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56th Annual Ohio Sauerkraut Festival

Application and Contract for Craft Space

Saturday, October 10th – 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 11th – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce

BOOTH NUMBER	DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	Jury Fee	Ck. No.		Date Rec'd
	Process Fee	Ck. No.		Date Rec'd
	Booth Fee	Ck. No.		Date Rec'd
	Last 4 of	CC. No.		Date
	AMOUNT \$			

New vendors: Please complete the application in full and return it, along with at least three pictures showing you making your craft, pictures of your finished product and a \$25.00 non-refundable jury fee. (Do not pay any other fees at this time.) Make your check payable to "Ohio Sauerkraut Festival" and mail everything to Post Office Box 281, Waynesville, Ohio 45068.

Returning vendors: If you would like to keep your same booth number, please return this application with your booth payment before January 31, 2027.

**All space rentals are for both days – You must provide your own structure
No overhangs on front or back of booth – No structures higher than 11 feet
Additional feet over the 10 x 10 area assigned is not permitted**

Please list the contact person for the 2026 festival. All lessees must be listed.

***Required Field**

*Lessee Name _____ *Area Code/Phone _____

*Lessee Name	*Business Name

*Street Address

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

***Email Address**

Pursuant and subject to all terms and conditions as set forth herein, we, the undersigned, desire to reserve space at the 56th Ohio Sauerkraut Festival to be held in Waynesville, Ohio on October 10th and 11th, 2026.

***Signature**

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Please give a description of your merchandise and list all items to be sold:

A vendor listing of all Ohio Sauerkraut Festival vendors will be posted on the website. To help us prepare, please describe your product, not your business name, in the 35 spaces below. Please print legibly and include word spaces within the 35 characters.

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OFFICE USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

☐ Jury Fee		\$25.00
☐ First Time Processing Fee		\$25.00
☐ Arts and Crafts Booth		\$260.00
☐ Prepackaged Take Home Food Booth		\$335.00
☐ Corner Arts and Crafts Booth		\$310.00
☐ Double Arts and Crafts Booth		\$470.00
☐ Double with a Corner Arts and Crafts Booth		\$545.00*
☐ Insurance Copy Attached		
TOTAL PAID		

*Premium Booth Space

APPENDIX A OHIO SAUERKRAUT FESTIVAL CRAFT BOOTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL

The following general policies and guidelines for the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival have been made in an effort to maintain a standard of quality and continuity to the Festival from year to year. It should be understood that these policies are subject to the control of the Board of Directors of the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce.

(1) The purpose of the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival is to provide a means to maintain and further enhance the quality of life in the Waynesville community.

(2) The Festival shall be held the second full weekend in October of each year, and shall be promoted as an arts and crafts festival. Games of chance, rides and all activities suggesting a carnival or circus atmosphere shall be prohibited. The entire festival shall be directed towards family-oriented activities.

(3) The Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Committee shall have total control over the renting of all booth spaces as well as the responsibility to keep quality merchandise throughout all of the festival booths.

(4) All booth spaces in the show are 10 x 10 feet. No height of booth can extend above 11 feet. A limited number of double booth spaces (10 x 20) are made available to existing vendors. You can qualify to be placed on a waiting list for a double booth space only after you have been a vendor in good standing at least one year.

- (5) Vendors operating booths side by side with friends must operate them as independent booths and the appearance must be that they are separate. Only merchandise that has been juried and approved may be displayed. Each vendor should be handling their own money. One cash register or money box taking money for more than one booth is not allowed.
- (6) Vendors will not create a carnival like atmosphere; this includes but is not limited to flashing lights, music that can be heard outside the booth, yelling to the crowd, the use of moving items not juried to draw attention, etc.
- (7) **All booth structures must be erected by 7:00 a.m. on Saturday**, and all motorized vehicles must be removed from the immediate festival area by 7:00 a.m. both on Saturday and Sunday. Any booth space not occupied before 7:00 a.m. on Saturday will be considered vacant and the committee may rent this space to another vendor. No refund will be made for late arrivals that do not have access to their booth.
- (8) All Lessees shall conduct business during all published festival hours. Vendors may at their discretion, open and make sales one hour prior to the published show hours. Vendors must stop all sales at the closing time published each day.
- (9) Vendors may not distribute any literature except an advertisement of their business; a brochure that describes their product or the process to create the item; business cards that allow the customer to contact them in the future; or advertisements for upcoming shows where the vendor will be displaying their merchandise.
- (10) All vendors must display their booth number card on the front right-hand side of their booth. You will not be juried for next year's show without the number displayed as described. This is mandatory for many reasons, including helping emergency services find you.
- (11) Each booth Lessee shall be responsible to clean up and restore the booth space to its original condition at the conclusion of the festival. All trash is to be placed in the dumpster nearest your booth at the close of the festival on Saturday and Sunday nights. Use of the festival trash totes is prohibited, dumpsters must be used. There will be a fee assessed to any booth that leaves trash or grease spills behind. Fees will be assessed according to time taken to clean, also local and state guidelines.
- (12) **The Lessee shall not sublease booth space to another vendor or have your products sold by others.** Such violations will result in the closing of the booth by the festival chairman. In addition, the space will not be rented to the original Lessee for the following year's festival.
- (13) **If the Lessee cancels this agreement, the booth rental fee will be refunded as follows: in full if cancelled before April 1, 2026; less \$50.00 if cancelled between April 1 and September 1, 2026; no refund for cancellations after September 1, 2026.**
- (14) The Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Committee specifically retain exclusive rights to use commercial, promotional or official logos in connection with the festival including exclusive rights to sell items containing such logos.
- (15) The Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Committee may refuse entry or cause the withdrawal of any vendor who annoys, endangers or interferes in any way with the harmony of the festival. In the event of removal from the festival for any reason, all BOOTH FEES are NON-REFUNDABLE.
- (16) Vendors are responsible for payment of any local licenses, permits or taxes required by law. To obtain a Warren County vendor's license, call 513-695-1240. For information regarding Ohio sales tax, call 513-695-1215.
- (17) The Ohio Sauerkraut Festival and the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce will not be held responsible for accidental injury, theft or loss of property.
- (18) The Ohio Sauerkraut Festival and the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce reserve the right to move your booth at any given time.

