Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce
2027
Arts and Craft Show Registration

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SORRY ~ NO REFUNDS or ROLLOVERS!!!

HOW TO APPLY (note updates on this application)

Applications are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Read Arts & Crafts Show Policies & Procedures. Complete the attached application(s), pay the appropriate fees. Please note the dates on each application.

First-time vendors must submit FIVE (5) photos (see photos required below).

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Please KEEP this copy for your records. Only return the application and pictures

Handmade Originals Only: ALL WORK MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE VENDOR. Unacceptable items include wholesale, brokered, merchandise mart, or imported items, factory-made items, ready-made kits, franchised, seconds, and commercially produced items. Removal of questionable items or displays on Show Days will be the discretion of TACC officials. If vendor refuses or does not have other handmade items to sell, vendor will be dismissed and asked to leave the show. No refund will be given.

Vendors will be categorized into the following: art: painting, pencil, charcoal, sculpture etc; home décor; ceramics or pottery; jewelry; children: toys, clothing, costumes, games; leather: hats, belts, purses, etc; clothing; photography; food: pre-packages dips, jerky, soups, etc; wood; home accessories: soaps, candles, body oils, etc; yard décor; books; music; other. The number of vendors with similar products will be limited. Exclusivity of craft*(s)* is not granted, however, craft categories may be limited due to the number of "like" applications received. Vendors may fit into multiple categories.

Photos Required: Photos determine acceptability into the Show. Five *(5)* photos include each vendor's work, one of their booth set-up and most importantly, one of the vendor working on his/her craft. Digital photos are acceptable, printed and mailed with application or emailed to director@tawas.com. Returning vendors are still required to send at least one photo of their booth, as well as any new products they intend to sell. **DO NOT BRING ITEMS THAT ARE NOT IN YOUR PHOTOS**.

Food Vendors: Food items for sale at the fair must be packaged and sealed. Samples may be made available for taste test only. No other food or beverage items are to be sold or give out without the prior approval of TACC. Food items for consumption on the premises must be sold at designated concession sites only. Food vendors are responsible for compliance with sanitary regulations and must have all proper permits and liability insurance. Each food vendor must provide a copy of their current Michigan Health Department permit no later than two *(2)* weeks prior to show.

Registration: **A**dvance registration is required with the entry fee *(no post-dated checks accepted).* **Early registration deadline for Memorial Day Show is February 28 and Labor Day Show is May 31. The fee is $100 per 12'x12' space. Post deadline fee is $120.**

Payment: Checks are made payable to Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce, 228 Newman St., East Tawas, MI 48730. Applications, product pictures, and payments must be received timely to be considered for Chamber events. Once a vendor has been accepted into a Chamber event, no refunds are allowed.

Booth Assignments: Vendors will be assigned a booth space*(s).* Booth spaces are assigned by the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce. Every effort will be made to accommodate all special needs and requests. *However, requests are not guaranteed*. We reserve the right to place vendors within areas as deemed necessary to facilitate the experience of event attendees (Read that again). Please do not come to the registration booth with an attitude because you are NOT in the same spot, having signed this contract. Our show is growing and we do the best to accommodate over 200 people's needs. Booth spaces are 12'x 12'. If available, additional booth space*(s)* may be purchased.

Notification: Accepted vendors will be notified via email. Instructions will be emailed via email address director@tawas.com.

No Show – No Refund: All space assignments are final. TACC will strive to maintain a balance of vendors. Any booths not claimed by 7:30am on Show Day may be reassigned to waiting vendors. Refunds will not be made for "no shows".

On Arrival: All vendors are required to register at TACC registration location during the designated registration time.

Vendor Parking: Parking is available across US 23 at the Iosco County Court House and at Huron Coast Dental. **DO NOT PARK** in the Shoreline Park parking lot unless you have a vendor handicap sticker. If customers do NOT have a place to park, they do not shop, which is money out of your pocket. Please use common sense.

