

2010

*National Oldtime
Fiddlers' Contest®*



Merchandise Vendor Packet

Welcome, 2010 National Oldtime Fiddlers Festival Vendors !

It doesn't seem possible, but another year is here and once again we are gearing up for the third full week in June. You all continue to be an important part of our event and we value you greatly. You bring a lot of variety and color to the park and provide a wholesome place where folks can come and enjoy eating, shopping, "just looking" and enjoying the festive atmosphere that you help provide. We are, like every venue, limited by many factors. We can't give everyone the "perfect spot," though last year many of you told me you had the "perfect spot," and wanted it again this year. I was very happy to hear that and will accommodate you all I can.

All you wonderful food vendors will be located on either side of E. Court Street as usual because that is where the bulk of our electrical power and water supplies are located. It also levels the playing field if all food vendors are located in the same area. I try to follow the "car dealership" approach. If all the car lots are located next to one another, it makes it easier for the person looking for a car to find a car. So, having a "food court" makes it easy for hungry folks to find you.

For those of you who are contemplating joining us, I am always happy to have new faces and new offerings. It can be challenging sometimes for new food vendors, especially, to be accepted because we do give first preference to our long-term vendors. Early applications with unique menus, particularly ethnic foods, are given strong consideration. I try to have a good balance so that there are lots of choices for your customers, and this means that I try not to duplicate very similar items, particularly if that is the only item being offered by a vendor. I want everyone to be treated fairly, but I do have the final say on what may or may not be sold. I do this to protect your interests as well as provide attendees with variety and a great experience shopping with you. If you are a new vendor, I encourage you to e-mail or call me before you send in your application and be sure to include pictures of your set-up when you apply.

We have a new festival website this year that focuses on the festival side of things and our webmaster assures me that even I will be able to add your pretty pictures and promotional material to our website as soon as you are accepted if you include your pictures and sign the promotional release that is in the vendor packets. It helps us promote your products and it adds a lot of color and interest to our website.

We will still have continuous top-notch entertainment on stage and all the regular activities, such as Kids' Day, Battle of the Bluegrass Bands, Fire Departments' Hose Competition, etc. as well as something new here and there to draw folks to City Park. (For those unfamiliar with our event, the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Festival handles ONLY the facilities in City Park. Memorial Park vendors are not handled by us.) I look forward to hearing from you soon. It always amazes me how quickly everything starts to happen after the new year turns over. Call or email me (festival@fiddlecontest.com) if you have questions. I can't wait to see you all! Hope your year has gone well.

Best regards,



Sandra Cooper
Festival Director
(208) 414-0255

Bluegrass Village Vendor Regulations

Application: All applicants must complete the application, sign and date the Rules and Regulations, submit a list of prices and merchandise that will be sold at the NOTFC Festival, submit photos of booth completely setup, submit power fee if requesting power, and submit the booth fee by May 15, 2010. No vendor will be allowed to setup without full payment being made.

Booth Fee: See Vendor Reminder Page for breakdown of fees and booth sizes. Fee is non-refundable once application is accepted.

Selection: Applications will be selected by reputation, type of merchandise, prices, booth appearance, and the variety of merchandise other booths will have. The NOTFC Festival reserves the right to refuse any application. Applicants will be notified of their status no later than May 20, 2010, if all items are received by May 15, 2010. Applying does not guarantee acceptance. If application is not approved, booth fee will be refunded. Early applications will be given priority.

Booth Location: Festival Director will choose booth space location. Preference will be given to past festival vendors and those who apply first. We will try to accommodate your needs, when possible, if needs are made known early.

Merchandise: A list prices and all merchandise that will be sold must be submitted with application. The NOTFC Festival reserves the right to monitor all products for appropriateness to the venue and family audience. Items of an obscene or sexual nature may not be sold. Projectile-type toys or weapons may not be sold.

Sales Tax: Vendors are responsible for collection and payment of Idaho State sales tax. Festival Director will provide you with Form ST-124 to be filled out and returned to Director. Your Idaho Seller number or temporary permit must be displayed at all times in your booth area.

Food Establishment Permits: Food vendors are responsible for any and all state or local fees and requirements for food establishment permits. All water lines must be staked down. Vendors must contact Southwest District Health for permit information. The Weiser number is 208.549.2370.

Hours of Operation: All vendors must be open from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm Tuesday thru Friday and 10 am to 11 pm Saturday. Vendors with no power may close an hour earlier. If hours of operation are not maintained, vendor may not be allowed to be a vendor in future years.

Electrical Fees & Rules: Power is limited and will be distributed at the discretion of the Festival Director. All vendors who will be hooked up to power will be required to pay \$35 for permit and usage, (20-amp) or \$45 (50-amp service) due with application. All cords are to be buried by vendor as per State Electrical requirements.

Since power supply is limited, vendors will be notified of any challenges in supplying power.

