The 80th Rhododendron Festival Arts & Crafts Fair

Friday, June 18th, 12 pm - 5 pm / Saturday, June 19th, 10 am - 4 pm

Bowman Middle School Football Field (410 S Mitchell Ave, Bakersville, NC 28705)

Before Submitting, Please Read the Entire Application, Rules, & Cancellation Policy

Festival Rules & Guidelines

1. All applications must be completed in full.
2. **Food vendors must submit a complete menu with prices, which will be approved.**
3. Applications will be taken until booth space is filled. Additional vendors will be placed on a waiting list. No more than 3 of the same type of vendors will be accepted (for example, soap or candle vendors). If you are NOT accepted to be a vendor or placed on the waiting list, you will be notified.
4. **NO applications will be accepted after June 1st.**
5. If you are not accepted as a vendor, you will be notified as soon as possible.
6. Booth space is 10x10. If you have a larger display, you will be required to purchase an additional space.
7. No vendor should sell t-shirts, tumblers, or hats that attempt to emulate or compete with the official merchandise sold by the festival committee. Our merchandise sale is a huge part of our fundraising, and any vendor that seems to violate this regulation may be asked to cease sales of the items or even leave the event entirely.
8. Food trucks must have their own water supply.
9. Every effort will be made to accommodate a special request for exhibit space, but it cannot be guaranteed.
10. Vendor spaces are assigned based on the type of merchandise, the receipt date of your paid application, and the accommodation requests you make.
11. Each exhibitor is responsible for collecting and remitting North Carolina sales tax of 6.75% AND as per NC Gen. Stat.66-255
12. **Cancellation Policy: AFTER June 1st, NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.**

Festival Notes

- ALL vendor tents must be safely secured with a minimum of 10 lbs per leg.
- Vendors are responsible for their own tent, tables, and display. Someone must be present in the booth at all times, and tables should be presentable and have an attractive appearance.
- You are allowed to leave displays up overnight on Thursday and Friday if you choose to do so, but merchandise should be secured.
- While vendors have access to public parking, PARKING IS LIMITED, so please plan accordingly for extra vehicles.
- **ALL exhibits must present your Business Name on the front of the booth and remain open for attendees until the festival has completed for the day.**
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted anywhere on the grounds. They cannot be served or sold.
- ALL pets must be on a leash no longer than 3 feet, and pet owners must clean up after their pets. Smoking is allowed at designated smoking areas only. Please, no smoking at booth space.
- At the conclusion of the craft fair on Saturday afternoon, all exhibit spaces must be cleaned up. This includes ALL trash. Failure to clean up your booth space will result in not being accepted to future events.
- **Generators must be pre-approved, and only whisper generators are allowed.**
- **NEW FOR 2027: Food trucks have the option to also set up on Thursday, June 17th in the Bowman School Parking lot for no additional charge. Please contact us directly for more details if you are interested.**

****We try to prevent menu duplication, so we ask that you submit a full menu with your application so the committee can review it.**

***** ALL Food Vendors must apply for and obtain a permit for a Temporary Food Establishment at the Mitchell County Health Department in Ledger, NC. This MUST be done by May 31st.**

Vendor Application

- Arts & Crafts Vendor: $100 (Local Mitchell County or Previous Year Vendors $80)
  -Add an Extra 10x10 Booth Space is an additional $40
- Snack Vendors: $75 (This includes beverages or frozen treats)
- Food Vendors: ** $125 (Local Mitchell County or Previous Year Food Vendors $100)
- Commercial Vendors: $100 (Local Mitchell County Commercial Vendors $75)
- Non-Profit Vendors: $25

(Make checks out to Bakersville Community Foundation & mail to PO Box 407, Bakersville, NC 28705
Vendor fees may also be paid via Venmo or PayPal upon request, but vendors are responsible for the 3% service fee)

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Sales & Use Tax ID if applicable: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Please circle what type of vendor you are

Art & Craft / Food / Snack / Commercially Produced Items / Nonprofit / Other _____

Please briefly describe the type of product you will be selling: _____

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Average Price of Item Sold:_____ Any Special Request: _____

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Type of Food: if a food or snack vendor:

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- By reading and signing this application, you will not hold the Town of Bakersville, the Bakersville Community Foundation, the North Carolina Rhododendron Festival, or Festival Volunteers liable for any damages to property or injuries that could occur during the event.
- You have read the rules and regulations of the NC Rhododendron Festival and agree to abide by them.
- You may be asked to leave if the rules are not followed.
- Your signature is your agreement to abide by all the rules of this festival.

Applications must be submitted by email or mailed to the festival coordinator at **PO Box 407, Bakersville, NC 28705** before June 1st. If you have questions, you may contact the festival coordinators at ncrhodofest@gmail.com

Signed:_____ Date: _____ Enclosed $: _____