

46th ANNUAL SOUTH ELKHORN FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026 • 9:00am – 4:00pm ET RAIN or SHINE!!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 22 at 12:00pm ET (noon)

ALL Requests after this cutoff will be added to the Waitlist in the order they are received.

The following is offered to ensure a smooth event that is worthwhile and safe for all Craft Vendors and festival attendees. Questions? Please email fallfestival@southelkhorncc.org. *ALL phone calls or emails to the church office will be directed to this email.*

Note: the SECC Fall Festival ONLY accepts applications through our website and payment via our link. DO NOT use links through ANY social media for application or payment!!!!

BOOTH REQUIREMENTS - PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY:

1. Festival booth areas are 12' x 12'. Vendors are to provide their own tents, tables, chairs, etc.
2. All items for sale must be **100% handcrafted** and exhibit your handiwork in some way. With prior approval, select vendors may be allowed to sell handmade items from fair trade craftspeople in developing countries.
3. Booths must fit in one of the following categories. Examples are provided for each category but should not be considered all inclusive:
 - a. Jewelry: Earrings, necklaces, bracelets, rings
 - b. Pottery/Ceramics: Mugs, bowls, vases, decorative plates
 - c. Textiles/Fiber Arts: Woven fabrics, knitted items, crochet, embroidery, quilted items
 - d. Glass: Blown glass, stained glass, fused glass
 - e. Woodworking: Cutting boards, decorative signs, turned wood pieces
 - f. Leathercraft: Bags, wallets, belts, accessories
 - g. Clothing/Apparel: Hand-dyed clothing, knitwear, accessories
 - h. Screen printing: apparel, totes
 - i. Painting/Printmaking: Canvas paintings, prints, illustrations
 - j. Photography: Fine art photography
 - k. Home Décor: Pillows, wall art, wreaths, holiday items
 - l. Candles: Scented candles, decorative candles
 - m. Soap/Bath Products: Handmade soaps, bath bombs
 - n. Food items: Sauces, soup mixes, honey (no items that compete with the Food or Bake Sale Booths)
 - o. Mixed Media Art: collage, sculpture
4. The following are **not allowed**:
 - Flea market items, Retail or catalog items, Knockoffs, Multi-level Direct Sales/Marketing items
 - Baked goods or candy (these compete with our church bake sale booth)

Please provide an **email address that you monitor closely**. ALL communications regarding the event will be via email, including status updates of your application, links to submit payment, and key notices leading up to the Festival. It is **HIGHLY suggested you add our address to your contacts** to ensure you can find correspondence from us!

PRICING

1. Each 12' x 12' booth costs \$125.00 plus 6% State Sales tax (total \$132.50).

NEW CRAFT VENDOR

1. New Craft Vendors are those who have not previously participated or Returnees that skipped more than 1 year.
2. New Vendors are allowed only **one** 12' x 12' booth space.
3. **A complete NEW vendor application includes the submission of 6-8 photos to fallfestival@southelkhorncc.org. Photos must be clear, in focus, and close enough to unmistakably represent the type(s) of individual craft items that will be sold. Do NOT include wide-angle views of the entire collection or booth set-up. We evaluate the crafts not the set-up. No Facebook or website links will be accepted.**

4. All new vendors must submit their photos **no later than 72 hours** after their application is submitted or they will be moved to the withdrawal list. The sooner the pictures are received, the better the position on the Waitlist. ***New vendors do NOT move to the Waitlist until their application is COMPLETED with the submission of the required photos.***

RETURNING CRAFT VENDOR

1. Returning Vendors are those who have participated in previous Festivals. To retain that status, a vendor may only skip the event the year before *this application*. If you do not meet this requirement, you will need to apply as a New Vendor. You must also apply within the application window; once that has closed, all preferential treatment is lost.
2. Do not apply more than once. If you forgot, check your email for the receipt email sent from our system, or contact us to ask if you cannot find it. PLEASE check your email first!
3. It is our intention to provide each selected Returning Craft Vendor with the same booth location as the prior year; however, this cannot be guaranteed and will not be the case if a year is skipped.
4. **Change REQUESTS must be made in writing (email) AFTER you apply!** No refunds will be offered if you normally have 1 spot and pay for 2 without **REQUESTING** an increase in space. *IF* another spot becomes available, you will be contacted LATER to be invoiced for the extra space.

