



Mardi Gras Southeast Texas, Inc.
February 20, 21,22,23, 2020
Great Lawn & Event Centre
Beaumont, Texas



Arts & Craft Vendors, Welcome to Mardi Gras Southeast Texas 2020.

We are excited to announce this year's event will be held in Downtown Beaumont Texas, located near the beautiful Great Lawn and Event Center on Crockett Street. While this is a location change, we will continue with our family friendly festival concept. Parades will roll and entertainment will be enhanced. We believe this move is positive and will allow the festival to grow and offer exciting new opportunities for all!

What will change for you? Please read the attached New Concessionaire Agreement, guidelines and regulations (even if you are a returning vendor). There are some changes that you will need to be aware of.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR INSPECTIONS: Vendors setup will be done in 2 groups starting with on Wednesday 2/19/20 9 am - 5 pm and Thursday 2/20/20 9 am until noon. Please arrive at your designated time, early setup will not be allowed. Vendors must pull in, drop trailer/tent and remove vehicle. Vehicles will not be permitted to park in the grounds. Once the vehicle is removed you may enter and work at your booth until 5 pm on Wednesday. On Thursday Vendors must be completely setup and ready by noon for inspection and be operational by 4:00 pm on the opening day of the festival. Power will be available by 10 am Wednesday and overnight security will be provided.

Wednesday 2/19/20:

- Group 1 will start at 9 am – noon (you will be notified of your group once the application is approved)
- Group 2 will start at 1 pm – 5 pm (you will be notified of your group once the application is approved)

Thursday 2/20/20:

- Group 1 will start at 9 am – 11 am
- Group 2 will start at 11 am – 1 pm

NEW GUIDELINES FOR INSPECTIONS: Inspections for all vendors will be done on Thursday 2/20/19 starting at noon – 4 pm. You or a representative must be in your booth when they arrive in order to receive the inspection. Inspection is required to receive your vendor wristbands. All vendors must comply with all guidelines provided.

Three important changes that I call your attention to are:

1. The electrical cord and surge protector requirements
2. The fire extinguisher requirements
3. We no longer have indoor spaces available -- only outdoor, tents or trailers are welcome.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we were working on the details of the new location. Vendor placement is still a work in progress; therefore, no map is available at this time but we request you fill out and return your application on or before the deadline with payment, once approved we will be in touch with space numbers, group assignments and location(s). We are looking forward to working with our new partner, City of Beaumont and staff. Here's to a safe, Happy Mardi Gras and the best year ever!

Sincerely,

Laura Childress
President & Event Director

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Thur. Feb. 20	5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Fri. Feb. 21	5:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Sat. Feb. 22	12:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Sun. Feb. 23	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fee: \$ 350
OUTDOOR ONLY

ARTS, CRAFTS & NOVELTIES

CONCESSION AGREEMENT

IT IS HEREBY AGREED THE UNDERSIGNED, AS A LICENSEE, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF A CONCESSION BOOTH

Returning Concessionaire shall pay to Mardi Gras Southeast Texas, Inc (MGSET) at the time of application a vendor fee of \$350 for outdoor space on or **before 10/15/19** for the 2020 event. Concessionaire understands the payment is non-refundable. The concession shall remain open during the times shown above. Concessionaire will remove all equipment no later than the following day after the festival is closed (no security on Sunday night).

Upon execution of this Agreement, Concessionaire shall pay to Mardi Gras Southeast Texas, Inc. (MGSET) a vendor fee. MGSET, Inc. agrees to furnish, for the Concessionaire use, a 10' x 10' space as the Concessionaire booth with electricity nearby on the premises. Payment shall be non-refundable. Concessionaire is responsible for all fixtures at concession booth. Extension cords used to conduct electricity shall be in good and serviceable condition and of three-ground type, minimum wire size No. 14. Concessionaire is required to furnish one five (5) pound ABC fire extinguisher at booth. Electric Heaters are prohibited. Special electrical needs will be at the expense of the Concessionaire.

All Concessionaire spaces are located within the festival grounds. Outdoor spaces will be near the great lawn. All concessionaires are to remain open the duration of the show – no early closures. MGSET Inc. agrees to provide Concessionaire designated Vendor Passes for the event upon completion of all inspections. Passes are limited to necessary workers only.

Concessionaire agrees to be responsible for collection and reporting of sales tax and is required to file by list showing the City of Beaumont location for all sales. Texas Sales tax number is required – to apply please contact Texas Sales Tax Comptroller at 800-252-5555 or file online @ <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/permit/>

Concessionaire agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, MGSET, Inc., City of Beaumont and its officers and directors, causes of action or damage of any kind, for injury to, or death of any person and/or damages to property arising out of the use and operation of this concession booth by Concessionaire, its agents, vendors, contractors, employees and/or participating members. This agreement to indemnify and hold harmless MGSET, Inc. and the City of Beaumont specifically extends to any acts of omission or negligence on the part of the above, its officers, directors, employees and agents. Overnight security is provided after closing on 2/19-22. Secure and cover all items, removing valuables, as MGSET, Inc. is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Reproduction and sale of Official MGSET, Inc. logo or artwork is prohibited. Obscene or offensive items, odor bombs, sprays, knives, glass containers, toy guns, firearms, or any item deemed inappropriate by MGSET, Inc. are prohibited. Strolling or peddling goods outside the designated Concessionaire space is prohibited. No food of any type is prohibited (includes prepackaged products – food products required a food concession agreement).

