



FALL 2023 VENDOR APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

Saturday, September 23, 2023 • 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Rob Fleming Park • The Woodlands

EVENT

The 2023 fall Arts in the Park event will feature *The Woodlands Renaissance Faire* on Saturday, September 23, 2023, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., with live musical performances by local artists and The Woodlands Symphony Orchestra players. Other activities will include children’s arts and crafts, Renaissance themed youth and adult costume contests and more! The event will attract nearly 2,500 attendees. Arts in the Park will take place at The Lodge at Rob Fleming Park.

ENTITLEMENTS

The Woodlands Township will provide you (“Vendor”) with the following:

- 10’x10’ tent (“Event Space”)
- One (1) 8ft. table
- Two (2) folding chairs

MARKET VENDOR DETAILS

- Market Vendors must fit the overall theme of the event – i.e. Renaissance-themed goods, arts, photography, etc.
- Businesses who are looking for promotional opportunities will need to complete a Sponsorship Agreement to be onsite.
- There is very limited availability for Market Vendors, so early application submission is strongly recommended!

Each Food Vendor is responsible for providing its own health permit. ALL FOOD VENDORS OPERATING IN A TRUCK MUST HAVE AN EXISTING ANNUAL PERMIT FROM HARRIS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

RENTAL SPACE FEES

The applicable fees to be paid by Vendor to TWT for different types of space, as elected by Vendor (“Rental Space Fees”), are as follows:

<u>FEE</u>	<u>SPACE TYPE</u>
\$75	Market Vendor Space
\$100	Food Vendor Space

The applicable Rental Space Fee must be submitted in the form of a cashier’s check or money order made payable to The Woodlands Township: 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard; The Woodlands, Texas 77381 – Attn: Special Events. Payments by credit card can be processed by phone. Please contact Special Events at 281-210-3800.

All Agreements and Applications are due to TWT by **Friday, September 15, 2023**. If the Application is turned in after this date, there will be a \$25 additional fee which must be submitted with the applicable Rental Space Fee in the same form provided by this section.

CANCELATION BY VENDOR

As occupancy of the Event space is the essence of the Agreement, no refunds shall be made in connection with any Rental Space Fee after the acceptance of said fee by The Woodlands Township, except as otherwise provided in the Agreement.

FORCE MAJEURE

In case of cancellation of the Event or unavailability of the Event Space for specified use due to war, governmental action or order, act of God including, but not limited to, weather, fire, strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond the Township's control, this Agreement shall terminate, and the Vendor shall be entitled to the return of the Rental Space Fee for the Event Space less an amount equal to the total costs and expenses incurred by the Township in connection with the preparation of Vendor's Event Space. Refund of the Rental Space Fee (or a portion thereof, as applicable) as provided in this section, shall be the exclusive remedy of the Vendor against the Township or its representatives, employees, agents, invitees, licensees, affiliates, and all other related parties in the case the Event is canceled or rescheduled or the Event Space is unavailable for use. In case of damage to the Vendor through war, governmental action or order, act of God, including, but not limited to, weather fire, strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond the Township's control, the Vendor expressly waives all liability and completely releases and holds harmless the Township of and from any and all claims for damage to person and property and agrees that the Township shall have no liability whatsoever.

SALE OF PRODUCT

Vendors are responsible for all their transactions, sales taxes, and personal cash needs. All prices must conform to the listed prices on the accepted Application. Only products on the Application can be sold.

CHARACTER OF EXHIBITS

TWT reserves the right to prohibit the display of any article that, in its sole discretion, is not in keeping with the nature and character of the Event.

BEVERAGES

Vendors are not allowed to sell alcoholic beverages. Vendors may sell soft drink beverages, water or specialty beverages. Vendor may not give away beverages as part of any offer to its customers.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Should Vendor fail to strictly adhere to and follow the Rules and Regulations set by The Woodlands Township, then Vendor shall be in default under this Agreement and The Woodlands Township may immediately terminate this Agreement upon notice to Vendor. In the event of a default by the Vendor, the Vendor shall forfeit as liquidated damages the Rental Space Fee, regardless of whether or not The Woodlands Township enters into a further lease for the Event Space involved. Said damages are agreed to in no way constitute a penalty, but rather a reasonable estimate of The Woodlands Township's damages which are incalculable with any degree of certainty.

SPACE ASSIGNMENTS

The Woodlands Township has complete control of Event diagrams and space assignment. The Woodlands Township reserves the right to make modifications on Event diagrams which are believed to be accurate but only warranted to be approximate. Further, The Woodlands Township reserves the right to assign space(s) in such a manner as it deems appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion, notwithstanding the foregoing.

ASSIGNMENT, SUBLETTING OF EVENT SPACE

No Vendor shall assign, sublet or share the Event Space allotted to such Vendor without the knowledge and prior consent of The Woodlands Township. No products, parts, accessories or other goods, souvenirs, catalogs, etc. bearing names or other forms of advertising other than that of the Vendor may be displayed. No firm or organization not assigned an Event Space shall be permitted to solicit business within the Event areas.

