



## at Linda Pedersen Park 2024 General Facts Sheet Non-Profits, 501(c)3

**SUMMARY:**

Good, old-fashioned family fun, Mermaid themed festival. Enjoy the relaxed, casual atmosphere in beautiful Linda Pedersen Park

**LOCATION:**

Linda Pedersen Park  
6400 Shoal Line Boulevard, Weeki Wachee, FL 34607

**DATE & TIME:**

Saturday, June 1, 2024 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Sunday, June 2, 2024 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**SET-UP: ATTENDANCE:**

Friday, May 31, 2024

5:30 PM- 8PM

3,000 to 5,000 projected

**COST:**

Event is free for attendees

**FEATURES:**

Arts & Crafts, Non-stop Entertainment, Mermaid Themed Food, Hourly Prize Drawings, Public Service Exhibits

**ENTERTAINMENT: FOOD: ORGANIZERS:**

Variety of live

music

throughout

the festival A

variety of

Mermaid Food

Members of the Florida Mer Con

**\*\*\*NO PETS/ANIMALS permitted per Hernando County park regulations\*\*\***

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**[www.floridamercon.com](http://www.floridamercon.com)**

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# Mer Con Festival Rules

- Florida Mer Con is not responsible and/or accountable for any sales or lack thereof between vendor and festival patrons during this event. We only provide the space for your merchandise to be sold. The rental of a booth space(s) is at your own risk. We are not responsible for any loss you may incur. It is the sole discretion of vendor committee to approve or deny applications.
- Upon arrival, participants must check in to receive their booth assignments. Spaces are preassigned and ARE FINAL. All booths must be set up by 8 AM Friday. Someone from the prize booth will stop by your booth to pick up the donated item.

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- Free coffee will be available at in the Sweets Booth in the Food Court all weekend starting at 7:30 AM daily
- Participants must **prominently display the ID card** showing name and space number **on your tent** and the **parking pass must be prominently displayed in your vehicle** (provided in Sponsor Packet to be picked up at Vendor check-in). **Wristbands are required for all persons entering the park** and must be worn all weekend.
- Participants must be present during the entire festival. (No one is permitted to breakdown their booth before 4 PM on Sunday unless prior arrangements are made). **Failure to follow this rule will result in ineligibility for future Florida Mer Con events.**
- Participants are required to provide their own tents, tie down weights, tables, chairs, etc. and have complete responsibility for their own exhibits. Please keep all areas clean and dispose of trash in designated places.
- Generators allowed with noise level not exceeding 70 decibels.
- Electricity is available for an added fee. See registration form for more details. **Space is limited.**
- Set up between the paint marks at your designated booth space.
- If you need additional supplies brought to your location during the event please contact the Florida Mer Con Info Booth to assist you in making arrangements. You are not allowed to bring vehicles into the event during event hours.
- Vehicles must be parked in APPROVED parking spaces or they will be towed at the owner's expense. See a parking volunteer if you have any questions. Please respect designated handicap spaces and park beyond them.
- Vehicles will be permitted in the park prior to festival start time for unloading and restocking. **All vehicles must be removed by 8AM** and may not reenter the park until 5:45 PM Fri-Sat. or 4:45 PM Sun. For safety reasons there is **NO vehicle movement** of any kind permitted within the park between 8AM and 5:45PM Fri-Sat or 4:45PM Sun.
- **Animals/Pets are NOT permitted** in Linda Pedersen Park per Hernando County park regulations. Please make other arrangements.
- Vendors are **NOT** permitted to offer items that launch projectiles (toy guns, bow & arrow, slingshot, etc), **raffle tickets, baked goods** or anything deemed exclusive to Florida Mer Con
- **All vendors are restricted to distributing information/products at their booths** so as not to impede the flow of traffic.
- All political candidates must work out their party affiliated booth, individual booths are not permitted.
- No helium balloons are to be given for advertisement due to environmental concerns.
- No unauthorized photography/videography of festival participants without written approval by Florida Mer Con Officials and signed consent by individuals being photographed/videoed.
- Any group or individual found to be in violation of these rules will be put on notice. Failure to comply with any request by Festival personnel will result in eviction from the park and ineligibility to attend the Festival in the future. Festival personnel reserve the right to refuse entrance or effect anyone deemed disruptive.