It is understood that this is not an exclusive concession contract and that MGSET, Inc. shall enter into other concession contracts with other parties and that MGSET, Inc. has exclusive rights to sell these concession contracts.

Failure to comply with any conditions will result in immediate expulsion from the carnival and may jeopardize any future invitations.
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VENDOR APPLICATION
RETURNING VENDORS DEADLINE: 10/15/2019

CONCESSION NAME _____

OWNER NAME _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WK PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____

TEXAS SALES TAX PERMIT # _____

(Required at the time of application – This information is verified)

✓ I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the Arts & Craft Concession Agreement.

SIGNATURE _____

SPACE #

Booth Information

Type of Unit: Trailer _____ Tent _____ None used _____

Will any of the following be used:

- _____ Partitions / Dividers
- _____ Peg Board
- _____ Racks
- _____ Table(s)
- _____ Tent frames

Electrical Required _____ Yes _____ No

Vendor should bring minimum 50 Ft. heavy duty extension cord or longer if electricity is required.

SPACE SIZE IS 10 FT. x 10 FT.

ADDITIONAL SPACES MAY BE PURCHASED IF AVAILABLE

Vendor Fees

OUTDOOR SPACE \$350 **NUMBER OF SPACES** _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ _____

NO REFUNDS ON CANCELLATIONS

Mardi Gras Southeast Texas, Inc. reserves the right to accept or decline any application

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Mardi Gras Southeast Texas Concessions Agreement ARTS & CRAFTS / NOVELTIES ITEMS



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LIST ALL ITEMS TO BE SOLD:

(If more space required – attach a list to this page)

Photograph of Booth

PHOTO REQUIRED
APPLICATION NOT
ACCEPT WITHOUT PHOTO

Place photograph
of booth here

NO REFUNDS ON CANCELLATIONS

Return signed agreement and full payment to reserve space

Application not accepted without Texas Sales Tax Number

Applications will be reviewed and processed in the order received.

Full payment and Photograph required at time of application

RETURN TO: MARDI GRAS SOUTHEAST TEXAS, 3830 Hwy. 365, Port Arthur, TX 77642



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Information of Special Interest to Concessionaires

- ✓ When concessionaire ownership changes, the new owner **does not** have right of first refusal on the previous owners vending location. The location becomes available to senior vendors at the discretion of MGSET.
- ✓ Vendors may not sub-lease their space for any reason. Our agreement is with the vendor who signs the contract and may not be transferred in any way without the express permission and consent of MGSET.
- ✓ Vendors are provided a 10' x 10' space. You must contain your product within this area (tent post, trailer, tongue, awnings, signage, etc.) While problems are usually worked out with adjacent vendors, there is no guarantee that problems can be resolved. Additional space may be purchased when available.
- ✓ MGSET policy regarding food items sold **prohibits** Arts & Crafts Concessionaires from selling any item that is consumable. The sale of food requires a Food Concessionaire Agreement. Violation of this policy will result in expulsion and jeopardize future invitations.
- ✓ Vendors must unload as quickly as possible and remove vehicle. Do not leave parked vehicles in the grounds while you set up and arrange booth space. Golf carts/4-wheelers are prohibited inside the festival grounds.
- ✓ Vendor Parking is on first come basis according to availability.
- ✓ Vendor must have minimum one (1) five-pound 2A10BC Rating ABC type portable fire extinguisher with a current 1-year inspection tag. Vending permit will not be issued without proper equipment.
- ✓ Extension cords used shall be in good condition and of three ground type, minimum wire size no 14. No household type cords allowed only heavy-duty cords permitted. Only surge protected extensions strips allowed. No electrical heaters permitted.
- ✓ A Texas Sales Tax Permit number and Photograph is required when application for space is made. **Please do not return application without complete information.** Application will not be processed if incomplete.
- ✓ Shoplifters will be prosecuted. Security is provided, however, vendors should secure merchandise and remove any valuables. MGSET is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

VENDOR GATE ADMISSION POLICY FOR 2020

Vendors are provided passes for necessary workers upon completion of inspection. Vendors must be completely setup and ready by noon Thursday for inspections and be operational by 4:00 pm on opening day. Vendors will receive passes once inspection is complete. Additional tickets are available for purchase at regular admission rate.

Vendors and registered workers will be allowed walk in entrance with pass at **any** gate **during** festival hours. Specific hours of operation of the gate will be provided closer to event time.

Laura Childress, President & Event Director