Beverage Agreement: Vendors will be notified prior to the festival if there is an official beverage sponsor. If so, food vendors will be required to sell only those sponsor products. No alcoholic beverages may be sold.

Setup: Load-in begins 9:00 am on Monday, June 21. Setup must be completed by 10:00 am on Tuesday. Vendor vehicles must be parked in vendor parking before 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 22. Vendors not adhering to vendor parking rules may not be allowed to participate in future years. A parking permit will be issued at check-in for church lot parking.

Breakdown: Load-out can take place after 11:00 pm on Saturday night. All booths in park must be removed by noon Sunday. **Vehicles in vendor parking at church parking lot must be cleared by Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 7:00 am.** Each vendor is responsible for making sure that his or her vending and camping area is clear of all debris after breakdown.

Clean up: Vendors are responsible for keeping their immediate vending area clean and presentable. Trash cans will be provided and kept emptied. Cardboard boxes can not be put in trash containers. Break them down flat and place neatly behind your booth and they will be picked up and recycled.

Camping Rules: Dry camping is provided across the street for Sunday thru Saturday nights for self-contained units only, no tents allowed. There is to be absolutely no dumping. Generators are allowed between the hours of 8 am to 10 pm. Offsite tent camping spots can be obtained for a fee through the NOTFC office. Shower passes available at no charge.

Restrictions: The NOTFC Festival reserves the right to close any booth that does not adhere to the festival rules and regulations, without refund of booth fees. Neither you, nor your employees, may consume any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while working at the NOTFC Festival. **The NOTFC Festival name, logo(s), and theme are trademarked and must not appear on any merchandise sold by vendors.** Vendors agree to be responsible for all employees, Workman's Compensation and related laws for all employees. Applicants must provide accurate technical and electrical information on their application. Any changes must be approved by the NOTFC Festival prior to operation at festival. At the discretion of the NOTFC Festival Board, vendors may be required to provide a copy of current insurance policy with liability limits of at least \$1,000,000.

Vendors are required to be open all hours of the event for each of the five days. If you have no power, you may close an hour earlier.

Security: Applicant is responsible for the security of their booth at all times. **Although limited security is provided, the NOTFC Festival is not responsible for any damage, theft, loss, injury, etc.**

Last, but not least, please contact Festival Director if you have any concerns, problems, issues, etc. We will try to accommodate reasonable requests. If we are not aware that you have an issue, we have no way of trying to remedy it. We want you to have a successful week. We cannot make everyone happy all the time about everything, but we will work to make things as good as possible for all of you, to the extent that we can. Also, we are not responsible for the weather or other "Force de Majour."

In signing this agreement, applicant agrees to comply with all NOTFC Festival, state and local regulations, and to save and hold harmless the NOTFC Festival Board, the City of Weiser, their employees, officers, sponsors, and agents from any loss or damage to any persons or property caused by applicant's operation in connection with the NOTFC Festival, and further agrees to defend said Associates, Board, and City for any claims for such damage. While at the NOTFC Festival, applicant is responsible for all damage to own persons, property, or vehicles. If there is damage to the park or camping area caused by the applicant, the applicant will be responsible to repair damage. I have read and understand the above Rules and Regulations and will abide by them throughout my association with the NOTFC Festival. It is understood that the NOTFC Festival reserves the right to close, without refund, vendors not complying.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Bluegrass Village Craft / Merchandise Vendor Application Package

Thank you for your interest in the 2010 National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival!

In order to be considered for participation these items need to be returned to the Fiddle Office:

1. Please complete the application form with all lines filled in.
2. Read and Sign the Rules and Regulations.
3. Submit craft / merchandise vendor fee of \$115 or \$230 (10 X10 or 10 X 20) Includes \$5 city garbage surcharge.
4. Additional footage requirements beyond these dimensions will be charged extra at 1% of applicable fee **per square foot**. There is a 2' allowance given beyond each booth to allow for space between booths, room to maneuver for securing sides, etc. If you need extra room for storage of merchandise or operation, you must pay for the additional space used. In other words, if your retail area takes up a 10 X 10 area, but you use an additional space behind or alongside to store merchandise, outside of the 2' buffer zone, you will need to pay for the additional space required.
5. Attach photos if you are a new vendor or you have changed your setup and/or items sold. Include a merchandise land price for each item sold. Also, attach photos if you would like to be included on our website for promotion/advertising at no charge.
6. Any item not listed on this application **WILL NOT** be allowed to be sold during the festival.
7. Submit electricity fee of \$35 for 120 volt, 20-amp power or \$45 for 240 volt, 50-amp service. **NO PIGTAILS ALLOWED!** (local code violation) *This fee includes a \$10 per service electrical inspector that we are required to pay.*
8. All vendors are required to provide their own booth, tent, or trailer.
9. Since power is limited, the Festival Director reserves the right to distribute power as needed. Power is not available for use in camping area, but may be available after hours on limited basis, Check with Festival Director.
10. Return to the NOTFC Festival Office no later than May 15, 2010.
11. If you have passed the deadline, a late fee of \$10 will be assessed for any available spaces.

