

RUSKIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL
Commercial Application

The 23rd Annual Ruskin Seafood Festival will be held at E.G. Simmons Park, 2401 19th Avenue NW in Ruskin, Florida on Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6, 2011.

HOURS: Saturday, November 5, 2011 10am - 5pm
 Sunday, November 6, 2011 10am - 4pm

EARLY SET UP: Friday, November 4, 2011 10am - 5pm

DEADLINE: **October 14, 2011**
 Acceptance mailed by October 19, 2011
No refunds after acceptance letter mailed.

COST: \$100.00 10' X 10' Space
 \$ 85.00 10'X10' Space "**Ruskin Chamber Member Exclusive Price**"
 \$ 30.00 Refundable Clean-UpDeposit

*******EARLY BIRD SPECIAL*******

Turn in your application & check by August 31st and pay only \$70.00 for chamber members and \$85.00 for non-members.

Make Checks payable to: Ruskin-SouthShore Chamber of Commerce

Eligibility: First quality commercial products and services for retail sales to the public. Only one exhibitor allowed per booth. The committee will screen all applications to ensure suitability.

Conditions for Participation:

- Display must be set up by 9 am on Saturday, November 5, 2011 and remain in place until closing each day.
- Exhibitors must display both days or forfeit clean-up deposit.
- All displays must have tent or canopy.
- Festival site closes at 6 pm each day. No exhibitor will be allowed on site after closing.
- **No electricity is available.**
- Exhibitors are not allowed to use megaphones or microphones.

Display Area: Each space is 10' x 10'. Exhibitors will provide own means of display. This is an outdoor show; therefore, all displays should have tent or canopy.

Parking: Exhibitors are permitted to drive their vehicle on the grounds for loading and unloading. During festival hours, exhibitors must park in the designated vendor parking area. Vendor parking is nearby.

Gate/Parking Passes: Gate passes and Vendor parking passes for people staffing the booth will be mailed with your acceptance letter. Limit of four (4) passes each for the entire weekend.

Security: On-site security will be provided Friday and Saturday night. Displays 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 exhibitor's goods or display material.

Sales Tax: Each exhibitor is responsible for collecting Florida sales tax on sales made during the festival and filing the tax collected to the Florida Department of Revenue. The sales tax rate in Hillsborough County is 7%.

Application Requirements:

All applicants must submit at least (2) photos of their product/services to be presented at the Festival.

All applicants must submit a photo of their booth

All applicants must submit (2) checks with application (*see Fee section below*)

All applications must be mailed to the Ruskin-SouthShore Chamber of Commerce, no email or fax submissions.

Please note: Photographs and application are required even if you have been accepted in the past.

Fees: Application must be accompanied by (2) checks: one for the \$30 refundable deposit and one for the booth fee. If the application is not accepted both checks will be returned. No refund of booth fees will be made after notification of acceptance is sent.

Refundable Clean-Up Deposit: A check in the amount of \$30.00 for clean-up deposit must accompany application. After 4pm on Sunday, November 6, 2011, deposits will be refunded when the committee chairperson deems the booth area to be free of any waste and the Vendor has not broken down booth before end of the Festival. **Failure to properly clean exhibit area of waste and breaking down before the end of the Festival is an automatic forfeiture of deposit. All clean-up deposits not signed for by 6 pm on Sunday, November 6, 2011 will constitute forfeiture. Failure to exhibit both days during the festival hours constitutes forfeiture of deposit.**

Ruskin-SouthShore Chamber of Commerce
315 South Tamiami Trail
Ruskin, Florida 33570
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www.ruskinseafoodfestival.org

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November 5 – 6, 2011

Please Print Clearly

Name/Business Name _____

Contact _____ Daytime Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____ Website _____

Description of items you intend to sell / display in your booth _____

“EARLY BIRD SPECIAL” turn in your application & checks by **August 31st** to qualify.

___ 10'x 10' space - \$ 70.00 **Early Bird (Ruskin Chamber Members Only)**

___ 10' X 10' space - \$85.00 **Early Bird (Non-Member)**

___ 10'x 10' space - \$100.00

___ 10' x 10' space - \$85.00 **(Ruskin Chamber Members Only)**

___ Refundable Clean-Up Deposit - \$30

The undersigned hereby forever discharges and releases the Ruskin Seafood Festival, the Ruskin-SouthShore Chamber of Commerce, 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 any way out of or in conjunction with the undersigned's application to participate in the Ruskin Seafood Festival. **The committee also reserves the right to remove any exhibitor that does not comply with the festival Conditions of Participation, whose display is not in good taste, or is not consistent with slides 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.

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-SouthShore Chamber of Commerce, and the Ruskin Seafood Festival Committee.

The deadline for receiving applications is **October 14, 2011**. Acceptance will be mailed not later than **October 19, 2011**.

Mail completed application, booth fee, refundable clean-up deposit and photographs and/or slides to:

Ruskin-SouthShore Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Commercial Application
315 South Tamiami Trail
Ruskin, FL 33570

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Should you wish to contact us to verify receipt of your application, please contact us at seafoodfestival@ruskinchamber.org

The Commercial Chairperson will contact you.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Comfort Inn	813-633-3318
Comfort Motel	813-645-4348
EG Simmons County Park	813-671-7655
Hide-A-Way RV Resort	813-645-6037
Ruskin Inn	813-641-3437
Holiday Palms RV Park	813-645-9496
Manatee RV Park	813-645-7652
Sun City Center Inn	813-634-3331
The Resort & Club at Little Harbor	800-327-2773 or 813-645-3291

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