USE OF SPACE

The Woodlands Township reserves the right to restrict Vendor exhibits which, because of safety, noise, method of operation, materials or display, in the opinion of The Woodlands Township, may detract from the general character of the Event as a whole. Accordingly, The Woodlands Township may, at its sole discretion, prohibit such exhibits from being kept or utilized by Vendor in or around the Event area, in which event Vendor shall immediately remove such exhibits as directed by The Woodlands Township. The Woodlands Township reserves the right to prohibit any equipment that is deemed unsafe or appears to be unreasonable in The Woodlands Township's judgment. All equipment and heavy machinery must be cleared and approved in writing and in advance by The Woodlands Township's staff. **All demonstrations or promotional activities must be confined within the limits of the Vendor Event Space.** Demonstrations or activities that cause annoyance to neighboring Vendors such as flashing lights or noise or result in obstruction of walk space or prevent ready access to a nearby booth will not be permitted. **Stakes, spikes or other pointed objects may not be driven into the ground.**

COMPLIANCE & ORDINANCES

To ensure the safety of all participants, fire regulations, health and all other applicable ordinances must be strictly observed. In addition, all requirements imposed upon Vendor by the Township must be strictly complied with by Vendor. **ALL FOOD VENDORS OPERATING IN A TRUCK MUST HAVE AN EXISTING ANNUAL PERMIT FROM HARRIS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.** TWT must have a copy of your permit on file by September 15, 2023.

Food Vendors are required to have the original copy of their health permit posted on their booth during the event. Any Vendor found selling contaminated, unfit or illegal items will be suspended from selling at the Event and may be asked to leave immediately without refund of Vendor Fee. All Vendors must wear shirts and shoes. Smoking is discouraged, but allowed no less than 30' away from Event Space. Unlawful drug/alcohol possession will not be tolerated.

LIABILITY & INSURANCE

In no event, shall The Woodlands Township, The Woodlands Operating Company, nor their representatives, contractors, nor corporate sponsors of the Event be responsible for any injury, loss nor damage that may occur to the Vendor's employees, agents, contractors, representatives, or property from any cause whatsoever. It is the Vendor's responsibility to protect machinery, perishables, and exhibits so that no injury will result to the public visitors, guests, or persons, or property. If property does not appear to be properly maintained, it will be promptly withdrawn from the Event site. All property of the Vendor, including food-stuffs and other perishables is understood to remain in Vendor's care, custody and control in transit to, from, or within the confines of the Event area subject to the Rules and Regulations. The Vendors, on signing the Agreement expressly release, hold, keep, save harmless and indemnify the foregoing persons and entities, named organizations and committees, and individuals from and against all claims for such a loss, damage, or injury. Food Vendors must carry appropriate insurance through such carriers and containing such limits, terms and conditions as The Woodlands Township may require and shall deliver to The Woodlands Township copies of all such policies of insurance and/or certificates thereof as The Woodlands Township may request.

VENDOR HEREBY AGREES TO AND UNDERSTANDS THE CONTAGIOUS NATURE OF COVID-19 AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUMES THE RISK(S) OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, EVENTS OR FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP WHICH INCLUDE THE RISK OF BECOMING EXPOSED TO OR INFECTED BY COVID-19.

INSTALLATION OF EXHIBITS

Load in for all Vendors will be as follows:

- Between the hours of 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2023.
- All Vendors MUST BE completely set up by 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2023. Failure to set up within the given time frame may result in Vendor losing its Event Space at the Event.

The hours of operation will be Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Rob Fleming Park in The Woodlands.

Load out will commence at 7 p.m. Vendor may request special approval from TWT, to be granted by TWT at its sole discretion, to close down early only if Vendor has completely sold out of merchandise, food, or materials. Load out with a vehicle may only begin when the crowd has cleared and TWT gives Vendor express permission. Any items unclaimed by the Vendor as of 8 a.m. the following business day after the Event shall become the property of TWT.

Vendors are responsible for leaving their area free of all litter and debris.

AMENDMENTS

The Woodlands Township reserves the right to make changes to these rules and regulations contained in the Agreement as The Woodlands Township sees fit.

Vendor hereby agrees that Vendor and its employees, agents, and representatives will abide by the terms provided in this Agreement and any additions and/or amendments, which The Woodlands Township shall make to this Agreement, and that it will remain a Vendor, for purposes of this Agreement, as long as it maintains strict compliance with the terms of this Agreement, understanding that said terms have been formulated and adopted in the best interest and for the protection of the Vendors collectively as well as The Woodlands Township and its representatives. In any interpretation of this Agreement, The Woodlands Township reserves the right to accept or reject any reservation for any reason whatsoever determined to be in the best interest of The Woodlands Township. **The Rental Space Fee will be refunded to the Vendor should the Application be initially rejected by The Woodlands Township. Vendor's payment in full must accompany this Agreement and the Application.** Once an Application and Agreement are accepted by The Woodlands Township, Vendor will be notified with a signed copy of this Agreement and the Application, returned as acknowledgement of The Woodlands Township's acceptance and of reservation of the Event Space and receipt of the Rental Space Fee.



2023 VENDOR APPLICATION

Contact Name: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Website/Social Media: _____

I am requesting an Event Space in the following category:

_____ **\$75 – Market Vendor Space** – Brief description of booth space. Subject to approval by TWT.

_____ **\$100 – Food Vendor Space** – Describe the type of food/beverage you are selling and pricing. Attach additional pages as needed. Food vendors must submit a certificate of insurance naming The Woodlands Township as an additional insured (minimum \$1 million General Liability Insurance Policy).

Item _____ @ \$ _____

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NOTE – Power will NOT be provided by TWT.



SIGNED AND AGREED

VENDOR:

THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP:

Business/Organization/Individual

Signature

Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Title

Title

Date

Date

Return pages 5 through 6 to TWT no later than Friday, September 15, 2023. Payments can be submitted after staff review and approve application.

Return via email:

Email: specialevents@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov

Return via mail or in person:

The Woodlands Township
Attn: Special Events
2801 Technology Forest Boulevard
The Woodlands, Texas 77381

***NOTE: VENDOR SPACE IS NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.**