

**RUSKIN HERITAGE AND TOMATO FESTIVAL**  
Concessions/Food Vendor  
Application

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Ruskin Heritage and Tomato Festival** will be held at E.G. Simmons Park, 2401 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW in Ruskin Florida on Saturday & Sunday, December 3 & 4, 2011.

**Hours:** Saturday, December 3, 2011 10am - 7pm  
Sunday, December 4, 2011 10am - 5pm

**Early Set-up:** Friday, December 2, 2011 1pm - 5pm

**Fees:** The fee for festival participation is 20% of sales. Food tickets will be sold by the festival staff. Payment to vendor will be mailed within one week after festival.

**Deposit Amount:** \$100.00 (deadline for deposit 10/1/2011)

The deposit is only to guarantee your space and will be refunded if booth area is clean at departure and all other requirements are met. Failure to exhibit both days during the festival hours or failure to properly clean booth areas is an automatic forfeiture of deposit.

**Entry Requirements:**

- Completed application with signature of vendor.
- Vendor's complete menu with prices of each item.
- Recent photo of booth display.
- Decorate food area to reflect a "Florida-Cracker" theme.
- Attire to reflect "Florida-Cracker" theme.
- Original certificate for product liability insurance naming: RCDF, Inc, 1203 First Street S.W. Ruskin, Fl. 33570, as additional insured.
- Check or money order for deposit made payable to: RCDF, Inc. (Check will be returned if application not accepted.)

**Sales Tax:** Each Vendor is responsible for collecting and filing appropriate sales tax on sales made during the festival. Hillsborough County sales tax is 7%.

**Security:** On-site security will be provided Friday and Saturday night. Booths may be left up overnight, at the exhibitor's own risk. The festival committee and its sponsoring organizations will not be liable for loss and/ or damage of Vendor's goods or display material.

**Parking:** Vehicles allowed on festival site for easy loading and unloading and may be left behind the food booth during festival hours.

**Electricity:** Provided by the festival.

### Conditions for Participation:

- Vendor must be set up by 9 am on Saturday, December 3, 2011, and remain in place until closing each day.
- Each vendor will receive a maximum of 3 passes. Any other help must pay to enter Festival.
- Vendors may sell ONLY food specified and approved on food application. Menus must state items and prices.
- Vendors may not sell alcoholic beverages, water or soda.
- Vendors must comply with all health and safety requirements of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations, Division of Hotels and Restaurants.
- Vendors must provide a minimum of two (2) 30-gallon garbage containers with liners. Each vendor will be responsible for emptying their own containers on a regular basis into the dumpsters provided by the festival. The Vendor is responsible for keeping the area in and around their booth clean.
- Vendors must have a hand -washing facility at their booth.
- Vendors must contain grease and remove it at the close of the festival. Grease may not be disposed of in the festival site dumpsters. Fines will be administered for violators.
- Vendors must contain wastewater from their booth.
- Vendors using any type of oven, grill, deep fryer, flame operated appliance or heating element must have at minimum a charged 40BC fire extinguisher. Vendors' booths are subject to inspection by the Fire Marshall before the booths can open. This requirement is for the safety of all concerned.
- All Vendors are required to provide a current certificate of insurance listing RCDF, Inc., as additional insured with a minimum coverage of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).
- Vendors are required to vend **both days** or clean up deposit will be forfeited.
- Vendors may not use audio equipment such as megaphones or microphones.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in Hillsborough County Parks. Coolers are subject to inspection.
- No pets are allowed in booth areas.
- Vendors' booths or trailers must fit within the space size reserved. This includes tie downs, tarp flaps, side openings, tables, and chairs, etc. All vendors should use a set up in keeping with a "Florida Cracker" theme and conducive to the outdoor production of food.

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**December 3 & 4, 2011**

Name/Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_ Space size needed \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby forever discharges and releases the Ruskin Heritage & Tomato Festival, the RCDF, Inc, E.G. Simmons Park and all sponsoring organizations, their directors, agents, officers, employees and volunteers from all matters of actions, suits, damages, claims and demands whatsoever in law or equity for any responsibility, personal liability, claims loss or damage arising in anyway out of or in conjunction with the undersigned's application to participate in the Ruskin Heritage & Tomato Festival. The committee also reserves the right to remove any exhibitor that does not comply with the festival Conditions for Participation, whose display is not in good taste, or is not consistent with the photos submitted.

If for any cause whatsoever, it becomes impossible to have the festival, the applicant understands that this agreement is terminated and waives any and all claims for damages.

The applicant understands that once the application is submitted and approved, there is no refund of deposit if applicant cancels.

I agree to assume full responsibility for my exhibit. I further agree and represent that I have received, read and am bound by the provisions set forth by this application, the Ruskin Heritage & Tomato Festival Committee.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application, menu, photograph, copy of resale certificate, original certificate for product liability insurance and deposit to:

**Ruskin Heritage and Tomato Festival**  
**P.O. Box 549**  
**Ruskin, FL 33575-0549**  
**[www.RuskinTomatoFestival.org](http://www.RuskinTomatoFestival.org)**

For questions, contact Frank 813-363-8071 or [ruskintomatofestival@verizon.net](mailto:ruskintomatofestival@verizon.net)