Important items to remember about your participation at Bluegrass Village at the NOTFC Festival:

- Festival Director has final decision on placement of booths.
- Previous vendors are generally given preference in acceptance.
- Booth setup begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 21, 2010. Remember, the earlier you arrive, the easier it is to get into your assigned spot.
- All vendor vehicles must be removed to vendor parking by 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2010.
- Bluegrass Village will be open Tuesday, June 22 thru Saturday, June 26, 2010.
- Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday-10 a.m. to 11:00 Saturday. Vendors operating without power are allowed to close at 9:00 pm, if desired.
- All Vendors must submit vendor fees with application. Adjustments can be made at check-in. (Plus power fee, if applicable)
- Once application is accepted all fees become **non-refundable**.
- Each vendor is responsible for his or her own Idaho State sales tax reporting and payment.
- Each vendor is required to display their Idaho State Sales Tax Number issued by the Idaho State Tax Commission or a copy of Form ST-124 temporary sales tax permit.
- The power fee is due at time of application. **No generators allowed in vending areas**, but may be used in camping area after hours up until 10:30 pm.
- All **electrical cords must be buried** per requirements of State electrical inspector.
- If using water, a backflow valve must be used and the line must be buried and/or staked down as applicable.

Parking lot camping is provided from 6:00 pm Sunday, June 20, 2010 **through 7 am, Sunday, June 27, 2010**. Please let us know if you will be camping at the church parking lot. For additional camping days, offsite camping, or offsite shower passes, please contact the NOTFC Festival office to reserve a spot at the **contest** venue (Fiddletown Campground.) Call 208.414.0255 for reservations at Fiddletown or indicate on application.

Bluegrass Village is open Tuesday, June 22nd through Saturday, June 26th, 2010.
The National Oldtime Fiddlers' **Contest** runs Monday June 21st through Saturday June 26th, 2010.

2010 Bluegrass Village Craft and Merchandise Vendor Application

Contact information :

Business/Booth Name: _____

Owner/contact name: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Web Site: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

2nd Contact Name: _____ 2nd Contact Phone: _____

It is important that we have all of the above contact information before and during Fiddle Week. Your information will not be shared without your authorization and will be used to contact you regarding your booth, notification about future vending opportunities and procedural items for the NOTFC Festival.

Vendor Information:

Idaho Sellers Number (if available) _____

Have you ever been a vendor at the NOTFC Festival before? Yes No

When? _____ Where? _____

Dimensions including tongue and storage: _____

Are pictures of your setup as it will be at the Festival included? Yes No

Electricity is limited. Do you require power? Yes No

Hookup Type: 120 volts / 20 amp 240 volts / 50 amp

Do you require a water supply? Yes No

List any items and fuels used in your operation:

Propane Charcoal Wood Other: _____

Will you need a camping spot at Bluegrass Village? Yes No
If yes, this is information for your reservation at Bluegrass Village.

What type of unit do you have to camp in? _____

When will you be arriving? (Day and Date) _____

Do you need a camping spot at contest site? Yes No
If yes, you will be contacted regarding a reservation at the Contest Site.

Would you be interested in purchasing an ad in the NOTFC Festival Activity Guide?

Yes No (Pricing depends on size of ad.)
If yes, you will be contacted regarding the advertisement.

List all items sold. Use a separate sheet, if needed

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Fee Calculation Area:

Merchandise Booth:

10 X 10, \$115 \$ _____

10 X 20, \$230 \$ _____

Power:

120 Volt, 20 amp, \$35 \$ _____

240 Volt, 50 amp, \$45 \$ _____

Additional space:

\$1.15 per sq foot \$ _____

(Length X width= square feet)

TOTAL: \$ _____

National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival®

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Website Promotion Information

We are endeavoring to make this a great year in spite of the economic gloom and doom. We believe in positive thinking combined with good old-fashioned hard work and horse sense!

One of our goals is to help promote vendors in Bluegrass Village by allowing you to write descriptions of the products you sell and include photos of products you wish to feature for inclusion on our website. We are starting early with this in order to better serve our vendors. Hopefully this will increase business for you at the event and will serve to draw more attendees.

We also occasionally receive requests from other event organizers here in the Northwest asking us to share vendor contact information with them.

We **DO NOT** share information with other events or post it on our website without express written permission from you. The form below allows you to opt in or out of sharing your information.

Vendor Information Release

First Name: _____ Phone: _____

Last Name: _____ Fax: _____

Name of Business: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Mailing Address 2: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Items Sold:

The **National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival®** may share my contact information with other events that inquire about vendors YES NO

The **National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival®** may post information I provide about my products on their new Bluegrass Village website YES NO

Signed: _____ Dated: ____/____/____

You may include photographs of your products and booth if you wish or email them to festival@fiddlecontest.com with a detailed description. Inclusion of photos on the website is not guaranteed, and photos cannot be returned.