



## FOOD COURT BOOTH GUIDELINES

### 34<sup>th</sup> MOUNTAIN MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26, 2026

Mountain Mushroom Festival, PO Box 54, Irvine, KY 40336-0054  
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Email: [mushroomfestival@irvineonline.net](mailto:mushroomfestival@irvineonline.net) Website: [www.mountainmushroomfest.org](http://www.mountainmushroomfest.org)

**Set Up Procedures:** Friday April 24 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Set up is not allowed outside this date/time.

**All vehicles must be out of the food court area no later than 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. No vehicles will be permitted in the food court area during Festival operation hours for safety reasons.**

**Closing Time:** Sunday, April 26, at 5:00 p.m.

#### **FEES:**

Any space requirements in excess of the stated sizes will be charged for the next larger size. All vendors must include trailer hitch, step bumpers and any additional needed space when calculating total space size.

**Registration Fee 10'x10': \$300.00**

**Registration Fee 10'x11-20': \$600.00**

**Registration Fee 10'x21-30': \$900.00**

**Electrical Fee: \$100.00**

**Early Departure/Closing Fee: \$75.00** - This fee WILL be returned to all booths that are open at closing time on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. It will NOT be refunded to anyone who closes their booth before closing time at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

#### **Please Read Carefully:**

1. **The festival food court committee is responsible for space assignments.** Spaces will be assigned according to length, electrical needs and food items. Early arrival does not mean that you get to choose your space. If you park in a space other than the one assigned to you, you will be asked to move. If you refuse, you will be asked to leave the festival and will forfeit all fees. ***No spaces will be assigned until registration fee & early departure fee is paid and proof of vendor liability insurance is received.*** Submitting an application does not guarantee a vendor space. We are looking for a variety of foods but are limited on space. If your application isn't accepted, your payment will be returned to you. The deadline for receipt of Registration Fee, Electrical Fee, Early Departure/Closing Fee AND proof of LIABILITY insurance is **3:30 p.m., Monday February 23, 2026. No exceptions!**

2. Failure to comply with the deadline date will result in your spot being offered to a vendor on the waiting list.

3. **No refunds** will be given after space is confirmed.

4. Please submit a menu for committee files. The only restrictions on menu items is no alcohol or wild mushrooms. The committee has observed that booths with new items or standard items prepared in new or different ways make more money. **Food items submitted on menu application MUST be available for sale at the festival!** Remember this is a

**MUSHROOM Festival. All commercially produced mushroom food items are STRONGLY encouraged! So be creative or serve original! All visitors come to eat mushrooms!**

5. The festival will not permit any food vendor to sell non-food items within the food court area.
6. Vendors will be expected to clean up their assigned area before leaving. Please bring a closable container to hold your grease. You are responsible for disposing of your own grease.
7. There will be no early departure. No vehicles will be permitted in the food court area before 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.  
**NO EXCEPTIONS! If you have shut down on Saturday or Sunday, the early closing fee will not be returned and it will be deposited in Mountain Mushroom Festival funds.**
8. Documents required to be sent with application
  - A. proof of vendor liability insurance
  - B. statewide mobile food permit
  - C. picture of your trailer/tent setup
9. Vendors are responsible for paying their own sales tax, if applicable.
10. Vendors must have a valid current food permit from our local Health Department. (They will inspect you and issue the permit after you have set up).
11. All vendors are responsible for providing their own shelter, a heavy-duty extension cord for hook-up, water hose, fire extinguisher, spill absorbent for grease spills, and any other items mandated by the Health Department and/or the Fire Department.
12. There will be no ice supplied by the festival organizers.
13. All vendors MUST submit a copy of vendor liability insurance coverage with application. This is a separate policy from vehicle/homeowners. **MANDATORY FOR 2026!!** All food vendors must carry a minimum food vendor insurance liability coverage of \$500,000.
14. No generators are to be operated during festival hours.
15. **Vendors are not allowed to access electrical junction boxes or meters at any time.**
16. There will be no assigned parking spaces for vendors' **extra** trucks or trailers.
17. Space or electrical violations are subject to a \$500.00 fine and/or a 1 year suspension from the Mushroom Festival.

**Thanks for your interest in our 2026 Mountain Mushroom Festival. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Irvine City Hall. The Food Court Committee meets in February to finalize the food court area. You will be notified of your status, either by mail or email, after the food court is finalized. If for some reason your application isn't accepted, your payment will be returned, and you will be placed on a waiting list. You will be contacted if a space becomes available.**

**Looking forward to hearing from you,**

**The Mountain Mushroom Festival Food Court Chairman, Chris**