

Grindrod Garlic Festival Letter to Vendors for 2024

We are excited to welcome you to the 15th Annual Grindrod Garlic Festival on Sunday August 18, 2024 at the Quilakwa Ball Park in Enderby.

Vendor Fees and Cancellation

General Vendors: \$70 per 10'x10' spot

Food Vendors: \$100 for a spot 10' or less, \$150 for a spot over 10' (Food vendors are those whose product is more than 25% ready to eat food and drink, either hot or cold.)

Fees are due by May 15, 2024 and can be paid via etransfer or cheque.

Cancellation must be received in writing to grindrodgarlicfestival.com and will be refunded as follows:

If received on or before JUNE 15: 100% refund

If received on or before JULY 15: 50% refund

If received after JULY 15: no refund

Set Up

7Am to 9AM. We will be there earlier but will not allow vendors in before 7AM. Be sure to allow plenty of time for set up, especially if you have a large vehicle or trailer: set up must be completed by 9:30AM so we are ready to open at 10AM.

Please check in with the Festival Coordinator as you enter to be directed to your vendor space.

Vendor spaces are approximately 10'x10' and vendors are asked to remain within their designated spaces. The space is marked by dots which mark the front of your tent.

Vendors are responsible for their own protection from the elements, for all materials and equipment required for their booths, and for ensuring such materials and equipment are secure in all weather conditions. It has been unusually windy in the past so be sure to bring weights for your tents. *The Grindrod Garlic Festival Society and organizers are not liable for any damage caused by vendor installations, materials or equipment.*

Food vendors need a current FoodSafe certificate. Vendors who sell high risk foods are required to have a permit from Interior Health (letter of approval).

Vendors are expected to treat each other, patrons, Society directors, volunteers and the Festival Coordinator with respect and common courtesy. *The Festival Coordinator has final authority on the day of the Festival.*

Washrooms

There is a washroom building near the food court area which we will supplement with portapotties. There will also be a portapottie with wash station set up near the vendors.

Waste and Sustainability

One goal of the Grindrod Garlic Festival is to improve our environmental sustainability. Every year we are committed, where possible, to adopt practices that reflect sustainable principles and best practices, such as using paper, glass, or compostable packaging in place of plastic bags or garlic sleeves.

Thank you to all vendors that make an effort to provide reusable and /or recyclable packaging, and especially those that avoid the use of plastic. Priority will be given to those vendors.

The return of the eco tent saw dedicated volunteers sorting garbage, recycling, and compost in order to ensure waste was diverted correctly.

Vendor Participation

Please bring an entry for our judging categories! There are many garlic categories such as Largest Garlic (any variety), Best Garlic Braid (Softneck), Best Garlic Braid (Hardneck), and two People's Choice Art categories: Adult and 16 and Under. The winner of the adult category will get a small prize and be featured on the poster for next year, the children's category will also receive a prize. *We would love to see and display art by previous winners but they are not eligible to win* You can view all categories on our website so you can plan ahead!

Volunteers

HELP!! We can always use volunteers on the day of the Festival. If you or friends and relatives can spare an hour or two to help on Festival day it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact grindrodgarlicfestival@gmail.com if you can help!

Required Volunteers include folks to keep an eye on the judging categories and art displays, sell bags, man the Eco Tent, help people register for workshops, and many other jobs.

Take Down

The Festival closes at 4 pm, vendors must wait until then to begin taking down their stalls. If any vendor is seen starting tear down before 4pm, they may not be accepted in the future.

Absolutely no vehicles can drive in or out until Festival staff gives clearance to do so!

We rent the Park location and provide a damage deposit. Every vendor is responsible for leaving their space in immaculate condition.

Thank you for supporting the Grindrod Garlic Festival!

As your board, we continue to try to keep the Festival fresh and interesting, while renewing the most popular events. If you have ideas for adding to the Festival, or any feedback, feel free to share with us by emailing us at grindrodgarlicfestival@gmail.com