

PIEROGI FEST®



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The Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce invites you to participate in the *Pierogi Fest 2024 Arts and Crafts Fair* which will be held on July 26th, 27th and 28th. We are really excited about this year's market featuring many handcrafted and one of a kind items from around the Region. **The arts and crafts area is once again along 119th Street! What's more, your booth will be at the very entrance to Pierogi Fest! This also means that space is very limited. We have also eliminated the insurance requirement for arts and crafts vendors.**

Pierogi Fest is nationally acclaimed and one of the most popular festivals in the Midwest drawing more than 325,000 visitors over three days. Now in its 30th year, it has been featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal, on CNN, CBS, Fox, the Food Network, the and the Travel Channel. It has been named by TripAdvisor as one of the 10 wackiest festivals on the planet, a Blue Ribbon Festival of Summer by Yahoo, one of the 20 best food festivals in North America by Saveur Magazine, listed by Oprah Winfrey as one of her seven favorite things to do in the summer, and for 20 years straight as the Best Festival by the NWI Times.

Please make sure to read the rules and application carefully.

2024 Application

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

State Tax ID: _____

10'x10' booth space for all three days - \$600.00

Applications are now being accepted. Payment (checks only) should accompany application. Checks should be made payable to Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce. Vendors will be notified of acceptance on a first come, first served basis. Should your application not be accepted, your check will be returned. However, no refunds will be made once you are accepted unless cancellation of the festival should occur.

Please give us a brief description of items to be sold. Only listed items will be allowed unless approved prior to the event. Please include pictures of items and of display area. Links to websites and social media pages are allowed.

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Accompanying your application, must be the following:

- Copy of your Retail Merchants Certificate
- Photos of your arts and/or crafts or links to social media or website where pictures can easily be found
- Vendors selling food products must have proper permits from the Lake County Indiana Health Department; such permits must be displayed in booth during event.

Please make the following selections:

_____	10x10 space (\$600)
_____	additional 10x10 space(s) (\$600 each)
_____	electrical (No Charge)
_____	Total

INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I hereby certify that I have read the 2024 Pierogi Fest Arts and Crafts Fair rules, and I will abide by them. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce, its subsidiaries, agents, and assigns from any and all liability due to damage and/or theft of my/our merchandise, goods, and wares, or for any personal injury to myself or to any person of whatever nature or cause or any injury or loss created by the sale of my merchandise. This agreement pertains to any and all damage, weather events, vandalism, and the like. Additionally, this agreement pertains to all claims, suits, actions, debts, and costs, charges and expenses, or damages of any nature arising from activities covered by this agreement, including loss predicated on active or passive negligence by the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce, its subsidiaries, agents, and assigns.

Signature

Date

VENDOR RULES & GUIDELINES

Schedule: Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (You may choose to stay open until 10:30 p.m.)
Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Vendors must be present all three days. No early tear downs will be permitted.

Location: 119th Street from Indianapolis Blvd. to Central Avenue

Parking: Each vendor will be assigned one parking permit provided for each booth space rented; you must provide us with the license plate number and make of the vehicle. To accommodate our large crowds, vendor parking is limited and we cannot accommodate everyone that is coming with you. When you receive your pass, please place it in a safe place as we cannot issue replacement parking passes. A map will be provided to you confirming both your booth and parking locations.

Set-Up: Thursday 12 Noon - 7:00 p.m.

Friday 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

The Friday set up time will be strictly enforced. *Vendors arriving after 8:30 am will be turned away. Please unload your vehicle and move to the assigned parking area before setting up.*

Take Down: Sunday after 5:00 p.m. Early tear downs are not permitted. Vendor must be present for all 3 days. You must break down and pack up your booth before your vehicle will be allowed in.

Electrical: Vendors needing electrical must have designated so on application. Vendors must supply their own cords. For the safety and protection of all vendors and attendees, any electrical device, cord or connection that is deemed unacceptable by festival staff will be disconnected. The use of generators other than those that may be provided by the Festival is strictly prohibited. Due to the size of the festival and short timeframe for setup, food vendor and stages are connected to electricity first, then arts and crafters- please be patient.

Sales Tax: The Indiana Retail Sales Tax rate is 7%. Please have your “Retail Merchant Certificate” with you. For further information on this matter, call the Indiana Dept. of Revenue Sales Tax Division in Merrillville, IN at 219-769-4267.

Trademark Protection: “Pierogi Fest” and “Mr. Pierogi” are registered trademarks of the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce. As such, you may use the term “Pierogi Fest” in your advertising, and promotion, providing that you place a circle R- ® after the term in all print or social media. No items featuring “Pierogi Fest” or “Mr. Pierogi” may be sold without first obtaining the written permission of the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce.

ADDITIONAL RULES

No soliciting or placement of signage for other events or businesses other than your own unless preapproved.

No music or live entertainment is permitted.

All arts and crafts offered for sale must have been hand-crafted by the vendor. Under no circumstances shall a vendor offer previously purchased arts and crafts for resale.

All arts and crafts offered for sale must be approved as to quality, uniqueness, and compatibility with the arts and crafts offered by other vendors in attendance.

NO live animals, weapons, knives, or drug/gang related items of any type will be accepted.

NO food or drink for immediate consumption may be sold by Arts & Crafts Fair exhibitors.

The Pierogi Fest Committee reserves the right to exclude any and all materials and objectionable items that do not comply with these standards. **Violation of any rule may result in *immediate removal from the Fair without refund.***

Exhibitors MUST exhibit all three days of the show and remain open until the rest of the Fest closes. Exhibitors arriving late or departing early may not be accepted into future shows.

Each exhibitor provides their own tent, tables, chairs, displays and props. Tents MUST be weighted down with a minimum of 10 lbs of weight per support pole. Exhibitors must be prepared for inclement weather and should completely secure their tents each night. Tables must be skirted to floor. Exhibit area must be kept clean and free of coolers, food and refuse. Booth may not extend into other booth areas, or over public areas or walkways. Electricity is available with your application. No generators will be allowed.

Although 24 hour security is provided, the Pierogi Fest Committee, the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce and the City of Whiting assume no responsibility for displays left overnight, or for damage due to theft, loss, or inclement weather.

All vendors must abide by the instructions of the Festival Staff. Failure to abide by such directives can be cause for removal without a refund. In the event of a dispute, the final arbitrator shall be the Chairman of Pierogi Fest.

Please return your completed application with payment to:

Whiting–Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce

Pierogi Fest Arts and Crafts Fair

1417 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394

Please direct questions to the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce at 219-659-0292 or email wrchamber@wrchamber.com.

We Look Forward to Seeing You at Pierogi Fest!