



Rules and Regulations



IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

Thank you for your interest in the 33rd Annual Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival. There are 90 spaces available for food vendors. Each space is 10 feet on the front by 20 feet deep. You may purchase as many spaces as necessary to operate your business. However, if you purchase a single 10-foot wide space and your trailer tongue or tie downs exceed the width of the space, then you will not be allowed to encroach on an adjacent assigned space. If the door of your booth opens out, you must allow for that also. The reason for these constraints is that there is no room between the booth spaces. The side boundary of your space is the side boundary of the adjacent space. For this reason, the public may not have access to the side of your booth.

Vendors are selected based on the attached criteria.

Mullet will be sold only by those booths which are so designated by the Mullet Festival Council. Prior participation in the Mullet Festival does not guarantee you a space for this year.

Our goal is producing the best festival on the Gulf Coast. All booth operators who are selected to participate must abide by the following rules. If you cannot do so, then do not return the application fees.

RULES

1. No booth or part of any booth may be sublet to any other person or organization, whether profit or nonprofit. There will be no exceptions. You will sell only menu items which have been listed on the application, or have been otherwise approved in writing by the Festival Council. Chips, candy, and condiments are not required to be listed. Violation of the above could result in your ejection from the festival. In addition, any unauthorized sub-tenant will be ejected.
2. The Mullet Festival Council has designated the Coca-Cola (Coke) Bottling Company as the official Soft Drink Sponsor for the Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival. NO OTHER SOFT DRINK COMPANIES or vendors will be allowed to advertise or sell their products.
3. The Mullet Festival reserves the right to all beer and wine sales. No drink of any kind will be sold in glass containers.
4. All booths are responsible for collecting and remitting sales tax to the State of Florida.
5. All booths must be set up by 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 15. Set up times will begin no earlier than Tuesday, October 13 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Booths and trailers must be removed by Tuesday night after the festival. Hours of operation are: 12:00 p.m.- 12:00 midnight Friday, 12:00 p.m. - midnight Saturday, and 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sunday. Food booths may be open at any hour during the day and must be open during the hours listed above.
6. Vehicle parking in or behind the booths is subject to the following instructions. One vehicle may be parked behind your assigned booth, provided there is space available. A camper or small truck may be parked behind your booth if the vehicle is necessary for storage of cold food. Other campers must park in the area adjacent to festival site which is designated for vendor parking.
7. If your booth requires electricity, then you must make sure that you do not overload your circuit. Indicate your voltage and amperage requirements on the enclosed application and do not exceed these figures in your operation. Any camper parked behind your booth shall not plug into Mullet Festival power during festival hours. If an unauthorized camper violates this provision, then your power cord will be confiscated.
8. Any booth using any type of oven, grill, deep fat fryer, flame operated appliance, or stove is required to have a minimum of one 40BC fire extinguisher.

9. If you will be using electricity, then you must supply a 50' heavy-duty, all weather extension cord. Cost of electricity is included in your booth fee (see attached application).
10. The Mullet Festival provides water, but you must supply your own 50' water hose.
11. Booth waste water must be contained (see attached Health Regulations).
12. No sound amplification devices or audio equipment may be used (i.e. bullhorns, PA systems, etc.).
13. No advertisements or signage for your booth will be placed outside your booth space.
14. No booth operator, profit or nonprofit, will be allowed to hawk his wares by walking through the crowd. You will sell only out of your assigned booth space. The first violation of this rule will draw a warning. Upon the second violation, we will close your booth for the duration of the festival.
15. Please make sure that your equipment and fixtures fit inside the space or spaces that you have reserved. This includes tie downs, tarps, flaps, tables, signs, trailer tongues, BBQ grills, side openings, etc.
16. All food booths must comply with State Health Rules.
17. No grease or deep fat fry substances will be dumped on the ground. All waste grease will be disposed of in the proper recycling container located near your booth.
18. No pets, no glass containers, or firearms will be allowed in the site at any time.

All applications must be returned no later than September 21, 2009. All fees, including insurance fees or certificates, must accompany the application. If you are selected to participate in the 33rd Annual Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival, you will be promptly notified after receipt of completed application. If you are not accepted, you will be placed on a waiting list, and will be notified immediately if a cancellation exists. Lease fees will not be refunded after September 21, 2009.

It is not the purpose of the above listed rules to deny anyone a chance to participate in the Mullet Festival. The rules are based on common sense and over 30 years of experience. The primary purpose of our rules is to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for the thousands of folks who are our guests.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The first Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival was held in 1977. Since that time, the Mullet Festival has become an important tradition in the "Twin Cities" of Niceville and Valparaiso. The Mullet Festival has gained much national recognition over the years. **ABC's Good Morning America** has featured our event three times, including a live remote via satellite. We've also been seen on **CNN** and in nationally circulated print media such as **USA Today**, **Country Living**, and **National Geographic Traveler**.

The Mullet Festival is a family oriented event. Professional entertainment is offered continuously throughout the festival. Variety is the key. Music ranges from country to pop to big band. Vaudeville and comedy are also sprinkled in. We welcome kids to the festival with continuous clown shows on a separate kiddie stage. Youngsters meet many costumed characters and can amuse themselves with games, pony rides, moon walk etc.

But what would a seafood festival be without seafood? Mullet, both fried and smoked, is plentiful. Shrimp-on-a-stick, shark kabobs, BBQ stuffed shrimp, char-grilled amberjack, and seafood gumbo are just a few of the menu selections. Country cooking and international foods are also in evidence with items such as jambalaya, alligator sausage, souvlaki, fajitas, and lots more.

Artists and crafts people from all over the country come to display their talents at the Mullet Festival. Our event has about 80 arts and crafts booths.

You might consider staying over for a few days after the festival to get acquainted with us. The Niceville / Valparaiso / Bluewater area offers ample opportunities for shopping, dining and recreation. Our merchants and people are the friendliest in the world and the Gulf beaches are a short hop away via our new bridge linking Niceville and Destin.

For more information, call (850) 678-1615 or (850) 729-4545. The Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival, a nonprofit organization, is proud of its contribution to the area.