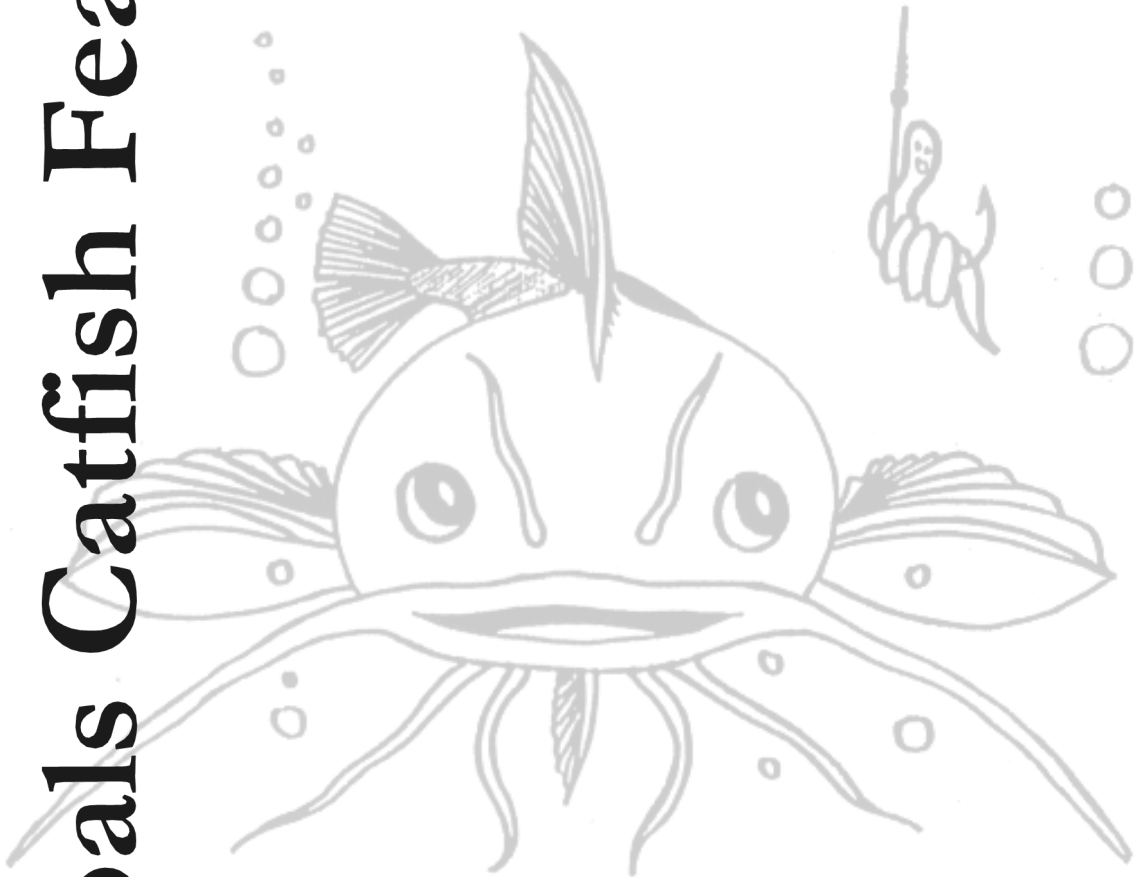


Ware Shoals Catfish Feastival

Food Vendor



May 23-25th 2019

Ware Shoals Catfish Festival Board of Directors

P.O. Box 157

Ware Shoals, SC 29692

Email: info@catfishfestival.org

Web Page: <http://www.catfishfestival.org>

Overview:

The 2019 Ware Shoals Catfish Festival is now in its 39th year. It is a non-profit organization, managed by the Ware Shoals Catfish Festival Board of Directors, a group of dedicated volunteers. The Festival is alcohol free and no pets are allowed (except for service animals). The Catfish Festival will be held on Thursday May 23rd, Friday May 24th and Saturday May 25th, at Town Square (Katherine Hall), Mill Street, Ware Shoals, SC 29692. In previous years this event has brought in more than 20,000 visitors over the weekend. As always, we are planning a fun weekend of great food and music guaranteed to get everyone on their feet and dancing in the streets.

Advertising:

Advertising becomes more extensive each year. Advertising includes our web page and social media, television ads, radio ads, newspapers, magazines and other festival web sites. Our advertising reach covers South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

Rules and Regulations:

- If you have not participated in the Festival before, you must submit a photograph of your vending space set up. Misrepresentation will prevent the food vendor from being invited to participate in future Festivals. Water and sodas will sell for no less than \$1.00 minimum.
- Exhibitor is expected to provide their own set up (tables, chairs, backdrops, stands, covers, etc.). All spaces should be neat in appearance. Boxes and crates should be out of sight.
- Vendors may put up covers or canopies provided they are free-standing and will stand within the booth space allotted. For example, if you have a 10 x 10 space, the canopy, poles, anchors, pegs, or ropes may not extend outside the 10 x 10 space, **no exceptions!**
- Vendors will receive space assignments prior to arrival at the Festival. Checks will not be deposited until exhibitor is accepted. If you are not accepted, your check will be returned.
- It is the sole responsibility of each vendor to collect and report sales tax.
- The vendor agrees to release the Ware Shoals Catfish Festival Board of Directors and the Town of Ware Shoals from all liability for injury, damage, or loss to persons or property of the Vendor.
- The Vendor understands that there is no scheduled rain date and no refunds for inclement weather.
- **Vendors are responsible for leaving their booth area clean and to dispose of trash.**

Vendor Space:

Your tent, signs, equipment, tables, chairs, etc. are your responsibility.

