



WILD AMERICA
NATURE FESTIVAL

VENDOR PROSPECTUS
THE WILD AMERICA NATURE FESTIVAL
July 27 & 28, 2024

THE FESTIVAL

The Wild America Nature Festival is hosted by Panama Rocks Scenic Park with the mission to raise awareness of the wild America that surrounds us through education and art, to encourage sustainable enjoyment of the environment, and to promote conservation of our natural world.

The festival includes a juried nature art & craft show, live animal presentations, food vendors, music, walks, talks, and more.

This Combined Vendor Prospectus contains information for: Art & Craft Vendors; Food Vendors; and Farmer's Market Vendors.

JURIED ART & CRAFT SHOW

Artists and master craft people who create original work and agree to be present to sell that work personally may apply. This is a juried-entry show and preference is given to art that represents or is inspired by nature and/or crafts made from organic materials (pottery, wood, etc.). Dealers or agents selling on behalf of other artists or craft persons are ineligible. Commercially produced products are ineligible.

You must fully and accurately represent the complete range of items you wish to sell. **NEW VENDORS** must please submit five (5) photographs of your work via email to Jonathan@PanamaRocks.com (*artists who participated in a previous Wild America festival do not need to submit new photographs of their work unless you plan to present/sell new media types – ie: you showed paintings last year and want to add pottery this year*). If you are selected, we may use these photographs of your work on our website and in promotional materials.

Art & Craft vendor exhibit spaces measure 10' x 10' accommodating the standard size show tent. If you need a larger space, please let us know on your application. We will attempt to accommodate your needs. There are a VERY limited number of exhibitor spaces located under a lean-to (covered roof, open sides, which measure 10' wide by 16' deep). These spaces are available to past vendors first, then new vendors upon request and review.

Artists participating in the juried art and craft show will be entered into the Wild America Nature Festival Art Competition. Artists will be judged on their displayed work as a whole.

We will select a panel of judges who will review the art and select winners for each of the following categories:

- 1 The Wild America Award of Excellence (Best in Show);
- 2 Award for Nature Art;
- 3 Award for Crafts Using Natural Materials.

The Award for Nature Art shall be awarded for art that display or feature scenes of nature or wildlife. The Award for Crafts Using Natural Materials shall be awarded for crafts that use natural materials such as wood, clay, leather, glass, mixed media, natural fibers, etc. The Wild America Art Award shall be awarded to the highest rated artist overall, as determined by festival judges. We reserve the right to add additional awards to the art and craft competition.

FOOD VENDORS

Food vendors are restaurateurs, caterers, and individuals selling food for on-site consumption. Food vendors must fully and accurately represent the complete range of food that you wish to sell in your application.

We will give preference to vendors willing to create at least one original dish with food using at least 75% local ingredients. Vendors may sell other food items that do not use local food.

Please list on your application contract ALL electric items you intend to use and the amps/wattage they use. Please conserve energy; if your needs exceed our supply, we reserve the right to ask you to unplug appliances.

Food vendor spaces measure 10' x 20'. We will attempt to accommodate your needs. We ask that you use recyclable or biodegradable plates and utensils when possible.

All food vendors MUST have a valid food permit from the Chautauqua County Department of Health. The Health Department will not allow you sell anything without a permit and they will inspect all vendors! Fees double if not processed one week in advance. The phone number for the Chautauqua County Department of Health is 716-753-4481.

The Wild America Nature Festival will take place outside and we will not provide vendors with kitchen space but we will have sinks available for washing. **Vendors are required to meet all permitting requirements of Chautauqua County with their own materials and supplies.** Please call the Chautauqua County Department of Health AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you have any questions or concerns about their requirements.

Food vendors will be required to have their insurance agent mail/email a certificate of insurance to us, *AFTER you are accepted by the festival.* If we do not receive your Food Permit and Certificate of Insurance by June 30th, we reserve the right to give your space to another vendor – you will NOT be refunded your show fee.

FARMERS MARKET VENDORS

The Farmers Market allows two types of vendors:

1. Farmers who sell fruit, vegetables, greens, decorative plants, meat, cheese, honey, maple syrup or other such farm products; and
2. Locally produced food intended for off-site consumption (jams, jellies, cheese, baked goods, dog treats, etc.).

You must fully and accurately represent the complete range of items that you wish to sell in your application.

Exhibit spaces measure 10' x 10' accommodating the standard size show tent. If you need a larger space, please let festival hosts know on your application. We will attempt to accommodate your needs.

