

Taylorsville Apple Festival

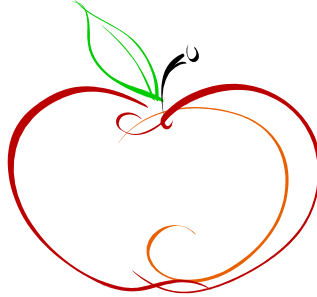
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Dear Apple Festival Vendors and Friends,

It's that time again! I hope this letter finds you well and getting prepared for the 23rd Annual Taylorsville Apple Festival on Saturday, October 15, 2011. If you have tried to contact us in the past few months with no success, I am sorry for the delay in getting back in touch with you. My mother has been sick with breast cancer and I have been in another state helping her get back on her feet. I am excited about this year's Apple Festival and hope to see all of you again. The committee is eager to get started on what appears to be the largest and best festival yet. Because of your partnership with the Apple Festival committee, we have been able to make the Apple Festival quite a large event in western North Carolina and the largest event in Alexander County each year. We have been having at least 30,000 to 35,000 people traffic our festival the past several years.

I have reviewed the surveys from last years' festival and I want to let all vendors know that we do listen to your concerns and advice about how we can improve our festival and make it better for you. As a result of your vendor surveys **we will be limiting a few types of foods this year. We will be limiting funnel cakes, hot dogs and Hawaiian ice. We want to see all our vendors be able to participate this year so we will contact you if you have one of these items after our quota has been met. You will have the option of changing your menu before we would deny your application. SO PLEASE SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SECURE YOURSELF A SPOT!**

Just a reminder for all vendors to consult the attached rules from the Fire Marshall and the Health Dept. Remember you don't have to buy an expensive tent you can just spray it with the approved spray. If you need to spray your tent with the *flame retardant spray*, "*Force Field Fire Guard*" you can purchase this spray at our office for \$10.00 or you can purchase this at Hancock Fabrics in Hickory. Make sure to keep the product bottle as proof and document the date you sprayed your tent for the inspection process the day of the Apple Festival. Call ahead before coming to pick up your spray so we can make sure we have a quantity on hand on that day.

As always if you have any concerns or complaints feel free to call the office and I will address them as soon as possible. I appreciate the advice that is received each year from all of you and my goal is always to help everyone have a successful day. Remember that the Taylorsville Apple Festival is a 501(c)(3) with all proceeds above operating cost going to the Needy Children's Benevolence Funds in our eleven Alexander Co. Schools. The office hours for the month of June, 2011 are Tuesday's 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm and Thursday's 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Office hours will increase throughout the summer. I personally will be in the office four to five days a week from now till the festival so feel free to call with any concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

Gina Kay Honosky
Chairman
Taylorsville Apple Festival, Inc.