The Bayou Teche Black Bear and Birding Festival, which will be held April 15-17, 2011 in Franklin, Louisiana is currently looking for Arts & Crafts Vendors. The Festival will be located along the Bayou Teche and throughout the historic downtown area. Music, children’s activities, seminars, field trips, food booths, arts & crafts, and more will highlight this three-day event.

The hours of operation are as follows:
- Friday, April 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For a single booth space of 10’ X 12’ the fee is $65.00 for the Festival. Double booth space is $130.00.

The electrical fee is $15.00 for a single booth and $30 for a double booth for the Festival. Please let us know your electrical needs. Vendors are responsible for their own heavy-duty outdoor cords. If you are using a strip plug with several plugs in it, you must advise the Festival Committee Chairman. The Bayou Teche Black Bear and Birding Festival, Black Bear Coalition Committee, and the City of Franklin will not be responsible for electrical overload.

Merchandise must be hand-made and exhibitors are encouraged to demonstrate their craft. Commercial merchandise and imported items will not be accepted. Exhibitors should send three photos with a description of the hand-made items. If the photo includes the exhibitor demonstrating the craft please include all relevant information as the photo may be used for promotion of the Festival. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish to have your photographs returned to you. You may send us to your website for viewing.

Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. All booth assignments are final. No booth may be transferred without written permission from the Festival. It is agreed and understood that only items approved by the Festival Committee Chairman can be sold in the booth. No items sold shall bear the registered name or logo of the Festival unless prior written consent is given by the Festival. Failure to abide will result in possible closure of the booth and forfeit of fees.
Vendors may begin setting up on Friday, April 15, or Saturday, April 16, as early as 6 a.m. No one is allowed to set up after 5 p.m. Friday evening. Security will be provided Friday & Saturday nights. Cars and trucks must be cleared from the area by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, and by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Cars and trucks may not be left overnight on the Festival grounds. All exhibitors are required to stay until the event closes and should be prepared for any weather condition.

Exhibitors are responsible for their own tents with weights, tables, chairs, and displays, and must assume full responsibility for care of their booth area, such as putting trash in receptacles. Exhibitors are also responsible for collecting sales taxes required by the State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Mary, and City of Franklin. The St. Mary Parish Sales Tax office will contact you regarding the collection of taxes.

It is agreed and understood that booth space is not guaranteed until the executed contract and valid check or money order in the full amount of booth rental and electricity, if needed, is received by the Festival. Please keep this information for your records and only return the registration form and your check or money order to the Festival.

The Festival reserves the right to move a vendor as needed without notice before or during the festival.
Arts & Crafts Registration Form

Name_______________________________________________________

Address_____________________________________________________

City _______________________State_____________ Zip_________

Phone______________________ Fax_________________________

Email______________________________________Website______________________

Description & Price Range_______________________________________

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How did you hear about our festival?___________________________________

Are pictures included?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

Do you need electricity?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No     What type circuit?  ☐ 110  ☐ 220

Are you using a multiple strip plug?  ☐ Yes ☐ No

Electricity: Single Booth - $15             Electricity: Double booth - $30

Single Booth Rental: 2 days - $65.00       Double Booth Rental: 2 days - $130

Amount enclosed:_____________
I accept the rules as stated and understand an accepted application is a commitment. Refunds will not be made for cancellations or inclement weather.

Furthermore, I hereby indemnify and hold the Bayou Teche Black Bear and Birding Festival, Black Bear Coalition Committee, and City of Franklin, as well as their respective agents, representatives, insurers, principals, employees, officers and directors, harmless from and against any loss, damage or expense, including reasonable attorney’s fees, incurred or suffered by or threatened against the Bayou Teche Black Bear and Birding Festival, Black Bear Coalition Committee, and the City of Franklin, or any of the foregoing, in connection with or as a result of any claim for personal injury or property damage or loss, or otherwise brought by or on behalf of any third party, firm or corporation as a result of or in connection with Booth Operator’s participation or any products sold by Booth Operator in the aforementioned festival activities.

Print Name:______________________________________
Signature:_______________________________________  Date:__________________

Please complete this form and return it with your check or money order payable to Bayou Teche Black Bear and Birding Festival the following address:

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