Grease and Trash:

All food vendors must provide ground cover inside their booth and cooking area for the absorption of grease. No food vendor will be allowed to open if the ground cover is not in place. No grease or grey water is to be poured onto the ground or down any drains. Anyone found doing this will be asked to leave and will lose your clean up deposit. Additionally, you will be responsible for any and all environmental cleanup costs and subject to prosecution by city or state officials.

Trash:

Vendors are responsible for collecting and properly bagging trash within your sales location. Our clean-up crew will collect properly bagged trash from outside of your sales location.

Water and Ice:

Water, Grey water tanks, and grease disposal tanks will be available at the event you have been accepted to. Please bring appropriate hoses, hose connections, transport buckets and electrical cords. You are responsible for bringing your own ice.

2019 Helpful Hints for Safe Food Handling:

All food vendors must be compliant with current local and regional guidelines for temporary food service events. Please review the following helpful hints which will help assure your booth will meet current regulations:

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To Prevent Foodborne Illness:

- Obtain foods from an approved source. Home prepared food is not allowed.
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after handling foods.
- Maintain hot foods at temperatures of 135 degrees Fahrenheit or above.
- Maintain cold foods at temperatures of 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below.
- Cook ground beef to a minimum of 155 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Cook Chicken to a minimum of 165 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Take frequent food temperatures.
- Heat foods quickly and cool foods rapidly.
- Keep raw and cooked food separate.
- Thaw foods properly: completely submerged under running water not longer than 4 hours, as part of a cooking process, or through refrigeration.
- Use single service articles whenever possible.
- Keep foods covered and protected from dust, dirt, insects, vermin, and human contamination.
- Minimize handling of foods before, during, and after preparation.
- Do not use swollen, leaking, or damaged canned goods.
- Store all food product and equipment at least six inches off the ground.

Items Required At A Temporary Event:

- Sanitizer
- Probe Thermometer
- Chemical test strips (for measuring sanitizer concentration)
- Adequate supply of back up utensils
- Adequate supply of potable water
- Soap and single service towels
- Fire extinguisher (properly tagged and correct type)
- Adequate facilities and equipment to maintain food at the proper temperatures
- Adequate protection from flying insects, vermin, dust and dirt
- Adequate protection for food displayed, prepared or stored
- Please note: All participating vendors will need to be serve safe certified from the health dept.

In order that our event to be successful, we must insist that everyone follow our rules. Those who do not, will be asked to leave and will not be invited to return. We ask for your cooperation and understanding.

Vending will begin on Thursday, May 23rd, 2019, from 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm. The Catfish Festival will be open again on Friday, May 24th, 2019 from 10:00 am - 11:00 pm and Saturday, May 25th, 2019 from 10:00 am - 11:00 pm. We strongly encourage vendors to stay open until at least 10 pm each day to take advantage of the crowd for the concert. Each retail vendor will be responsible for providing their own tents, tables, partitions for hanging displays and lighting. Various exhibit space sizes are available with power. Please see spaces listed on application. **No refunds will be issued for inclement weather.** Set up begins no earlier than 7 am. Set up must be completed by 9:30 am for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Absolutely no teardowns until 10 pm each evening. We know set up and breakdowns are extremely hectic, but we ask that you please unload and load your vehicles as quickly as possible and get your vehicles out of the way to allow other festival vendors access to their spaces and to allow for traffic flow.

Vendors must park in vendor parking area! No vehicles will be allowed to stay in the Festival area.

If you wish to be a festival participant, please fill out the vendor application and return along with your full menu, photos of your vending setup and foods, and a check for the appropriate amount. All applications must be received with photos, menus and check by no later than May 1st, 2019. Space is limited and the Ware Shoals Catfish Festival is a great opportunity to sell and promote your products!

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2019 Ware Shoals Catfish Festival Food Vendor Application

Contact Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____ SC Tax #: _____

Previous Vendor First Time Applicant

List all foods and drinks for sale. **(The following foods will not be allowed: hot dogs, cotton candy, candy apples, funnel cakes, catfish, fried or B.B.Q. chicken.)**

Days Vending: Thursday Friday Saturday (Space fee covers all three days)

12 x 12 space \$400 12 x 24 space \$550 12 x 36 space \$700 (Ask if require more space)

Everything must be contained within your allotted space. Please reserve enough space for all of your supplies.

Do you require electricity? Yes No

Specify Amps Needed: 30 Amps: 50 Amps:

No more than two outlets will be provided. (You must furnish your own drop cords and adapters)

I/We have read all terms & conditions of this application and agree to abide by said rules. I/We have read this application contract and I/we understand the cancellation, acceptance, and payment policy. I/We do expressly release the Ware Shoals Catfish Festival and the Town of Ware Shoals from all liability for injury, damage, or loss to persons or property of the Exhibitor.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Detach and mail this page with your payment before May 1st, 2019 to:

**Kiki O'dell - Application
Ware Shoals Catfish Festival
P.O. Box 157
Ware Shoals, SC 29692
(864) 981-4786**

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