

Great Mississippi River Balloon Race
Arts & Crafts Fair
Natchez, Mississippi
October 14-16, 2016
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To: 2016 Arts & Crafts Vendors

From: 2016 Great Mississippi River Balloon Race Committee

October 14-16, 2016, will mark the 31th annual Great Mississippi River Balloon Race in Natchez, Mississippi. GMRBR is a weekend long hot air balloon festival that takes over the bluff of Natchez. Starting with the "Balloon Glow" Friday night, and continuing through Sunday evening, the Great Mississippi River Balloon Race is one of the most well-attended annual events in Natchez with over 15,000 attendees. The weekend will host local and national musical acts overlooking the Mississippi River. This year Natchez is celebrating its 300 birthday, which will be sure to bring extra excitement to this year's festivities.

The Festival hours are as follows:

Friday: 5:30 PM-10:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM-6:00 PM

You are invited to join our second arts and crafts show to be held just outside the entrance of the festival grounds on Saturday and Sunday. Most traffic into the festival will pass directly in front of the arts and crafts area entrance. Vendors may begin setting up at 8:00 AM on Saturday and 10:00 AM on Sunday.

10'x10' and 10'x20' spaces will be made available. You can provide your own tent and displays or rent a tent from the Great Mississippi River Balloon Race for an additional fee.

10'x10' vendor space will cost \$75.00 for the weekend. 10'x20' vendor place will cost \$100.00. Prices on spaces any larger can be negotiated.

Each vendor will get 2 weekend passes (good Friday-Sunday) to enter the festival grounds where food, drinks, and bathrooms will be available. Parking will also be provided within walking distance of the exhibition area.

The Mississippi Tax Commission requires that sales tax be collected from each vendor on Sunday before you depart the site. We will provide sales tax forms to each vendor upon check-in at the site and will collect them at the end of the event.

Vendors are responsible for the security of their props, displays, and works. Vendors can close up at any time, though sunsets are scheduled to fall around 6:00 PM. Depending upon vendor response, the GMRBR will try to provide general onsite lighting, though it is not definite at this time.

Further information about site setup, festival schedule, and registration will be provided once the number of vendors attending has been determined.

Booth rental is to be paid in advance and is due by October 1. Please mail payment and application to:

**Great Mississippi River Balloon Race
P.O. Box 1775
Natchez, MS 39121**

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call, text, or email.

We look forward to seeing you in October!

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