

FESTIVAL FOOD



SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2026

FOOD VENDOR RULES & REGULATIONS

General information, duties, responsibilities,
and outline of emergency procedures.

TEXAS STATE FOREST FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2026 | LUFKIN, TEXAS

hosted by the CHAMBER
LUFKIN | ANGELINA COUNTY





2026 VENDOR TIMELINE

Deadline for Previous Vendors to Renew for 2026.....	June 1, 2026
Applications Due.....	August 3, 2026
Final Payment Due.....	September 3, 2026
Move-In Begins.....	September 16 at 8 AM
All Set-Up Completed By.....	September 17 at 1 PM
Tear-Down Begins.....	September 20 at 5 PM

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GENERAL RULES

Interpretation and Violation of Rules: The Festival reserves the right to interpret, modify, and enforce all rules. Violations may result in penalties, removal, or forfeiture of vendor privileges.

Application Requirements: All applications must include:

- Completed application form
- Deposit
- Proof of \$1,000,000 liability insurance
- Booth or trailer photos with measurements
- Plug photo
- Full menu list

Booth spaces may not be shared or subleased.

Background Checks: The Festival reserves the right to conduct background checks. Applications not meeting standards may be denied or revoked without refund.

Booth / Trailer Specifications: Accurate measurements and photos are required. Discrepancies onsite may result in additional fees, relocation, or removal.

Approved Menu Items: All menu items must be listed and approved. Not all requested items may be accepted. No additional items may be sold without prior approval.

Prohibited Items: The Festival may prohibit any item deemed inappropriate.

Electrical Requirements:

- Vendors must provide accurate electrical needs
- Must supply a 50 ft. extension cord
- No electrical tie-ins allowed
- Must provide correct plug type
- Plug photo required

OPERATIONAL & ONSITE REQUIREMENTS

Check-In & Move-In Procedures: All vendors must check in at the designated Food Vendor Check-In area prior to unloading. The following must be completed before setup:

- Proof of liability insurance on file
- Signed Rules & Regulations agreement
- Balance paid in full
- Sales tax number on file

Vendors will receive a vendor packet and be directed to their assigned space. Move-in times may be assigned. Early arrival is not permitted. Late arrivals may result in relocation or cancellation.

Hours of Operation: All vendors are required to remain open during official Festival hours. Failure to comply may result in removal and loss of future participation.

Health & Permits: All food vendors must comply with Angelina County Health Department regulations and obtain the required permits. Vendors may not operate without proper permitting.

Sales Tax Requirements: Vendors are responsible for collecting and reporting sales tax. A valid Texas Sales Tax ID must be on file before the event.

Booth Appearance & Cleanliness: Vendors are responsible for maintaining a clean, safe, and professional booth space at all times.

- Trash must be properly disposed of
- Work areas must be kept orderly
- No dumping of grey water on Festival grounds

Food Prep Screening: All food preparation areas must be screened from public view using materials that match or complement the booth or trailer.

Signage Requirements: Vendors must display professional signage that includes business name, menu items, and pricing. Handwritten signs are not permitted.

Credentials & Parking: Each vendor will receive designated credentials and parking passes. Additional credentials may be purchased. All vendor personnel must display proper credentials at all times.

Vehicles & Equipment: Golf carts, scooters, and other motorized vehicles must follow Festival guidelines and be removed from public areas during operating hours unless otherwise approved.

LEGAL & COMPLIANCE

Approval and Payment: All balances must be paid by September 3, 2026. Late approvals require full payment upon acceptance. Failure to meet deadlines may result in cancellation.

Refund Policy: No refunds after September 3, 2026.

Returned Payments: Returned checks incur a \$50 fee. Future payments must be made in approved form.

Alcohol Policy: Alcohol sales or consumption by vendors is prohibited.

Advertising: Promotion is limited to your assigned booth space. Festival branding may not be used without approval.

Third-Party Sales: Unauthorized third-party sales are prohibited.

Non-Exclusivity: The Festival does not guarantee exclusivity of food or product types.

Vendor Placement: The Festival reserves the right to assign and relocate vendor spaces as needed.

Liability: The Texas State Forest Festival is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to vendor property. Vendors agree to assume all risk and liability associated with participation and agree to hold harmless the Festival, its staff, and affiliates.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & UNDERSTANDING OF RULES & REGULATIONS

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to comply with all rules, regulations, and requirements outlined in this packet. You accept full responsibility for your booth, staff, and operations and understand that failure to comply may result in removal from the Festival, cancellation of participation, and forfeiture of all fees paid.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Please ensure the following are included:

- Completed application
- Deposit payment
- Proof of liability insurance
- Booth/trailer photos with measurements
- Plug photo
- Full menu list
- Signed agreement



42nd Annual TEXAS STATE FOREST FESTIVAL

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George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center in Lufkin

FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION

This application does not constitute a contract and does not guarantee a vendor space. To maintain a high-quality selection of food vendors, applicants will be chosen based on the best fit for the event. Submission of an application alone does not ensure acceptance. Once your completed application, 50% deposit, and display photos are received, the Texas State Forest Festival will review your materials. If approved, your space will be reserved, and you will be notified.

Company Name _____ Tax ID Number: _____
Contact Person _____
Mailing Address _____
City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____
Email Address _____

BOOTH /TRAILER DETAILS

- Single Space | \$540 (up to 12 ft.)
- Double Space | \$990 (up to 24 ft.)

Trailer Length (end of hitch to end of trailer):
_____ ft.

OR Booth Space Requested:
_____ ft.

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Voltage Needed: Will you need more than one outlet?
- 110-volt Yes
 - 220-volt No

*** MUST INCLUDE A PHOTO OF PLUG ***
See Rules & Regulations for details.

SUMMARY OF YOUR ACCOUNT

Space Cost	\$ _____
Additional Vendor Passes (\$10/pass)	\$ _____
Deposit (at least half the total space cost)	\$ _____
Balance Due	\$ _____
Total Paid Today	\$ _____
Deposit check number _____	

Balance must be paid in full by September 3, 2026.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Amount to Charge: _____ (+3% convenience fee applies to credit cards only; no fee for debit cards)

Name on credit card: _____

Billing Address: _____

City, St, Zip: _____

CC# _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

Card Holders Signature: _____

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