ITEMS FOR SALE

- (1) All products sold inside the leased area will be approved by the committee.
- (2) All vendors will list every type of item to be sold on their application.
- (3) **All items must be handcrafted by the vendor; commercially made items are not permissible. We encourage as many demonstrating arts and crafts booth as possible.**
- (4) All types of items must be presented to the jury committee for approval.
- (5) a. Vendor will provide a minimum of three pictures of each type of items to be sold with their application.
- (6) b. Vendor will provide a minimum of three pictures showing them making their craft.
- (7) c. The jury committee may at their discretion request more pictures and proof of process pictures.
- (8) d. The jury committee may request raw material invoices addressed and billed to the vendor to support the production of an item or items that will be sold in the show.
- (9) e. Vendors changing product lines or adding items not represented on their application must jury those items before adding them in the show.
- (10) All requests for approval must be done by September 15.
- (11) f. Any item found not to comply with the handmade rule or not juried into the show must be removed immediately from the booth upon request from show officials.
- (12) g. Any vendor who doesn't comply with a request to remove a product or products will be expelled from the show.
- (13) h. Any vendor found to have a product in their booth that was removed previously will be expelled from the show.
- (14) i. The decisions of the jury committee are final.
- (15) j. During each show, every craft booth will be juried to make certain that only the approved items are for sale or on display in the booth.
- (16) k. The committee does not allow marshmallow shooters or any projectiles of any type.
- (17) Should you change your booth merchandise, you must notify the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival and submit new photographs. An unreported product change will result in the removal of unlisted items from your booth or the booth will be closed by the festival chairman. If your product has not changed, your previous year's photos will be on file and new photos will not be required when you send in the next year's application.
- (18) No vendor will have any games of chance, raffle tickets or advertising of games of chance.

SAFETY

- (1) Flame retardant tents are highly recommended.
- (2) **All craft booths are recommended to be equipped with a fire extinguisher. Vendors who make products in their booths and use machines are required to have one.**
- (3) **All fire extinguishers should be 4A-60-BC and current with their inspections.**
- (4) All pressurized cylinders must be secured and chained according to the regulations of the Ohio Safety Standard Codes.
- (5) All electric cords must be in accordance with the National Electric Code, defined as No. 14 gauge 3-wire cords under 100 foot and No. 12 gauge 3-wire cords over 100 foot in length. All cords must extend from the exhibitor's booth to the outlet on the electric pole. Cords that are plugged into each other to get to the electric source are prohibited.
- (6) All electric cords must remain parallel with street and plug into unit (boxes) provided. If electric cords cross the sidewalk, they must be placed overhead to eliminate a tripping hazard. **Note: most craft booths are provided with electric.** Battery powered lights for your booth are suggested. No combustible fuel source lights are permitted. Arts and crafts booths with electricity are allowed one 100-watt light per booth. Vendors are responsible for securing any sign, cabinet, shelf, display pieces, merchandise, or any other item in the booth that could fall, be knocked down, blown down or otherwise fall and injure someone. Signs advertising your booth may not be made of metal or wood. Nothing can be displayed more than 12 inches above the front of your booth, including signs.
- (7) The Lessor, Sponsor, its officers and committee members shall not be responsible for and shall be held harmless from any claim of any loss, damage, or injury to any goods or property, or to any person or persons, for any reason whatsoever during the occupancy of space as provided in this agreement, or in any connection with the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival.
- (8) To further enhance the quality of the festival, the use of a motorized vehicle as a booth is prohibited.
- (9) The use of flags, signs, poles with merchandise above the tent are not allowed.
- (10) No electric used in the show may come from any source other than our electric system.
- (11) a. No use of plug on streetlight.
- (12) b. No use of generators.
- (13) c. No use of heat producing equipment without written approval of committee.
- (14) d. No use of any type of heater regardless of fuel type.
- (15) No flammable or combustible fuels will be used in the show without a permit from the fire department. This type of permit will only be issued to craft vendors for very small amounts to show the use of their merchandise. Absolutely no lit candles are permitted.

ALL CRAFT VENDORS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE

For questions, please contact the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce at:

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