

Unforeseen circumstances are used to describe an event that is unexpected and prevents the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce from continuing with the Shrimporee Festival. Examples of such circumstances can include, but are not limited to, inclement weather or other natural disasters, site unavailability, technology challenges, and virus or bacterium.

Check-In: You will be able to drive your vehicle onto the grounds. Weather & traffic permitting you will be able to pull to the front of your tent/booth and unload your ware. Quickly unload **before** setting up wares. Immediately after unloading you must move your vehicle(s) to the vendor parking lot and return on foot to continue setting up. If you are unable to check in at your designated time, speak with the vendor coordinator assigned to you to confirm a late check-in on Friday, from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. ***All vehicles must be off the grounds by 3:30 pm on Friday, you would need to walk in any of your wares/items onto the grounds after that time.*** All vendor booths **MUST** be set-up and ready to sell by 5:30 pm on Friday (opening day, gates open at 6 PM).

Teardown: Teardown begins at 6 pm Sunday evening. It's recommended to pack your product prior to bringing your vehicle onto the grounds; this should help keep isles decongested for a safe and timely load-out. No vehicles will be allowed onto the grounds until grounds are clear of event patrons (for safety reasons). This may take 30-45 minutes, so please be patient. After the official closing time at 6 pm hand carrying of merchandise out to your car is permitted while waiting for guests to leave the grounds. After the grounds have been cleared and weather permitting, the coordinator will let you know when it is safe to enter the grounds. **DO NOT bring your vehicle onto the grounds before event closure.**

Vendor Badges: At Check-in, you will receive a vendor Packet with 2 event admission bracelets and 1 vendor parking pass per number of booths rented along with festival information. Event admission bracelets must be worn to enter the grounds. If more than two people are working at your booth they must pay an entry fee. Three-day passes are available at a discounted rate of \$10 for vendors and may be purchased at check-in.

Parking issues: Vendor parking is very limited. One parking pass per booth will be provided to vendors and this pass must be displayed in your windshield at all times while in the lot. Do not attempt to park within the festival area. Please be aware that you are not blocking other vehicles when you park. **Triple parking is NOT allowed and you will be towed.** If your parking pass is not clearly and properly displayed for a parking patrol to see you will be directed to move your vehicle to a paid-parking lot. Parking in these lots has gone as high as \$5.00 per car, with proceeds going to non-profit youth organizations. There are free park and ride parking lots designated throughout Aransas Pass (free shuttle transportation provided to and from the Shrimporee grounds). Your staff can park in these lots and shuttle to and from the event free of charge.

Cleaning Fee & Trash: You will need to bring your own trash bags, brooms, power tools, etc. to the booth with you, as they are not provided. We will have volunteers working throughout the festival hours picking up trash bags as they become full. Please tie off and set aside for them to pick up. All boxes must be broken down and bagged. **A cleaning fee of \$10 is due at check-in and is refunded Sunday evening after the vendor coordinator has inspected your booth area. If your area is free of debris we return your cleaning fee.**

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 in different areas.

Sales tax: You must have a state sales tax permit in order 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.

Electricity: No power provided, please bring your own generator if power is needed.

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

Security: Continuous security patrols are provided during festival hours, and overnight hours. Your merchandise must be completely underneath your booth and covered after closing to permit better visual access by patrolling officers.

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.

Vendor Hours: **Your booth must stay open and manned until midnight Friday and Saturday and all Sunday during the festival, no exceptions.**

Festival hours: Friday 6pm-12am | Saturday 12pm-12am | Sunday 12pm-6pm

Setup/Site access: The Shrimporee Grounds are located at 200 E. Johnson Ave. off Commercial St which is also known as HWY 361. **Set up is on Friday for Craft Booth Vendors and Thursday for Independent Vendors.** Arrival times are staggered for more efficient check-in and to relieve congestion on the grounds.

RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agrees that, as partial consideration for the undersigned's participation in the Aransas Pass Shrimporee Festival, Texas, the undersigned will release the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce, its officers, directors, employees and agents, the Shrimporee Festival Planning Committee, and the City of Aransas Pass from any liability arising from the undersigned's use of the facilities of the Shrimporee Festival and the City of Aransas Pass, and agrees to indemnify and defend the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce, its officers, directors, employees and agents, the Shrimporee Festival Planning Committee, and the City of Aransas Pass for any damages, claim for damages or other litigation resulting from the undersigned's participation in the Shrimporee Festival in Aransas Pass in May, 2023. The undersigned agrees to provide its own insurance and agrees that the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce, its officers, directors, employees and agents, the Shrimporee Festival Planning Committee, and the City of Aransas Pass will not provide any insurance for the undersigned for any purpose. The undersigned further certified that he or she has authority to sign for the organization represented. **I have hereby read and understand all documents pertaining to this event, and agree to abide by them as stated.**

(Signature)

(Print name)

(Date)

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING

If you have a problem with another vendor, please report your complaint to the vendor coordinator. DO NOT confront the vendor. Anyone not abiding by the rules will be asked to leave the grounds and will not be invited back next year. All rules and regulations must be followed at all times during the three-day event. No exceptions. Anyone that is asked to leave the grounds for violations of the rules will not be allowed to remove their ware until the grounds are closed for the night. There will be no exceptions to this rule. If you understand and have read all rules & regulations. Please sign this copy and return it to the chamber with your application.

Thank you.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Payment Methods: Visa, MasterCard, cash and/or checks accepted.

Make check payable to: Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce

Mailing Address: 130 W. Goodnight, Aransas Pass, Texas 78336

Cash Check Enclosed | Check # _____ Credit Card MasterCard Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Month/Year

CVC/CVV# _____ (3 digits on the back of your card)