

2017 BLAIRSVILLE SORGHUM FESTIVAL ARTS & CRAFTS APPLICATION

This is a juried mountain arts & crafts show tucked away in the North Georgia Mountains @ beautiful Meeks Park in Blairsville Georgia. We have approximately 12,000 visitors attending our fall festival each year & the numbers keep growing. (Our estimate does not count children 12 & under.)

Show dates: October 2017 - Sat 14th & Sun 15th & Sat 21st & Sun 22nd

Show hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Saturday & Sunday

SHOW SETUP: Fridays, October 13th & 20th 10:00 am-6:00pm

BREAKDOWN: AFTER 5:00 pm Sundays Oct 15th & 22nd
(Tents have to be taken down Sunday Oct 15th also.)

We provide security Friday & Saturday nights. Your booth must be set up & complete Friday evening. **ALL** vehicles **MUST** be off the field between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

SPACE SIZE: Approximately 10' by 10'

Double booth spaces are available in 20' by 10' spaces.

(Double & Triple booths are only available for vendors attending both weekends of the festival.)

FEES: SINGLE BOOTH: 2 weekends - \$100
1 weekend - \$75

DOUBLE BOOTH: 2 weekends \$200
(Not available for single weekend)

TRIPLE BOOTH: 2 weekends - \$300
(Not available for single weekend)

This is a juried show. The Blairsville Sorghum Festival reserves the right to make final interpretation of all rules. An application is a commitment to appear. **NO REFUNDS** will be made for bad weather.

Rules and Regulations

All items to be sold must be listed on application. The Blairsville Sorghum Festival Board reserves the right to limit the number of applicants in each category. We try our best to not duplicate exact craft/food items. Civic and local non-profit organizations have first rights, as part of our goal each year is to help them raise funds.

The Blairsville Sorghum Festival Board reserves the right to change booth assignments.

You as a demonstrator/crafter represent The Blairsville Sorghum Festival. Please conduct yourself accordingly. **We do not tolerate rude behavior or offensive language.** If you do not conduct yourself in a well-mannered fashion, you will be asked to leave immediately without refund of booth fee or deposit, and will not be chosen to participate in future shows.

All vendor vehicles **MUST** be parked in designated vendor parking after set up. **NO** vehicles are allowed on the field from 8:30am - 5:15pm. Even if the day is rainy and sales are low, **ABSOLUTELY NO DRIVING ON THE FIELD BETWEEN THESE HOURS!**

All demonstrators are required to pay a \$150 deposit to save their space. The deposit will be returned after demonstration has been completed for days requested. However no refund will be given if demonstrator cancels after cancellation date of September 15th.

Any crafter/ demonstrator leaving us with an empty spot to fill during the show will not be considered for future shows.

NOTE: Application will be rejected if all four requirements are not met.

- 1) All applications must be fully completed and signed
- 2) Enclose 2 pictures of your craft. One of your crafts being made & one of the finished products.
- 3) Your booth fee check & a separate deposit check both made payable to Blairsville Sorghum Festival.
- 4) A self-addressed, stamped envelope (or you will not receive an acceptance letter)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, September 22nd

Acceptance letters will be mailed out as soon as you are accepted.

Your booth # & a map of the vendor layout will be mailed to you the week of September 29th.

(NOTE: Even if you have been a part of the Blairsville Sorghum Festival in years past, we still need you to submit an application each year for our records. Please meet the deadline or your space will not be saved!)

CANCELLATION REFUND DATE: September 15th 2017. **NO** refunds will be given after this date.

