

Bayou Teche Black Bear Festival 2017
P.O. Box 1144
Franklin, Louisiana 70538

Commercial Merchandise Vendor Application

The Bayou Teche Black Bear Festival, which will be held April 21 & 22, 2017, in Franklin, Louisiana, is currently looking for Arts & Crafts Vendors. The Festival will be located along the Bayou Teche on Teche Drive in the historic downtown area. Music, children's activities, boat trips, a wooden boat show, food booths, arts & crafts, and more will highlight this two day event.

The hours of operation are as follows:

Friday, April 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Fees for a single booth space of 10'wide x 12'deep for the two day Festival is \$85 placed along the bayou in an asphalt parking area. If you need a double booth space the fee will be \$155.

The only light available in the area is from the tall street lights whose light is often blocked by the top of your tent. Vendors are responsible for their own tent light and heavy-duty outdoor electrical extension cords. If you are using a power strip to accommodate several power sources, you **must** advise the Festival Committee Chairman. The Bayou Teche Black Bear Festival and the City of Franklin will not be responsible for electrical overload.

Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. All booth assignments are final. No booth may be transferred without written permission from the Festival. It is agreed and understood that only items approved by the Festival Committee Chairman may be sold in the booth. No items sold shall bear the registered name or logo of the Festival unless prior written consent is given by the Festival. Failure to abide will result in possible closure of the booth and forfeiture of fees.

Vendors may begin setting up on Friday, April 21, or Saturday, April 22, no earlier than 8:00 a.m. No one is allowed to set up after 5:00 p.m. Friday evening. Security will be provided Friday night. Cars & trucks must be cleared from the area by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, and by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and are not allowed on the festival grounds until after the close on Saturday. Cars & trucks may not be left overnight. All exhibitors are required to stay until the event closes and should be prepared for any weather condition.

Exhibitors are responsible for their own tents with weights or sandbags, tables, chairs, and displays, and must assume **full responsibility** for care of their booth area, such as putting trash in receptacles. Exhibitors are also responsible for collecting sales taxes required by the State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Mary, and City of Franklin. The St. Mary Parish Sales Tax office will contact you regarding the collection of taxes.

It is agreed and understood that booth space is not guaranteed until the executed contract and valid check or money order in the full amount of booth rental is received by the Festival. Please keep this information for your records and only return the registration form and your check or money order to the Festival.

The Festival reserves the right to move a vendor as needed without notice before or during the festival.

For further information, please visit our website at www.bayoutechebearfest.org or contact Catherine Siracusa at 337-828-4100 ext. 371 or email, csiracusa@stmaryparishla.gov

Applications and all fees must be received by the Festival on or before April 17, 2017. No applications will be accepted after April 17, 2017.

I accept the rules as stated and understand an accepted application is a commitment. Refunds will not be made for cancellations or inclement weather.

Furthermore, I hereby indemnify and hold the Bayou Teche Black Bear Festival, and the City of Franklin, as well as their respective agents, representatives, insurers, principals, employees, officers and directors, harmless from and against any loss, damage or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred or suffered by or threatened against the Bayou Teche Black Bear Festival and the City of Franklin, or any of the foregoing, in connection with or as a result of any claim for personal injury or property damage or loss, or otherwise brought by or on behalf of any third party, firm or corporation as a result of or in connection with Booth Operator's participation or any products sold by Booth Operator in the aforementioned festival activities.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please complete this form and return it by April 17, 2017, with your check or money order payable to Bayou Teche Black Bear Festival at the following address:

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