

2025 QUAD STATE CHEESE FEST

VENDOR MANUAL

*Management reserves the right to amend any/all procedures as seen fit

DATE: September 13th, 2025

LOCATION: Washington County Agricultural Education Center
7313 Sharpsburg Pike
Boonsboro, MD 21713

EVENT MANAGEMENT CONTACT INFO: Sarah Black, Event Director

BEFORE EVENT DAY: sarah@ifgevents.com / 240-291-1860

ON EVENT DAY: At main gate, text or see Sarah Black

SHOW HOURS: SATURDAY 9/13 - 12:00pm-7:00pm.

MOVE IN TIMES: SATURDAY 9/13 8:00am until 10:30am

. *if you need access on Friday, please contact Sarah Black

ALL VEHICLES MUST BE OUT OF FESTIVAL AREA NO LATER THAN 11:00am. THIS INCLUDES FOOD VENDORS!

MOVE OUT TIME: SAT 9/13 - 7:15pm (OR 15 min. after music ends. *You may break down early. You may even carry your things to your car, however **DO NOT ENTER THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS WITH YOUR VEHICLE WHILE OUR PATRONS ARE STILL WALKING ABOUT. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** (This also includes messing with the event fence - lifting it up, pushing it down, or cutting it!) And vehicles are NEVER allowed under pavilions.

VENDOR SPACE:

Vendor spaces are a 12'x12' space and may be on concrete or grass. Your space should accommodate your needs based on your application. Each vendor is responsible for tenting/setting their display and presenting themselves in a manner which reflects a positive image for the event and their company. Your tent(s) must be securely weighted/staked. If not, we will take it down.

ELECTRIC:

Electricity is only supplied to those who have paid for it in advance. Those who have electricity need to have their own extension cords, which will be covered by our mats.

ATM:

There will be an ATM near the front gate.

WIFI/CELL RECEPTION:

We do not provide wifi. Cell reception can be spotty at times. We recommend all vendors be prepared to take cash payments. Also, many vendors have found that using their own personal hotspot has been successful.

VENDOR NAME TAGS:

****New this year***... All vendors and their helpers will be required to wear name tags. These tags will be provided by QSF and must be worn and **VISIBLE** at all times. You will be given them when you arrive, along with your parking pass.

VENDOR ID:

Vendors will **NOT** have wristbands. Vendors are allowed to bring a “reasonable” amount of helpers. Vendor helpers arriving after gates open need to check in at the front gate.

VENDOR PARKING:

ALL VENDORS WILL PARK IN THE DESIGNATED VENDOR PARKING LOT WHICH IS LOT A (LARGE GRAVEL LOT) AND WILL USE THE PROVIDED DASHBOARD TICKET. THIS INCLUDES FOOD VENDORS. Vendor helpers should park in the general event field parking.

TRASH:

We ask that you place your trash (boxed or bagged trash) behind your space. Our crew will come by to retrieve your trash periodically. **FOOD VENDORS** – Please make trash bags are light enough to where they don’t break. Do not leave oil on the ground. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ANY TRASH IN OUR DUMPSTERS.**

RESTROOMS:

Portable toilets are on site in multiple locations (see map)

FIRST AID/EMS:

EMS staff, heat/air conditioning, water and other relief is available to vendors, volunteers and patrons who may need it.

FIRE SAFETY/EXITS:

Each large tent/pavilion is equipped with fire extinguishers and there are multiple fire exits. Please locate the exit nearest you before the event begins.

SECURITY:

Security will be provided for your safety as well as the safety of our patrons. Both volunteers and trained staff will be present throughout the day.

CARE:

Vendors must not injure or deface the grounds or buildings. NO TAPE ON CONCRETE FLOORS. When such damage occurs, the vendor is liable to the owner of the property so damaged. The vendor shall comply with all reasonable requests of officials of the complex. Vendors will be charged for excessive debris left in vendor space and cleanup caused by paint, oil, grease, adhesive materials and abrasives.

CONDUCT:

Vendors shall conduct and operate in their space so as not to annoy, endanger or interfere with the rights of other vendors, event staff and patrons.

CHILDREN:

This is a kid-friendly event, however, vendors' children must stay in the vendor space unless they are accompanied by an adult. Unattended children are not allowed at any time.

LIABILITY:

Interstate Festival Group, LLC, IFG Consulting LLC and Washington County Agricultural Education Center will not be responsible for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur to the vendor or to the vendor's employees or property from any cause whatsoever. The vendor assumes full responsibility and liability resulting directly or indirectly, or jointly, from other causes that arise because of the actions or omissions of its agents, employees or independent contractors, whether acting with or without the scope of their authority. Your own insurance is your own responsibility.

SALES TAX:

The sales tax on retail items being sold at this event is 6%. As a company selling items in the state of Maryland, you should be charging sales tax and then forwarding the appropriate funds and paperwork to the Revenue Administration Division. For more information please visit: www.marylandtaxes.com

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

A Temporary Food Permit is required to operate at this event. If you are selling food and have not yet obtained this permit, please contact the Washington County Health Department at 240-313-3400 or <https://washcohealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Temporary-Food-Application.pdf>

PERMITS/LICENSES:

Vendors shall obtain all pertinent permits and licenses required by any federal, state or local laws, ordinances and regulations.

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN:

This event is rain or shine. It is the responsibility of the vendor to be prepared to protect themselves and their property.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

Vendors may NOT bring in their own alcohol. If you are seen with it, you will be asked to get rid of it. The sale of alcohol, weapons of any kind, illegal drugs and paraphernalia is prohibited. In the event of such, vendor will be dismissed immediately.

VENUE ADDRESS:

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

EMERGENCY – If serious, Dial 911
EMS – On Site – Or Dial 911
FIRE - Sharpsburg Fire Dept. 301-432-6321 Emergency: 911
POLICE - Wash Co Sheriff 240-313-4345 Emergency: 911
HOSPITAL - Meritus Medical Ctr. 301-790-8000

FESTIVAL STAFF:

FESTIVAL DIRECTOR – Sarah Black
FESTIVAL FIELD SUPERVISOR – Bryan Kelly
SECURITY - Lead Security/Parking – Brad Moser
VENDORS – Lead Vendors - Sarah Black/Bryan Kelly
TICKET SALES - Lead Sales – Jessica Edwards
FRONT GATE – Lead Front Gate – Andrea Mills
LOGISTICS – Lead Logistics – Victoria Helkowski
BEER/WINE – Lead Beer/Wine – Ami Moser
BANDS/MUSIC – Adam Scott

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Example Number

*this is NOT your number, unless it is your number

***Your Marked Space # is the
FRONT & MIDDLE of your
booth space (standing,
looking at it properly)
Use this square if need be.
(12' X 12')***