

Maine Lobster Festival

Frequently Asked Vendor Questions

Q. How do I become a vendor for this year's festival?

A. You can go to our website www.maine lobster festival.com in the upper right hand corner select CONTACT then select 2016 VENDOR CONTRACT. Fill this out and mail it to our address listed on the front of the contract, or email it to vendor@mainelobsterfestival.com. (If you email the contract, you still must mail your deposit payment, unless you plan on paying by credit card.) NO CONTRACT WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT DEPOSIT.

Q. Where can I get more information about becoming a vendor? (Cost, size, location, etc.)

A. You can go to our website www.maine lobster festival.com , in the upper right hand contract select CONTACT, then select 2016 VENDOR CONTRACT. Most of the information you are looking for can be answered from this contract. If you have any other questions, feel free to email us at vendor@mainelobsterfestival.com

Q. What is the difference between outside, inside, and food vendors?

A. Food Vendor Booth Space is a festival provided food booth. These booths are all in a row lining the way to the food tent. These booths are 10x15 and cost \$1700.

Outside Vendor Space is located along the connecting corridor of one side of the festival to another. Vendors must provide their own tents.

Inside Vendor Space can be found in one of two tents, the Commercial Tent, and the Maine Made Tent. Vendors in these tents can bring their own pop up to put inside the tent, or can just use tables and displays to set up.

Q. Is there security on the grounds when the festival is not open?

A. Yes, there are security guards that walk the grounds during all hours that the festival is not open.

Q. Where are vendors able to park during the festival?

A. Since this festival takes place in downtown Rockland, parking is a premium. The festival does NOT provide parking for vendors. You must find your own parking, and many lots near the grounds are run by local organizations and charge \$5-10 to park all day. There are free parking lots located on Tilson Avenue. There is also a shuttle that runs from the Rockland District Middle School and Oceanside High School (both located on Broadway).

Q. Where can we find lodging during the festival?

A. There are many options for lodging. Some stay in local hotels, inns, and B&Bs, others find campgrounds and bring an RV. We HIGHLY recommend you make your reservations early, as some places book a year in advance during the festival week.

Q. I am a new vendor, where is the festival actual held?

A. The physical location of the festival is Rockland Harbor Park 271 South Main Street Rockland, ME 04841. But please be sure to mail all documents and paperwork to our P.O. Box!!

Q. We only want to be at the festival on Friday and Saturday, is that possible?

A. No, we require all vendors to man their booths during the festival, but may close up to one hour before the end of the festival closing time with the exception of Sunday. We want all of our guests to have the same experience no matter when they attend the festival.

The hours that you are required to be open are:

Wednesday 8/3/2016 Noon to 9:00 pm (Festival closes at 10 p.m.)

Thursday 8/4/2016 9:00 am to 9:00 pm (Festival closes at 10 p.m.)

Friday 8/5/2016 9:00 am to 10:00 pm (Festival closes at 11 p.m.)

Saturday 8/6/2016 9:00 am to 10:00 pm (Festival closes at 11 p.m.)

Sunday 8/07/2016 9:00 am to 6:00 pm (Festival closes at 6 p.m.)

Please show up on time and do not close your booth until the approved closing time.

Q. Those hours seem pretty long, can we only come for certain hours of the day?

A. No, all vendors must man their booths at the specified times listed above.

Q. When can we start setting up our booth?

A. You can begin setting up your space at 10a.m. Tuesday morning. Your booth must be open and ready when the gates open Wednesday at 12 p.m. If you need to set up earlier than this for a specific reason, please contact us as soon as you know so we can try to accommodate this. If you just show up early expecting to set up, your spot may not be marked out.

Q. Can I get a corner spot for my booth?

A. As you can imagine, there are very few corner spots, if your booth requires one due to the layout of the booth, please request one and send us photos of your set-up at other fairs and festivals. We will try to accommodate these requests, but since there are a limited number we CANNOT guarantee you will get one.

Q. When can I restock my booth each day?

A. Vehicles are allowed on the grounds up until 30 minutes before the festival opens, and after the festival has closed for the evening. Please make sure your vehicle is off the grounds at least 30 minutes before the festival opens so it doesn't get towed.

Q. How many people come to the Maine Lobster Festival each year?

A. Around 30,000 people attend the festival each year.