### Florida Mer Con Festival Release:

All applicants agree for themselves and all affiliated persons to comply with event rules and regulations and to forever discharge Florida Merfolk, LLC a/k/a "Florida Mer Con" Festival, its officers, volunteers, sponsoring organizations, Linda Pedersen Park and other participants from all matters of actions, suits, damages, claims and demands whatsoever in law or equity, from any loss of damage to the undersigned property while in possession, supervision or auspices of the Florida Mer Con Festival, Linda Pedersen Park, its agents, representatives or volunteers/employees.

I declare that all of the statements in the application are truthful and correct statements and representative of my art/craft/food and the art/craft/food I will bring to the festival. I understand that if in the sole opinion of the festival committee, my application or art/craft/food contains fraudulent or incorrect statements I may be ruled ineligible for the festival or removed from it at any time. Penalties after the determination of ineligibility or removal will include forfeiture of participation in future Florida Mer Con Fest events. I agree to abide by the Festival Rules and understand the Florida Mer Con Fest Board of Directors reserves the right to make the final interpretation of all rules.

I understand that uncivil behavior or breach of professional decorum will be cause for immediate expulsion from Festival grounds.

**Please check box on application page that you have read and understand these rules**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Booth #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with this important information**

### **Parking and Set-up**

- Park in area designated for vendors only or risk being towed. See parking volunteer with questions.
- Set up only between the paint marks at your designated booth space.
- Set up must be completed and vehicles out of the gates by 8:00 a.m. Friday morning.
- Advertising and sales of your products or services must be done only from your designated space.
- Complete the contact and emergency contact information requested on the back of your booth tag.
- Booth tag **MUST BE** displayed on the front of your booth at all times for emergency purposes. Use provided clip to secure it and ziplock bag to protect it in case of rain.
- Breaking down tents is not permitted during festival hours and must be completed after 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and after 4:30 p.m. Sunday. This will be enforced and early break down will result in denied access to future events.

### **Housekeeping and Security**

- Do not leave food in your tent overnight. It's like an invitation to the swamp critters!
- Night security will be provided but please secure your area before leaving each day.
- Please leave your area as you found it. This is home for many swamp critters!!
- Under **NO** circumstances are animals allowed within the park per Hernando County regulations.
- **NO** photography/videography without prior written approval by Florida Mer Con Fest officials and consent of the individuals to be photographed or videoed.

We hope you find everything satisfactory.

If you have any issues, please see a festival volunteer located at the information booth near the stage.

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# 024 Non-Profit, 501(c)3

## Application

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer?  Yes  No • If Yes will it be parked behind your space?  Yes  No

Would you like to donate a gift from your booth?  Yes  No (If yes please have it ready for Friday AM pick-up)

Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation via  Email or  Mail (If mail, please enclose a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope)

**Please indicate setup date:**

Fri. May 31, 2024, 5:30 to 8pm  Sat. June 1, 2024, 6:15am to 9:00am (No vehicle movement after 9am)

**Category of Exhibit**

\_\_\_\_\_ 501(c)3 \$ 0.00  
(limited availability)

**Description of Exhibit:**

(Please describe what the passer-by will see on display)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

**Make checks payable to: Florida Merfolk, LLC**

**\*\*\*\*\*APPLICATION DEADLINE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024\*\*\*\*\***

Email application with attachments to: amy@floridamercon.com or mail application with attachments to:

Vendors-Florida Mer Con 5330 Spring Hill Dr. Suite H • Spring Hill, FL 34606

For questions call Amy @ 352-263-6038 or email amy@floridamercon.com

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**I have read and understand the Florida Mer Con Festival Rules**

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_