Unloading and Dismantling: Unloading begins at 12:00 pm, the Friday before the Show. Everyone must be set up by 9:30 am the Saturday of the Show. Volunteers are available to give directions. All vendor vehicles must be moved to assigned parking designations by 9:30 am or may be towed and fined. Dismantling early will be noted and may constitute being excluded from the following year's festival. Vendor areas must be cleared of all construction material and trash before they leave.

Vendor/Booth Etiquette:

- No displays, merchandise, advertising or exhibits may extend outside the defined boundaries of an assigned space.
- Vendors may only sell and demonstrate within their designated space - no expansion outside the 12'x12' area., including the sidewalks. Vendors may rent additional space if needed.
- Vendors may not leave their booth to solicit sales or distribute information.
- **No stakes, nails or anything driven into the grounds are allowed. The canopy must be weighted (TACC recommends 80lbs per leg); no stakes, guide wires or ropes may be used in the construction of any booth.**
- Vendors are responsible for their own set up, including tables, chairs, canopy, etc. Vendors are responsible for their own trash and must have a trash receptacle in the booth.
- Electricity is not available, and generators are not permitted without prior approval*, exception for food vendors.*
- All booths must remain up and open during an event.
- When the event closes, participates must remove their booth including, but not limited to, all boxes, crates, and debris. Site must be left clean and free of damage. Garbage must be tied and carried to a trash dumpster. *The Chamber will charge vendors for any damage done to the property as well as expenses for removal/disposal of any items left behind.*

Overnight Accommodations: Vendors are responsible for coordinating their own accommodations at appropriate facilities *(hotels, motels, cottages, campgrounds).* Camping is prohibited on event grounds and all area parking lots.

Security: Overnight security is provided at Chamber events. *The Tawas Area Chamber will not be held responsible for loss or damage of property or goods.*

Pets: Pets are allowed at designated Chamber events but must be leashed and contained within the vendor's booth space. Pet owners must be respectful of other vendors and shoppers, must clean up after their pets, and are solely responsible for any pet-related incident with any other pet or person.

Weather: All events have an outdoor component. Each vendor is responsible for providing their own protection from the elements. In the event of severe weather or dangerous conditions, Chamber staff reserves the right to close the event. No refunds are given in the event of inclement weather.

Reservation of Rights: The Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce *(TACC)* hosts various community events that require food, merchandise, or arts and crafts vendor participation. Vendor acceptance will be based on appropriateness, product uniqueness, and quality. TACC reserves the right to refuse participation to any group, groups, individuals, association, business, or any other entity of any nature or type of vendor that TACC feels in its sole discretion would not further the goals of the organization, would not be appropriate considering circumstances, or might reflect negatively upon TACC, an individual or group; or who have violated TACC policy, community standards or otherwise infringe on the rights of others.

Liability Release: It is agreed by the parties that the nature of the facilities, the presence and circulation of large numbers of people and the large number of removable articles in numerous booths make it reasonable that: The vendor shall assume the risk of injury, loss or damage; the vendor signing this contract hereby assumes such risk of injury, loss, or damage; and the vendor signing this contract hereby assumes such risk and releases Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce from any and all claims for loss, damage and injury.

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DBA *(Doing Business As)* _____**MI Tax #**_____

Detailed description of your original, handcrafted items to be sold: _____

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□ Books
□ Other _____
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□ Jewelry
□ Leather: Hats, belts, purses, etc.
□ Photography
□ Wood
□ Yard Décor
□ Music

Previous Vendor _____ **Preferred Booth #**_____ *(not guaranteed)*

Number of booth spaces required: _____ **Total Amount Enclosed** $_____

Please list any special needs_____

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Signature *(Must be signed to validate)* Date

Questions? Please contact us at: 1-989-362-8643 *or* ***1-800-55-TAWAS***
Please enclose: Check_____ Pictures _____Filled out application_____

MAIL TO: TAWAS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:
MEMORIAL/ LABOR DAY ARTS & CRAFT SHOW
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