

2022 Blairsville Sorghum Festival
Non-Profit & Civic Organizations Vendor Application Information
October 8-9, 2022 & October 15-16, 2022

Thank you for your interest in participating as a vendor in the 53rd Annual Blairsville Sorghum Festival. The Blairsville Sorghum Festival provides a unique opportunity for vendors and visitors to experience rich Appalachian traditions and positively impact advocacy for children in foster care through the support of Enotah CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Please visit www.enotahcasa.org for more information about CASA. Last year, over 15,000 people attended the festival, and we are planning for an even bigger event hosted by the Blairsville Sorghum Syrup Makers and Enotah CASA, Inc. Please read the information in this application carefully, for questions please contact the Blairsville Sorghum Festival at sorghumfestivalvendorinfo@gmail.com or call **706-745-CASA(2272) ext 2** and leave a message, your call will be returned as soon as possible. **Application Deadline is September 15, 2022**. Reminder: *All vendors must re-apply each year.* Vendor information packets will be sent October 1, 2022. You are invited to complete the vendor application form online at www.blairsvillesorghumfestival.com or by mailing your completed form to:

Blairsville Sorghum Festival P.O. Box 2686 Blairsville, GA 30514

Festival Dates: Saturday, October 8th and Sunday, October 9th
Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th

Festival Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Vendor Setup: Friday, October 7th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday, October 14th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Booth must be set up and complete on Friday by 6:00 pm

Breakdown: After 5:00 pm Sunday. Even if you are a vendor for both weekends, booths **MUST** be taken down on Sunday after the festival.

Security: Security is provided both weekends on Friday and Saturday nights.

Non-Profit & Civic Organization Booth Sizes & Fees:

<u>Single Booth – 10x10</u>	<u>Double Booth - 10x20</u>	<u>Food Booth – 12x24</u>
2 weekends - \$75	2 weekends - \$125	2 weekends - \$150
1 weekend - \$50	1 weekend – not available	1 weekend – not available

There is \$50 minimum deposit due with vendor applications. Any remaining balance **DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2022.**

Rules and Regulations

If you have questions, please contact Blairsville Sorghum Festival at sorghumfestivalvendorinfo@gmail.com or call 706-745-2272

Civic organizations and local nonprofits are a vital part of the history of the Blairsville Sorghum Festival. This year to enrich the experience for patrons of the festival and further the mission of Enotah CASA, Inc, all **vendors categorized as informational/giveaway will be required to provide an activity for children** at their booth and display a sign with information about Enotah CASA. As a vendor at the event, you represent the Blairsville Sorghum Festival. If you do not conduct yourself in a professional manner, you will be asked to leave immediately without the refund of your vendor fee or deposit.

This is a juried show the Blairsville Sorghum Festival reserves the right of final interpretation of all rules. We reserve the right to approve and deny applications to ensure that the quality of vendors meet the criteria of our event. All non-food products must be hand crafted. Vendor selection and placement will be based on creating the most profitable event possible for you while creating diversity for patrons. **YOU MAY REQUEST THE SAME BOOTH LOCATION & WE WILL TRY OUR BEST, BUT WE MAKE NO GUARANTEES.** Any vendor who cancels within 2 weeks of the festival may not be considered for future festivals.

Booths must be set up the Friday before each weekend of the Sorghum Festival. **Vendor tents must be secured against wind with 30 – 40lb weights at each corner.** Weights are non-negotiable. **No vehicles are allowed on the field between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm** on Saturday and Sunday while the festival is being held. This is for the safety of all vendors, patrons, and volunteers of the festival. **Absolutely no exceptions are made to this rule.**

There is a specific area for vendors to park on Saturday and Sunday of the festival. Vendor trailers will have a designated area to be left at the far end of Meeks Park, then vendors will be directed to park in an area closer to the festival area. At vendor check in you will be provided with two vendor parking passes to allow you to park in the vendor area. If you have more than two vehicles associated with people working your booth the extra vehicles will have to park in the general parking area. This has been requested by the Union County Fire Department who handles all aspects of parking for the Sorghum Festival.

Application Process

- 1) All applications must be fully completed and signed.
- 2) All items to be sold by a vendor must be listed on the application.
TWO PICTURES must be enclosed depicting your products.
- 3) The \$50 deposit must be included with the application to reserve your spot.
- 4) Final payment of vendor booth fees must be paid by Sept 15.

No refunds will be given after this date. **No refunds** are given due to inclement weather.

Acceptance letters will be emailed or mailed (Select on application page). Acceptance generally takes 7-10 days. **Vendor information packets will be sent October 1, 2022.**

Checks should be made out to Enotah CASA, Inc. Mail completed application & deposit to: Jennifer Mahan Attn: Blairsville Sorghum Festival P.O. Box 2686 Blairsville, GA 30514

Online Registration Available at www.blairsvillesorghumfestival.com

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Please choose ONE format to receive acceptance letter and vendor information:

Email **US Postal Service Mail**

Returning Vendor? Yes No

Business Name as you want it listed: _____

Description of items sold or distributed: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Can we text you? Yes No

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Booth Category: Check One **Food Vendor** **Snacks Vendor** **Informational**

Both weekends Only October 8th and 9th Only October 15th and 16th

Select Booth Size Single Booth Double Booth Food Booth

Do you need power? Yes No Power availability is very limited. Please explain your reason for needing power. _____

Do you have a trailer? Yes No What size is the trailer? _____

Please write in any special requests. Special requests are not guaranteed, but Blairsville Sorghum Festival will try to accommodate all vendors to the best of our ability.

Please check which most appropriately describes the items you will be selling:

- Giveaways Recruiting Volunteers Selling non-food items
 Informational Other _____
 Food/Snack (list below) Other _____
List Here _____

If Food, list ALL items to be sold: _____

Local Civic Clubs and Non-Profit Organizations have **first rights to food items**, so please get your application and fee in early to ensure you are given this opportunity.

I the undersigned, have read all the information, rules, and regulations with this application and agree to abide by the specifications as described. I agree to be present during the scheduled show hours. I understand that all work must be handcrafted by the exhibitor. I understand that the spaces will be assigned by the 2022 Blairsville Sorghum Festival. I understand that I am fully responsible for any revenue/sales tax applicable for any items sold at the 2022 Blairsville Sorghum Festival. I understand the Blairsville Sorghum Festival may be required to provide a list of all vendors to the Georgia Department of Revenue. I also understand and agree that the parties listed below shall not be responsible for any theft, vandalism, or loss of any kind during the 2022 Blairsville Sorghum Festival and hereby release, the Blairsville Sorghum Festival, Enotah CASA, Inc. and the Union County Government, and the Union County Recreation Department, its agents, servants, successors and all other persons, firms, and corporations from any and all actions, cause of actions, claims, demands, costs, loss of service, expenses, and compensations which I may accrue, arising out of any events taking place at the 2022 Blairsville Sorghum Festival. If my application is not accepted, I understand I will receive a full refund.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Vendor Type: Food _____ Arts & Crafts _____ Civic/NP _____ Demonstrator _____

Booth Number: _____ Power: _____ Trailer Size: _____

Single: _____ Double: _____ Triple: _____

Both Weekends: _____ Oct 8&9 Only: _____ Oct 15 & 16 Only: _____

Deposit Paid: _____ Paid in Full: _____ Special Notes: _____