



**44th Annual Blessing of the Fleet
Festival
April 20, 21, 22, 2012
Vendor Application**

The **44th Annual Blessing of the Fleet** on the beautiful, historic Darien Waterfront is set for **Fri. April 20, Sat., April 21 and Sun., April 22, 2012**. Enjoy music, arts, crafts, and food, while sharing the blessing of Georgia's largest and oldest shrimp fleet. Opening ceremonies begin at **5:00 P.M** Friday evening continuing through to closing ceremonies at **4:00 p.m.** Sunday. All vendors are expected to remain until **5:00 p.m.** Sunday.

GENERAL INFORMATION/ RULES & REGULATIONS

SET UP TIME: Friday, April 20, to begin at **9:00 a.m.** and set up completed by **3 p.m.**

All vehicles must be clear of **FESTIVAL** area as soon as possible. Booths will be expected to remain in place until **5:00 p.m.** on Sunday. Due to the fencing & gating of the venue and the heavy pedestrian traffic, **NO VEHICLES of any kind** will be allowed in the festival area during festival hours. **We will be charging admission into the festival for customers.**

Food Vendors Festival Hours of operation: Friday (4/20) 5 – 10 PM; Saturday (4/21) 10 AM – 10 PM; Sunday (4/22) 11 AM – 5 PM.

Confirmation: Will be by email or letter and will follow receipt of application with check or money order. Booth assignment will be given upon arrival. Space assignments will be made at the discretion of the Festival Vendor Committee. You may reserve more than one space. We will try to limit duplication as much as possible. Full amount of PAYMENT is REQUIRED to process your application. All returned checks will be subject to a \$30.00 fee.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2012 (midnight postmark)

Cancellation: No refunds given due to inclement weather.

Booth Rules & Regulations:

1. Vendors are responsible for their own *tables, tents, signage, water hoses, extension cords (heavy-duty) etc.*
2. R.V. campers or any overnight camping is **not allowed** in the vendor area.
3. **You exhibit at your own risk.** Vendor agrees to hold the Darien-McIntosh County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Darien, its employees and volunteers, their agents and employees free from and against any suits, proceeding actions and causes or actions of any and every kind and nature arising or growing out of in any way connected with Vendor's use of space, regardless of fault, negligence, or lack thereof, of any responsibility for theft, damage, or injury to Vendor's property or person.
4. Vendors must be in place by specified time and have appropriate fire extinguisher equipment.
5. No soliciting or peddling outside the booth is permitted. No "hawking" or shouting from booth.
6. No music or loud speakers are allowed, unless otherwise permitted by the Vendor Committee in advanced.
7. Pets are not permitted in the booth or venue area.
8. Each vendor is responsible for meeting the state sales tax requirements, as applicable.
9. Advertising, solicitations, press release, flyers, brochures, etc., used in conjunction with your activity in the Blessing of the Fleet Festival are subject to approval by the Blessing of the Fleet Steering Committee **PRIOR** to publication, production. The name and logo of the Blessing of the Fleet Festival is registered and requires written consent to be used or publicized by anyone.

10. 24-hour security will be provided on Friday and Saturday

11. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

12. Any vendor not complying with the above listed regulations will be asked to vacate the festival and no refund will be given.

13. The Blessing of the Fleet Vendor and Steering Committee reserves the right to make any changes or additions.

****We do our best to spread similar products/booths out but cannot guarantee this.****

Choose your application from the following Vendor Categories:

Childrens' activities (jumping/bouncing/bungi etc.)

Commercial (purchased wholesale to resell retail)

**Corporate (representatives of high profile products and services)
Contact us for sponsorship package**

Artisans and crafts (handmade/created by you)

Food Vendor

**Non profit (credentialed McIntosh County based organization)
Application available at chamber/MCIDA office on the waterfront**

**Applications that are unreadable or do not fit the category applied for
will be discarded.**

**Accepted vendors will be advertised on the BOF website as soon as
possible.**

www.blessingofthefleet.com

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