DEPOSIT: YOUR DEPOSIT OF \$100 WILL BE HELD TO ENSURE THAT YOU ATTEND BOTH WEEKENDS. Due to people stopping payment on this check, we will cash the \$100 deposit check prior to the festival starting. After the festival is over we will hand out \$100 cash back to you, provided your booth was manned all 4 days from 9am - 5pm. **Vendors are NOT permitted to break down before 5:00 pm. NO ONE is permitted to drive on the field after 8:30 AM or before 5:00 pm.** The deposit check is in addition to the booth fee check. (Please make out 2 separate checks.) The \$100 deposit will be given back to you Sunday, October 22nd provided all rules are followed. (The \$100 fee is to insure that you keep your booth open from 9-5 for the entire 1 weekend/ or 2 weekends that you requested.)

(The full amount is due at the time of application. No application will be considered without payment. If your application is denied by the booth committee, you will receive a full refund.)

(BLAIRSVILLE SORGHUM FESTIVAL USE ONLY)

BOOTH # _____

DOUBLE____ **SINGLE**____ **14/15**_____ **21/22**_____ **both weekends**_____

AMOUNT PAID: _____ **DEPOSIT CK#** _____ **Power** _____

Any crafter/ demonstrator/ Food Vendor that does not follow these simple rules or leaves us with an empty spot to fill during the show will not be given back deposit and will not be considered for future shows.

Fill out Application & Return to:

Blairsville Sorghum Festival
P.O. box 701
Blairsville GA 30514

((PLEASE PRINT))

Business name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone (H) _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact _____

Please check one choice of attendance (\$100 deposit is required either way and will be refunded once your choice has been fulfilled):

One weekend - 14/15 _____ 21/22 _____ both weekends _____

Please circle the category which most appropriately describes your work:

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| Basket & Fiber | Clothing | Fabric |
| Candles & Soap | Decorative Painting | Jewelry |
| Glass/Ceramics | Pottery | Snack (list type below) |
| Gourds | Metal Crafts | Photography |
| Wood crafts | Blacksmith | Canning |

Other (please specify below)

Snack Type:

Names of person(s) that will be helping in the booth (no more than 2 helpers)

1) _____

2) _____

POWER IS VERY LIMITED: IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF POWER PLEASE CHECK HERE & STATE REASON FOR NEEDING POWER. IF YOU DO NOT MARK THAT YOU NEED POWER YOU WILL NOT BE PLACED CLOSE TO A POWER OUTLET.

Do you need power: Yes No

Special needs (we will try our best to accommodate, but will not guarantee any special requests): _____

WE DO NOT SAVE LOCATIONS FOR VENDORS FROM YEAR TO YEAR. YOU MAY BE PLACED IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION THAN YOU HAVE BEEN IN BEFORE. WE CAN NOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL BE IN THE SAME LOCATION AS THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

YOU MAY REQUEST THE SAME LOCATION & WE WILL TRY OUR BEST, BUT WE MAKE NO GUARANTEES.

I, the undersigned, have read all the information, rules and regulations with this application and agree to abide by the specifications as described. I agree to be present during the scheduled show hours. I understand that all work must be handcrafted by exhibitor. I understand that the spaces will be assigned by the 2017 booth committee. I understand that I am fully responsible for any revenue/sales tax applicable for any items sold at the 2017 Blairsville Sorghum Festival. I also understand and agree that the Blairsville Sorghum Festival, nor the Union County Recreation Department would be responsible for any theft, vandalism, or loss of any kind during the 2017 Blairsville Sorghum Festival and hereby release, the Blairsville Sorghum Festival, the Union County Recreation Department, and its agents, servants, successors and all other persons, firms, and corporations from any and all actions, cause of actions, claims, demands, costs, loss of service, expenses, and compensations, which I may accrue, arising out of any events taking place at the Blairsville Sorghum Festival 2017 in the event a loss is suffered to me.

Enclosed are my checks in full, one being my booth fee, the other my \$75 deposit, (which will be returned the last Sunday of the Festival provided all rules are followed). The checks are made payable to the Blairsville Sorghum Festival. If my application is not accepted, I understand I will receive a full refund. You **MUST** enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of your acceptance letter.

Signature & Date

Feel free to call with any questions you may have @ 706-745-4745