If Farmer's Market vendors wish to sell prepared food for human consumption, we require a food permit and submit a Certificate of Insurance (see details on food permits in Food Vendor section of the application).

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS, & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Education through classes and workshops is an integral part of the Wild America Nature Festival. Participating artists are encouraged to teach workshops or classes at the festival. Contact Jonathan at Jonathan@PanamaRocks.com for more information.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must send by U.S. Mail (1) a signed show contract and (2) a festival fee check. Food vendors and certain Farmer's Market vendors with prepared food will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance and food permits (if applicable).

CHECKS MUST BE MADE OUT TO PANAMA ROCKS. Please mention 'Wild America Nature Festival' in the note-section of your check. **Applications will be complete only upon receipt of the Show Contract and Show Fee check(s).** There is no refund for festival fees once an artist is accepted. Participating artists will receive passes for up to four people to help with their booth.

We will notify applicants of their status via E-MAIL. Be sure the e-mail address you provide is the one you check most often. Show fee checks from declined applicants will be destroyed.

SETTING UP AT THE FESTIVAL

ALL EXHIBITOR TENTS MUST BE STAKED/WEIGHTED DOWN AT ALL TIMES TO PREVENT FLIPPING IN CASE OF WIND. Please either use sufficient weights in each corner of your tent or heavy-duty rebar stakes. Light weight tent stakes are not acceptable.

Exhibitors must provide ALL of their display materials. No tables or chairs are provided. Electricity is only available for Food Vendors. Your display system must reflect a high level of professionalism. No messy backspace storage will be tolerated. Exhibitors will be assigned a set up time that they must honor. Unloading may occur at or near the assigned space but parking is away from the exhibit area. All pets must be leashed or crated.

SALES TAX COMPLIANCE

Vendors are individually responsible for collecting and reporting New York State Sales Tax. Out of state exhibitors can obtain a temporary New York State Sales Certificate prior to arriving at the festival (NYS does not provide on-site application). Going online is the best way to secure your NYS Tax Certificate and we urge you to allow plenty of time for processing. Go to: www.nys-permits.org. Note that the State requires you to apply no sooner than 90 days and no later than 20 days prior to the event.

ACCOMODATIONS

Festival participants (and guests) can enjoy the many wonderful local accommodations that Chautauqua County has to offer. The Chautauqua County Visitor's Bureau lists local accommodations at www.tourchautauqua.com. Vendors are welcome to camp on-site with advance permission from Panama Rocks.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Accepted applicants are expected to participate with the full understanding of all the terms and conditions listed, *rain-or-shine*. If there is an emergency and you cannot attend last minute, please call to let us know.

AT THE DISCRETION OF THE WILD AMERICA NATURE FESTIVAL, EXHIBITORS AND VENDORS WILL BE ASKED TO REMOVE ANY WORK FOUND TO BE OUT OF CHARACTER WITH THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED.

Additional information will be sent via e-mail to accepted applicants one month prior to the festival date. Applicants are urged to print hard copies of both the Prospectus and Show Contracts and retain one copy of the Contract for their own files.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

By submitting this application you agree to take full legal liability and responsibility for the safety of yourself, your property, your employees and/or assistants, and all festival guests and their property due to your involvement in the festival. You release from any and all legal liability and agree not to sue or make a claim against, and to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Camp-At-The-Rocks LTD (DBA Panama Rocks), and all owners, officers, members, agents and employees, lessors and lessees of these organizations for any and all claims for damage, injuries, death to myself or any person or property, including all defense costs, attorney's fees, and other expenses of any type, without limitations, caused by or resulting from ordinary negligence of Camp-At-The-Rocks LTD (Panama Rocks) and from your actions or presence at the Wild America Nature Festival and/or Panama Rocks Scenic Park. By submitting a contract to the festival, you acknowledge that you have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents and the terms. This contract shall be legally binding upon you, your heirs, your estate, assigns, legal guardians, and your personal representatives. Any legal action relating to the Wild America Nature Festival or Camp-At-The-Rocks, LTD (Panama Rocks) will be brought in the New York State Supreme Court, County of Chautauqua, or the United States District Court for the Western District of New York.

QUESTIONS MAY BE ADDRESSED TO:

Jonathan Weston
Owner/Manager, Panama Rocks
Email: jonathan@panamarocks.com

PLEASE MAIL YOUR CONTRACT AND FEE(S) TO:

Panama Rocks Scenic Park
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Panama, NY 14767