

RUSKIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

VENDOR Application

The 28th Annual Ruskin Seafood Festival will be held at E.G. Simmons County Park, 2401 19th Avenue NW, Ruskin, Florida 33570, on Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6, 2016.

HOURS: Saturday, November 5, 2016 10am - 5pm
Sunday, November 6, 2016 10am - 4pm

EARLY SET UP: Friday, November 4, 2016 10:00am - 4pm

DEADLINE: **October 14, 2016**
Acceptance mailed by October 21, 2016
Sorry, no refunds after acceptance letter mailed.

Make Checks payable to: SouthShore Chamber of Commerce
(Two checks – One for booth fee and one for the \$30 Refundable Clean-Up Deposit)

BOOTH FEES

(all 12' x 12' spaces)

Vendor Booth: PAST DEADLINE
\$ 300.00 OR \$75 for Non-Profit

\$30 REFUNDABLE CLEAN UP DEPOSIT REQUIRED FOR ALL VENDORS
(deposit will be returned by mail after the festival)

Application Requirements:

1. All **ARTS & CRAFTS** applicants must submit a total of (4) photos/images representative of the work to be presented at the Festival: one of their booth display and three of work. Images to be prints or digital jpeg file. An artist may exhibit only in those categories for which images have been submitted and accepted by the show committee.
2. All other **VENDORS** must submit a photo of their booth display and, if selling items, 2 photos of the items to be sold.
3. All applications must be mailed, emailed or faxed to the Chamber of Commerce. If emailed or faxed, processing will not be completed until payment is received. Artists may only exhibit in those categories for which images have been submitted and accepted by the festival committee.

Set Up: Early set up is permitted on the Friday, November 4, 2016, between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm. **Exhibit must be set up by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, and remain in place until closing each day.** Each exhibitor is responsible for keeping the area safe and clean; making sure everything is left in order at closing each evening. **Exhibitors are required to display both days or forfeit their deposit.**

Display Area: Each space is 12' x 12'. Exhibitors are permitted to drive their vehicle on the grounds for loading and unloading **prior to 9am each day and after 4:30pm on Sunday**. Parking is nearby. Electricity is **not** available. Exhibitors will provide own means of display. This is an outdoor show; therefore, **all displays must have tent or canopy**. Any artist intending to complete work on site must have approval prior to the start of the Festival. Prints displayed in the booth must be marked as such. Show is outdoors and exhibitor booths may be on grass.

Gate/Parking Passes: Gate passes and Vendor parking passes for people staffing the booth will be available for pick up at check in. Passes will be limited to four (4) Gate Passes and two (2) Parking Passes for the entire weekend.

Parking: Exhibitors are permitted to drive their vehicle on the grounds for loading and unloading (see Set Up information). During festival hours, exhibitors must park in the designated vendor parking area. Vendor parking is nearby. **Absolutely NO vehicles can remain on festival grounds – NO EXCEPTIONS. ALL VEHICLES MUST EXIT FESTIVAL GROUNDS BY 9AM EACH DAY.**

Security: On-site security will be provided Friday and Saturday night. Displays may be left up overnight, at the exhibitor's own risk. The Festival committee and its sponsoring organizations will not be liable for loss and/or damage of exhibitor's goods or display material.

Sales Tax: Each exhibitor is responsible for collecting Florida sales tax on sales made during the festival and filing the tax collected to the Florida Department of Revenue. The sales tax rate in Hillsborough County is 7%.

One of our chairpersons will contact you about acceptance. Any questions should be directed to the chairperson.

Conditions for Participation:

- Display must be **set up by 9 am** on Saturday, November 5, 2016 and **remain in place until closing each day.**
- **Exhibitors must display both days and conduct all business from within their booth space.**
- All booth displays must have tent or canopy.
- Festival **site closes at 6 pm** Friday & Saturday and 9:00pm Saturday. **No exhibitor will be allowed on site after closing.**
- **NO food or beverage sales or giveaways by vendors other than food vendors.**
- No electricity is available.
- Exhibitors are **not** allowed to use megaphones or microphones
- **Exhibitors who fail to comply with set up time requirements may not be permitted to remain in the festival and will forfeit all booth fees paid.**
- **Failure to abide by the Conditions for Participation may result in forfeiture of deposit.**

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Apollo Beach, Florida 33572
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November 5 - 6, 2016

Please Print Clearly

Name/Business Name _____

Contact _____ Daytime Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____ Website _____

Description of items you intend to sell / display in your booth _____

NON-MEMBERS

_____ Vendor Booth (Past Deadline) **\$ 300.00**

_____ Non Profit Booth (Past Deadline) **\$ 75.00**

_____ \$30 REFUNDABLE CLEAN UP DEPOSIT REQUIRED FOR ALL VENDORS

The undersigned hereby forever discharges and releases the Ruskin Seafood Festival, the SouthShore Chamber of Commerce, E.G. Simmons Park and all sponsoring organizations, their directors, agents, officers, employees and volunteers from all matters of actions, suits, damages, claims and demands whatsoever in law or equity for any responsibility, personal liability, claims, loss or damage arising in any way out of or in conjunction with the undersigned's application to participate in the Ruskin Seafood Festival. The committee also reserves the right to remove any exhibitor that does not comply with the festival application eligibility and requirements, whose display is not in good taste, or is not consistent with slides submitted.

If for any cause whatsoever, it becomes impossible to have the festival, the applicant understands that this agreement is terminated and waives any and all claims for damages.

I agree to assume full responsibility for my exhibit. I further agree and represent that I have received, read and am bound by the provisions set forth by this application, the SouthShore Chamber of Commerce, and the Ruskin Seafood Festival Committee.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

_____ I have read and agree to the Conditions for Participation (please initial)

The deadline for receiving applications is **October 14, 2016**. Acceptance will be mailed not later than **October 21, 2016**.

Mail completed application, 2 checks (booth fee & deposit) and photographs/jpeg (photos may be emailed) to:

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137 Harbor Village Lane

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Application must be accompanied with your checks. If the application is not accepted your fee will be returned. No refund of fees will be made after notification of acceptance is sent.

Should you wish to contact us to verify receipt of your application, please contact us at admin@southshorechamberofcommerce.org

ACCOMMODATIONS:

EG Simmons County Park	813-671-7655
Pirate's Point Resort	813-641-2052
Ruskin Inn	813-641-3437
Holiday Palms RV Park	813-645-9496
Manatee RV Park	813-645-7652
Sun City Center Inn	813-634-3331
The Resort & Club at Little Harbor	813-922-6000
Hilton Garden Inn	813-626-6610
Embassy Suites Tampa Brandon	813-413-3907
Comfort Inn	813-633-3318
Comfort Motel	813-645-4348

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