

RULES OF THE EVENT

The Southern Maryland Spring Festival Committee shall have the right in its sole discretion to disapprove any items offered or displayed and the method of display by any Exhibitor/Vendor and such items or display shall be removed by the Exhibitor/Vendor at the request of a member of this committee. The Spring Festival Committee's interpretation of all rules is final and binding on all Exhibitor/Vendors. All exhibits shall be in keeping with the overall family-oriented theme of the event and are subject to the approval of the committee.

1. **Applications for the 2025 Southern Maryland Spring Festival, with appropriate fees, must be received by March 31, 2025.** Exhibit space will be rented on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. A signed application is a commitment to show up for the Spring Festival. The Spring Festival Committee will not refund any fees for any reason, including inclement weather.
3. A \$50.00 fee will be charged on any check returned by the Exhibitor/Vendor's bank.
4. All of Exhibitor/Vendor's booth and display, including chairs, must be placed within the confines of the space size elected on the contract. Nothing is to be placed in the aisles or outside the allocated space.
5. Tables are available to rent with an additional charge of \$20.00 per table. If the additional table fee is not paid in advance, table availability cannot be guaranteed and will cost \$25.00 per table.
6. All Exhibitor/Vendors are responsible for keeping their area clean during event hours, including clean-up at the end of the event. All trash must be removed from the grounds or taken to the dumpster.
7. The Exhibitor/Vendor's booth must be open and staffed during regular event hours. Any Exhibitor/Vendor that arrive late, leaves before closing, or breaks down during the event hours may be refused entrance to future events.
8. The collecting of sales tax is the Exhibitor/Vendor's sole responsibility.
9. Any vendor having cooking oil or grease to be disposed of must use the bulk grease recycling container located at the back of the food area or take it with them for proper disposal.

NOTICE: Any vendor found to have dumped oil or grease into the St. Mary's County waste water system will be removed from the event and referred to St. Mary's County Health Department for possible fine.

10. **Parking and vehicle traffic will not be permitted in the event area and around the buildings starting a half hour before the festival opens.** All unloading and loading of your vehicle must be done in a timely manner. Unload first then promptly move your vehicle to the parking lot.
11. **No alcoholic, CBD or THC product is to be consumed, sold, or distributed on the premises.** No smoking or vaping is allowed in any building on the fairgrounds.
12. Exhibitor/Vendors must abide by all Health Department and State fire regulations, no open flames are permitted.
13. Although the festival opens on Thursday evening, May 1, 2025, the Artisan, Crafter, and Commercial Vendors are NOT allowed to set-up. This is a Carnival Ride Preview Night only. **Exhibitor/Vendors may set-up on Friday afternoon, May 2, 2025, between 1:00 pm and 4:00pm. Exhibitor/Vendors MUST be set up and their vehicles moved to the parking lot by 4:30 pm.**
14. The Spring Festival buildings close at 9:00 pm on Friday and Saturday evenings and open at 9:00 am on Saturday and Sunday morning. The Spring Festival closes at 6:00 pm on Sunday, May 4, 2025. After this time, vendors may pack their items. All exhibits, goods and materials must be removed by 8:00 pm on the last day of the festival. Failure to have everything off the fairgrounds by this time may result in extra charges.
15. Exhibitor/Vendors will participate in the Spring Festival at their own risk and expense. Security will be provided on the grounds from Friday afternoon until closing time on Sunday. St. Mary's County Fair Association, Holy Face Church and the Spring Festival Committee assume no responsibility or liability for any personal injury, loss, or damage.

Thank you for your support of the Southern Maryland Spring Festival sponsored by Holy Face Church.