

# MINNESOTA Renaissance Festival

## **2017 FOOD INDEPENDENT VENDOR INFORMATION**

Thank you for your interest in the Minnesota Renaissance Food Independent Vendor opportunity. We are proud to present our 47<sup>th</sup> annual festival the largest Renaissance Festival in the United States. This eagerly anticipated celebration is a well-attended event attracting an average of 300,000 patrons each year.

The process is very competitive. Each year many applications are considered for a limited number of opportunities. The Minnesota Renaissance does not maintain a waiting list. As Food Independent Vendor opportunities become available, appropriate applicants will be selected from the pool of applications submitted.

The application return deadline is March 31, 2017. Be sure to include photos of the food products which you desire to sell at the MN Renaissance. All submissions become the property of the Minnesota Renaissance and will not be returned.

Once we receive your application, we will confirm its receipt and ask that you be patient. Your confirmation letter will be the only correspondence you receive from us, unless a Food Independent Vendor opportunity presents itself. Your submission will not be maintained in our files as you must apply yearly.

### **FESTIVAL DATES & HOURS 2017:**

- Weekends: Aug 19 – Oct 1, 2017 + Labor Day (Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>) & Festival Friday (Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>)
  - Participation in entire season required unless prior authorization has been granted.
- 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
  - The Festival goes on rain or shine.

### **A FEW CRITERIA CONSIDERED IN REVIEW PROCESS:**

- ✘ Experience at other large fairs or shows
- ✘ Product presentation and appearance
- ✘ Product Quality
- ✘ Balance of similar products at the Renaissance
- ✘ Appropriateness of product to the available site

### **LICENSE AGREEMENTS:**

- **Food Independent Vendor Percentage Concession** – Food Independent Vendors *will pay a rate of 25% - 40% of gross revenue, after any applicable tax.*

\*License fees are subject to change and cover most usual and ordinary costs, with the exception of gas & electric connection and consumption, utility assessments, insurance, and any other extraordinary costs. (The Renaissance has a mandatory commercial general liability insurance coverage requirement.)

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

- Minnesota Department of Health Food License
- Food Manager Certificate
- Vendors must comply with all federal, state, and local health regulations.
- Each vendor must have a portable fire extinguisher.

## **INSURANCE AND TAXES:**

- Vendors must comply with all of the requirements required by the Minnesota Department of Revenue.
- Vendors must furnish proof of insurance.

## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

- Costumes
- Signage
- Equipment
  - Fryer
  - Grill
  - Hand washing station
  - Etc.

## **PHOTOS:**

- Include with this application a color photo of each product just as you would propose to sell it at the Festival.

## **DEADLINE TO APPLY:**

- MN Renaissance Festival must receive all applications on or before March 31, 2017.
- Applications must be postmarked by deadline.
- There currently is no application fee.
- Applications are kept for one year. You must reapply each year.

## **WHERE TO SEND:**

- Return application by mail to:
  - Castle Kitchens
  - Attn: Stephanie Whipps
  - 1244 S. Canterbury Rd. Ste. 306
  - Shakopee, MN 55379

## **QUESTIONS:**

- Please email: [vendor@renaissancefest.com](mailto:vendor@renaissancefest.com)