

**RUSKIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL**  
**Environmental/Non-Profit Application**

**The 23rd Annual Ruskin Seafood Festival** will be held at E.G. Simmons Park, 2401 19<sup>th</sup> 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:**                      \$25.00    10' X 10'  
   \$30.00    Refundable Clean-Up Deposit

Make Checks payable to: Ruskin-SouthShore Chamber of  
Commerce

**Eligibility:** First quality Environmental or Non-profit organizations. Only one exhibitor allowed per booth. The festival committee will screen all applications to ensure suitability. There will be a **four** category maximum and will be based on a first come, first serve basis.

**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.
- No food or beverage (includes water) give-aways. Candy, gum, popcorn or product promotional items are acceptable give-away items.
- **No soliciting outside of your exhibit booth.**
- **No distribution of promotional items or give-aways outside of your exhibit booth. (Includes parking area and guest shuttles)**
- Exhibits must be staffed and serving the public both days and at all times during festival hours.
- No electricity is available.
- Festival site closes at 6 pm each day. No exhibitor will be allowed on site after closing.
- Exhibitors are **not** allowed to use megaphones or microphones.

**Display Area:** Each space is 10' x 10'. All displays must have tent or canopy, unless special permission is given. Exhibitors must provide own means of display. This is an outdoor show.

**Gate/Parking Passes:** Gate passes and Vendor parking passes for people staffing the booth will be distributed during set-up. Passes will be limited to four (4) of each for the entire weekend.

**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.

**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.

**Application Requirements:**

All applicants must submit a check with application (*see Fee section below*)

All applications must be mailed to the chamber of commerce, no email or fax submissions.

Application is required even if you have been accepted in the past.

Application must be accompanied by a \$30.00 check (refundable clean-up deposit). If the application is not accepted the check will be returned. No refund 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. Failure to properly clean exhibit area of waste 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.**

We would like to invite participation by non-profit groups engaged in marine, agricultural, environmental issues. Organizations offering community services such as: social services and churches are invited to participate in the festival.

Ruskin-SouthShore Chamber of Commerce

315 South Tamiami Trail

Ruskin, Florida 33570

Ph: 813-645-3808 Fax: 813-645-2099

Email: [ruskinadmin@earthlink.net](mailto:ruskinadmin@earthlink.net)

[www.ruskinseafoodfestival.org](http://www.ruskinseafoodfestival.org)

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**November 5 – 6, 2011**

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*Please Print Clearly*

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

What size space do you require/need? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any specific/special requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

*(please note that this is an outdoor show and exhibits will be displayed on the grass, unless special arrangements are made)*

Description of items you intend to display in your booth \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **10' X 10' Space - \$25.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Refundable Clean-Up Deposit - \$30.00**

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.** 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.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail completed application and refundable clean-up deposit to:

Ruskin-SouthShore Chamber of Commerce  
Attn: Environmental / Non-Profits  
315 South Tamiami Trail  
Ruskin, FL 33570

Application must be accompanied by a check for the \$30 refundable clean-up deposit. If the application is not accepted the clean-up deposit will be returned. No refunds will be made after notification of acceptance is sent.

Please be advised that phone inquiries will not be accepted. Should you wish to contact us to verify receipt of your application, please contact [seafoodfestival@ruskinchamber.org](mailto:seafoodfestival@ruskinchamber.org)

**Environmental/Non-Profit Committee Chair 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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