

**The Thomas Promise Foundation presents  
The 53rd Annual Rattlesnake Festival  
October 18-20, 2019  
Arts and Crafts Vendor Application 2019**

**About the Festival**

The Annual Rattlesnake Festival began in 1967 as a small Jaycee project in San Antonio, Florida. In 1973, arts and crafts were added as an important part of the event. This festival is attended by more than 10,000 people. People come to visit and take part in the food, arts & crafts, live music, wildlife, children's games, and local history that are highlighted at the festival. Profits from the festival benefit The Thomas Promise Foundation, an organization that provides weekend lunches to food-insecure students.

This year we are adding an evening pre-festival concert on Friday Oct. 18 featuring the Bellamy Brothers and a different event or concert on Saturday evening. You will still be able to set up on Friday but will be required to purchase tickets if you wish to attend either of the concerts.

Past vendors note that Saturday has been extended to 6 p.m. and Sunday has been extended to 5 p.m.

**Vendor Information**

**Event Location:** Pasco County Fairgrounds, 36722 FL-52, Dade City, FL 33525

**Dates & Times:** Pre-Festival Concert: Friday Oct. 18, 2019 - 7 to 9 p.m.; Festival: Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday Evening TBA Event/Concert approximately 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Set-up Time:** **Friday, Oct. 18 between 12 and 6 p.m.** and **Saturday, Oct. 19 until 8 a.m.** Vehicles **must** be unloaded and taken to Vendor Parking before setting up your spot to make room for others bringing in their materials. All vehicles must be out of the festival grounds by 8 a.m. on Saturday.

**End of Day:** We expect vendors to remain "open" until 6 p.m. on Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday. No vehicles will be admitted onto the festival grounds until the festival closes each day.

**Sunday Morning:** Vehicles must be removed from the festival grounds by 9 a.m. on Sunday.

**Take Down Time:** No vehicles will be allowed on the festival grounds until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

**Exhibit Space:** 10' x 10'

**Fee:** \$100 for both days

**Security:** A paid security guard will be on duty Friday and Saturday nights.

**Sales Tax:** Collection of appropriate Sales Tax is the responsibility of each Vendor.

**Insurance:** Vendors including hands-on activities or selling edible products for attendees must file a copy of their Certificate of Insurance with the Festival office. If these conditions do not apply to you, you do not need to supply insurance information.

**Insurance Rider Information:**

The Thomas Promise Foundation  
4542 Gall Blvd.  
Zephyrhills, FL 33542  
(813) 782-0000

**Deadline:** There is no deadline as such, we will take vendors as long as we are able to accommodate them, but keep in mind that this is a first-come-first serve arrangement. We are limiting the number and type of similar vendors where necessary, so it is best to submit your application at your earliest convenience. Acceptance and placement of vendors is determined solely by the Festival Committee.

## ARTS & CRAFTS VENDOR POLICIES

The primary purpose of the Rattlesnake Festival is to provide fun and enriching family-friendly activities and to raise funds to feed food-insecure students through The Thomas Promise Foundation, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Review the Thomas Promise mission at [thethomaspromise.org](http://thethomaspromise.org). To maintain a high standard of quality for the Festival, you must agree to adhere to the following:

### Items for Sale:

- No items using the official Rattlesnake logo may be sold (e.g., silk-screened or transfer T-shirts, hats or caps, etc.).
- We will do our best not to place craft vendors selling similar items next to one another so please be thorough in listing the products you intend to sell. Multi-level marketing companies such as Lularoe or Avon will be limited to one.
- Photographs of your truck/cart/equipment and of a representative sample of food to be sold must be submitted with your application to help us determine appropriateness.
- Please also send us a short description of your products. When your application is accepted, we will put a photo and your description on our social media pages to let people know you will be there.

### Exhibit/Display Area:

- Items must be displayed in an attractive manner (subject to committee review). Please be prepared for all types of weather.
- Vendors are to supply their own tent, table(s), chair(s), and signage.
- Tables must be covered, and boxes, extra inventory, etc. must be stored out of sight.
- The Rattlesnake Festival Committee will conduct an inspection of your booth to ensure compliance. Inappropriate items will be required to be removed. If your entire exhibit is in violation of these policies, you will be dismissed from the show and may not be considered for future events.
- There is no electricity available. You are welcome to bring a small generator if you need electrical power.
- Vendors must staff their display/booth at all times during festival hours.
- Vendors are responsible for business wastes. Access to a dumpster on site to dispose of wastes will be provided. Public receptacles placed by the Rattlesnake Festival are not to be used.
- State of Florida Health Department regulations must be adhered to, if relevant. The Health Inspector may be on the grounds and could shut down any operation not in compliance.
- Vendor is responsible for knowing and complying with these regulations.

### General Terms:

- Vendor must provide Certificate of Insurance with application, if applicable.
- No selling, transferring, or subletting space. Spaces are to be used only by the name(s) on the application.
- We will provide confirmation of approval of your application and other information by e-mail. If U.S. Postal Service communication is necessary, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must accompany the application.
- Please leave your area in the same condition in which it was found. Failure to do so could result in denial of application acceptance in future years.
- Receipt of application and fee does not guarantee a vendor space, as spaces are limited. An official acceptance notification will be e-mailed when fees have been received in the Rattlesnake Festival account (checks cleared, transfers completed, etc.) For applicants who are not selected for the Festival, the fee will be returned within one month of receipt. A paid and accepted reservation is a binding commitment to exhibit at the festival.
- No refunds, cancellations, or rain date.
- If you do not show or leave early you will not be considered for future festivals.
- By signing the application, you agree to obey all Arts and Craft Vendor Policies.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR FILES**

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Vendor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the items to be sold/exhibited at the Festival

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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I will be Exhibiting plus: \_\_\_\_\_ Selling \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrating (Certificate of Insurance may be required.)

Please provide photos. E-mail to: [rattlesnakefest@gmail.com](mailto:rattlesnakefest@gmail.com)

I am applying for:

\_\_\_\_\_ 10x10 space(s) - \$100.00 fee both days

You are responsible for supplying your own table, chairs, canopy, display equipment, and signage. Receipt of application and fee does not guarantee a vendor space, as spaces are limited. However, a paid and accepted reservation is a binding commitment to sell food at the festival. No refunds, cancellations or rain date.

Disclaimer: I hereby release and forever discharge Pasco County, the Pasco County Fair Association, and the Thomas Promise Foundation and /or any of its members from any responsibility, personal liability, loss or damage in connection with this event. With my signature I signify that I have read and understand the set-up and take-down times and procedures outlined on this application. I also understand that if I violate any policy, I will be asked to leave the event and may not be considered for future events.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember to include:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed and signed form \_\_\_\_\_ Photos of item to be exhibited \_\_\_\_\_ Payment for \$100 for 2 days

Either mail this application with check made out to **The Thomas Promise Foundation, 2019 Rattlesnake Festival**, 4542 Gall Blvd. Zephyrhills, FL. 33542 or make application and payment online. For more information call 813-782-0000 or e-mail [rattlesnakefest@gmail.com](mailto:rattlesnakefest@gmail.com)

To make your payment online click here: <https://rattlesnakefestival.regfox.com/rattlesnake-festival>

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