

TEXIAN Market Days

A Festival of Living History

Dear Craft Vendor:

The 30th annual Texian Market Days festival is almost here and we would love the opportunity to work with you at this year's event. In 2011, more than 5,000 people attended the annual living history festival.

Arts and crafts are one of the most popular areas of the event; surveys from past years have ranked the arts and crafts section as one of the top attractions during the weekend.

If you would like to be a vendor in this year's event, please complete the enclosed application and return with your check or money order made out to the Fort Bend County Museum Association.

We will assign booths in the order that we receive your completed contract and payment. Your assigned booth number and other vendor information will be mailed out in early October. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

We look forward to seeing you at the Park in October!

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Event Planners

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CRAFT VENDORS

Application, Forms & Information

DATES:

Friday and Saturday, October 25 & 26, 2013

(Friday, Oct. 25th is the student day. Vendors are not required to be here on this date, but 3,000 students are expected from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

LOCATION:

George Ranch Historical Park



ABOVE & RIGHT:

Craft vendors enjoyed a crowd of 5,000+ at the 28th annual Texian Market Days festival on October 21, 2011. Surveys from past festivals have ranked the arts and crafts section as one of the weekend's top attractions.



Regular Pricing Deadline: October 1, 2013	Late Pricing (Effective October 2, 2013)
\$50 Outdoor (10 x10)	\$60 Outdoor (10 x10)
\$65 Outdoor (10 x 20)	\$75 Outdoor (10 x 20)
\$80 Indoor (10 x 10) <i>(returning vendor priority)</i>	\$90 Indoor (10 x 10) <i>(returning vendor priority)</i>
\$90 Indoor (10 x 20) <i>(returning vendor priority)</i>	\$100 Indoor (10 x 20) <i>(returning vendor priority)</i>



Craft & Sutlers VENDOR CONTRACT

Multiple spaces may be purchased. Electricity is unavailable in the outdoor craft area. Indoor electricity is limited. Participants are responsible for collecting and paying their own sales taxes, if any.

No chairs, tables, tents, extension cords or lights, etc will be furnished. If you need it, bring it. The Festival does not provide labor to set up, take down, loading or sales.

Items for sale must be pre-approved by the craft vendor coordinator. **Send 3 photos of representative items** of the merchandise to be sold. Photos can be reviewed via Web site or e-mail. A list of the types of items to be sold must accompany the photos. **Items which are found not to be in keeping with the high standards for quality of the Festival or which are not on the list may not be sold.** You may not add to your list after it has been accepted with approval from the Crafts Coordinator.

Craft vendors are encouraged to wear costume appropriate to the 19th century. This enhances the atmosphere of the festival, increases audience participation and attendance, and boosts sales for everyone.

BANNED ITEMS: No aerosols may be sold, including silly string and hair dye. No explosives/fireworks, including throw-down poppers. No inflatable toys. Items must be Arts, Crafts, Antiques and Collectibles.

Sutlers are those who sell items made of period appropriate materials that represent items of the period or provide goods and publications used in the creation of traditional crafts or costuming. Sutlers may sell items which fall into either of these categories. Sutlers must dress in period appropriate attire, and must set up under a period appropriate canvas shelter. Sutlers pay for a single booth space regardless of the size of their canvas shelter. Please advise the crafts coordinator of tent dimensions for purposes of assigning booth spaces.

Craft vendors and sutlers will be expected to set up early Friday morning or early Saturday morning. Vehicles will need to be off the grounds by 8:00 a.m. on Friday. Participants are expected to operate and maintain their exhibits or booths during the entire festival. No one is to shut down before closing hours except in an emergency and only with permission from the Craft Coordinator. Vehicles will be allowed to enter the grounds at 5:30 each evening for restocking or tear-down only after all guests have safely left the premises and the "all clear" has been given by park security.

Applications to reserve booth space should be submitted with full payment by October 1. No spaces will be reserved without full payment. No late payments will be accepted. **No exceptions.**

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

There are no rain dates and no refunds in the event of rain.

There are no refunds if a vendor withdraws from participation. A vendor who withdraws may find an alternate to use the booth space with approval from the Craft Coordinator.

It is the sole responsibility of each Participant to secure the exhibit area assigned to them and the belongings contained therein. The Festival Management assumes no liability for any personal loss or injury to the Participant's staff, and/or booth guests, or for loss, damage or theft of any individual's belongings. Nor shall Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association be required to maintain security or provide insurance for any damage or loss to any individual or any individual's property.

Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association, reserves the right to cancel or close the Market Days if, in the reasonable opinion of the management of the Fort Bend County Museum Association, the Festival premises are destroyed or damaged so as to render them untenable or unfit, or should any circumstance beyond the control of Festival management make impossible the fulfillment of its part of this contract. Provided, however, that in the event of such cancellation or closing all payments previously made and to be made hereunder to Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association, on this contract shall be considered fully earned and the Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association shall be released of any and all claims for losses, damages, costs or expenses of the Folk life Demonstrator or Craft Vendor by reason of such cancellation or closing. It is further understood and agreed that should a postponement of the Festival be advisable, later Festival dates may be selected and set within a reasonable time, all at the discretion of the management of the Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association. It is further understood that should a change of announced Festival dates be considered advisable in the opinion of Festival management, this change may be effected by said Festival management without altering any of the terms or conditions of this contract.

Each Participant agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Texian Market Days., Fort Bend County Museum Association and its officers, directors, agents, or any person, organization or company associated with the Festival against loss, damages, or expense by reason of suits, claims, demands, judgments and causes of action caused by Participant or the Participant's agents, arising out of or in consequence of the performance of this contract.

Festival Management can give indications of attendance at previous events, but cannot and does not guarantee attendance or profit levels at the Festival site. Any loss sustained is to be borne by the Participant.

The Participant herein acknowledges receipt and reading of all the Terms and Conditions of this contract. The Participant further agrees that he/she/it is responsible for obtaining a copy of the General Festival Rules and Instructions and any special additional instructions written for each section of the festival, and to read and understand same and is bound by such rules and instructions, incorporated herein by reference.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ALL CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Send this **Contract, Vendor Application Form** and **Payment** to:

Attn: Andrea and Francesca Dalton

Fort Bend County Museum Association

P. O. Drawer 460

Richmond, TX 77406

Note: Checks should be made payable to: George Ranch Historical Park.

TEXIAN MARKETPLACE VENDOR RESERVATION FORM

VENDOR BOOTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) All merchandise must be displayed within marked boundaries of each booth and be clearly marked.
- 2) Booths should be set up and maintained in an attractive manner (no exposed boxes or wrapping paper, etc.).
- 3) Exhibitors are responsible for their own set-up, tables, chairs and booth covers. Tent supports should be self-contained.
NO GROUND-DRIVEN ANCHORS.
- 4) Move in will be Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, October 25, 2013 from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.; and Saturday, October 26 from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- 5) All vehicles must be removed from the booth area by 8:00 a.m. There will be no parking in unloading areas. All vehicles must park in assigned vendor parking areas. All vehicles must display parking pass in a clearly visible location.
- 6) Booths may be left overnight, but at the vendor's risk. Texian Market Days, Fort Bend County Museum Association and the George Ranch assume no liability for any damage to vendor's property during the event.
- 7) Vendors must remain open for business during booth hours. Booth hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. No booth is to be taken apart until after the festival has officially closed on Saturday. NO EXCEPTIONS. If participating on Friday, the Friday booth hours are from 9 a.m. to 3. **NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED INTO PARK** until after park closes and all clear is given.
- 8) Vendors who do not want their booth to be photographed may post a small sign to that effect.
- 9) No refunds. Texian Market Days takes place rain or shine.
- 10) Locations are awarded on a first-paid, first-served basis.
- 11) Vendors will receive two vendor passes per booth. If additional passes are needed, they can be purchased during the Friday or Saturday set-up.
- 12) No pets. No bicycles. No alcoholic beverages.

The Fort Bend County Museum Association and the George Ranch Historical Park (and any other sponsors) shall not be liable in any way for the loss or damage resulting from fire, theft or accident to a vendor's merchandise or fixtures. This includes move-in, set-up, breakdown, and during the entire time the vendor's property is on the George Ranch Historical Park. The sponsors shall not be liable for personal injury suffered by vendors or their employees while on the George Ranch property. The Fort Bend Museum Association reserves the right to terminate the contract of any exhibitor who does not meet the terms of the preceding Vendor Booth Rules and Regulations and this Contract of Agreement.

Vendor Business Name: _____

Owner/Vendor's Personal Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Web site: _____

Product/Service Description: _____

I have read and understand the contents of this Texian Market Days Vendor Information Packet.

Signature: _____ Date: _____