CANCELLATIONS (sales tax remitted is not refundable)

While we understand that things arise which may keep a vendor from participating in the Fall Festival after confirming participation and paying for their booth, these refund guidelines will be followed:

1. **Full Refund:** A full refund, minus a \$10 administrative fee, will be provided for cancellations provided in writing no later than 5pm September 1.
2. **Partial Refund:** A partial refund of 50% of the booth fee will be provided for cancellations provided in writing no later than 5pm September 30.
3. **No Refund:** Any booth cancellation on or after October 1 will forfeit all fees.

TIMELINE

Late April – Vendor applications will be available on the church website. Upon application submission, vendors will receive a confirmation email. Make sure you look for this email, checking ALL folders, including trash and spam, etc.

Late June – Application deadline. Requests submitted after this date will be added to the Waitlist in the timestamp order they are received (and completed with photos for New Vendors). However, vendors are still added to the waitlist throughout the summer until the waitlist.

July/Ongoing – An offer will be sent to the *Waitlist* vendors according to availability. If the offer is accepted, an **online payment link will be emailed**. Payments must be received within **24hrs** or the offer is rescinded and the booth offered to the next Vendor in the queue. If the offer is declined or there is no response within 48hrs, the next vendor in the queue will be contacted. As we get closer to the event date, the required response window will narrow.

Late September/Early October – Waitlist applications close.

Payment window for ALL Vendors: Must be completed within 24 hours of receiving confirmation email.

EVENT

Setup: Friday 3:00pm – 9:00pm; Saturday 5:30am – 8:00am

(NO exceptions to posted times; cars must be parked by 7:30 am and booths operational by 8:30am Sat.)

Event time: 9:00am – 4:00pm (Rain or Shine!)

Breakdown: No earlier than 4:00pm booths may start breakdown. **Vehicles allowed on midway AFTER 4:30.**

All Vendors: Receipt of an application and payment will acknowledge your agreement to the Festival Policies listed below. Failure to comply may result in the termination of the application, no refund, and loss of Returning Vendor status. Therefore, we encourage you to review the following rules carefully before submitting your application.

1. The Festival Committee reserves the right to shut down any booth in violation of the rules.
2. Booth fees for any cancellations are subject to the refund information above. Furthermore, this is an outdoor event that is held rain or shine. There will be no refunds due to weather.
3. Please contact fallfestival@southelkhorncc.org to seek approval for outside promotion of the Festival/use of the Festival name in advance. Event promotion will be allowed once details are confirmed and the ad/post is approved.
4. All booth spaces are assigned. No resale or lease of your booth space is permitted.
5. All legalities, permits, and applicable taxes are the vendor's sole responsibility.
6. We recommend cement blocks or jugs to support your tent (no tent stakes). PLEASE be prepared for inclement weather and secure your tent properly!
7. No electric hookups are available and no gas-power generators are allowed. Any supplemental power must be silent and not produce any odors.
8. There will be a professional security guard on-site from 9:00pm Friday to 5:30am Saturday. However, the church is not responsible for the loss of any vendor items left in booths overnight.
9. All booths must be open to the public by 8:30am and fully ready to go by 9am on Saturday, but we suggest that you be set up earlier as customers tend to arrive very early.
10. ALL VEHICLES MUST BE PARKED OFF SITE **NO LATER THAN 7:30AM** SATURDAY.
11. **Everything** belonging to the vendor must remain **within the assigned space** during the event, including backup inventory and chairs for individuals working the booth. Festival staff will closely monitor this throughout the day and warn any vendor that exceeds the space of their booth area. Repeated violators will be assessed a penalty fee.
12. There is no indoor bathroom access. Multiple portable toilets will be available.
13. Absolutely no camping is allowed overnight on church property, including sleeping in an RV or other vehicle.
14. Vendors must remain open until 4:00pm on Saturday. Early teardown will result in permanent removal from future participation.
15. **NO VEHICLES MAY ENTER THE FESTIVAL MIDWAY for breakdown until **AFTER 4:30PM SATURDAY**. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Vehicles on site before 4:30pm are a significant safety concern for customers who choose to shop late. Vendors can tear down, pack up, and carry supplies to their vehicle **after** 4pm, but *no vehicles on site until AFTER 4:30pm Saturday. **Vehicles on site BEFORE 4:30 will result in a permanent ban for the vendor involved.***
16. Vendors must clean up in their booth space. Dumpsters are available for all garbage, but please break down and recycle cardboard boxes. If your space is not clean following the Festival, a fee will be assessed. Please help us by leaving our church campus looking better than you found it!