

Mudbug Madness Festival #42

Presented by: SWEPCO

May 22-24, 2026

Art & Craft Booth Application

Deadline: March 1, 2026 (May be extended if spaces still available after deadline)

YOUR NAME: _____

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DESCRIPTION OF ART OR CRAFT: **(All items will be subject to jury process. Items do not have to be handmade, but handmade items will be scored higher.)**

*Please provide a list of items to be sold, **along with their prices**. Attach a separate sheet if needed. Please do not refer our panel to a Web site in lieu of the description below. Include a sample of work and descriptive photograph **if you have not participated in the festival or submitted items before**. Indicate if you would like samples to be returned.

In order to avoid duplication at the festival, only items listed on this application will be approved for sale. Should you add items at the festival, you risk having to remove them from your inventory. **The Mudbug Madness Festival has exclusive rights to the sale of cups, T-shirts, koozies and caps on the site. Sale or promotion of these items within your booth is prohibited.**

Describe in detail all equipment to be used:

Voltage _____

Amperage Load _____

Only pre-approved equipment will be allowed in booths. Equipment/power may not be added to booth once festival has begun. _____ (please initial)

FEE SCHEDULE (Make checks payable to Mudbug Madness)

Art or Craft Booth Rental Fee for 10' x 20' Booth* = \$700.00**

*All wares must be kept inside the booth under the tent provided. No racks or other display cases may be set outside tent.

**Application will not be considered without payment of booth fee.

Fee includes tent, two 8-foot tables and one assigned standard parking space to be used for transportation vehicle only and a limited number of admission tickets for festival entrance. Vendors must provide their own tent lighting and signage.

Send a copy of this application, a signed copy of the attached policy and \$700.00 rental fee on or before March 1, 2026:

Mudbug Madness
629 Spring Street
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

For additional information or assistance, contact Terri Mathews at 318-455-2001 or terri@mudbugmadness.com.

See attached Mudbug Art & Craft Vendor Policy for additional requirements.

Signature of Owner/Vendor

Fee Enclosed

Date

NOTE: Submission of this application does not guarantee acceptance. Vendors will be notified individually of acceptance or rejection. VENDOR FEE WILL NOT BE DEPOSITED UNTIL ACCEPTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL.

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CRAFT VENDOR POLICY

Downtown Shreveport Unlimited and Vendor agree that the Booth Rental Agreement shall be governed by the following terms and conditions:

1. Reservation of Space and Payment of Booth Rental Cost:

The total cost of rental for three (3) days, May 22-24, 2026, will be \$700.00. Each craft vendor is required to submit a completed application along with booth rental fee on or before March 1, 2026. Checks should be made payable to: Mudbug Madness. Booth location will be determined by the Mudbug Madness Committee. Should your application be rejected by our committee, your check will be returned to you. **Checks will not be deposited until after notification of acceptance.**

*Booth rental fee includes a 10 x 20 tent, two 8-foot tables, one **ASSIGNED** standard parking space to be used for transportation vehicle **ONLY** and a limited number of passes for festival entrance. You will receive a parking pass upon check-in with Vendor Chairman.

2. Fee Schedule and Cancellations:

Booth rental fee of \$700.00 is non-refundable and non-transferable unless written notice of cancellation is received thirty (30) days prior to the festival opening date.

3. Acceptance:

Upon acceptance, Applicant agrees to abide by all rules set forth by the Mudbug Madness Festival Policy and to honor instructions as deemed necessary during the event as issued by either the Festival Chairman and/or DSU designee.

4. Cancellation, Rejection or Eviction of Vendor:

DSU reserves the right to reject any prospective vendor and may regain immediate possession of any rental space and evict vendor from the festival for cause, including, but not limited to, a breach of this Agreement. This Agreement is not subject to cancellation by Vendor except as provided herein. DSU reserves the right to evict Vendor from the festival site for behavior which is, or might be, judged detrimental to the successful operation of any DSU function or infringes on the rights of other Vendors. Any such judgment by DSU and the festival Planning Committee is final and shall be in the sole discretion of DSU.

5. Unforeseen Events:

DSU cannot guarantee Vendor's protection from loss or insure against loss for any reason. Vendor hereby waives any claim for incidental or consequential damages or compensation resulting from the inability to use the premises and agrees that DSU may retain the portion of payments made by Vendor necessary to cover expenses incurred by DSU incidental to the opening and management of the festival through the time of termination.

Vendors are urged to insure their equipment and inventory at their own expense. DSU will not be responsible for any injury that may occur to any employees, theft, loss of life or damage to any property from any cause whatsoever, regardless of whether management furnishes guards or night watchmen.

6. Use and Occupancy:

Festival Hours: Friday, May 22 – Sunday, May 24, 2026 – 11am until 10pm

DSU may, in its sole discretion, assign, designate or change Vendor's booth area location. The festival will provide:

- (1) 10' x 20' covered booth to be used for craft display and sales; No display racks or cases will be allowed outside of covered booth.
- (2) Electrical outlets based on requirements outlined by vendor on application.
- (3) Two 8-foot tables

*Only **pre-approved electrical equipment** will be allowed in booth. Electrical capacity cannot be increased once festival has begun. Vendor must provide tent lighting.

The Mudbug Madness Festival has exclusive rights to all cups, T-shirts, cups, koozies, and caps sold at the site. Sale or promotion of any of these items with vendor booth is prohibited.

Booth location will be determined by the Mudbug Madness Committee. Booth construction shall not be altered by the Vendor. Vendor is responsible for booth signage.

Vendor shall staff its booth during all hours of the festival and booth shall not be left unattended until after the publicized closing hour.

Set-up begins Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 9am. Vendor **must** check in with Vendor Chairman by 3pm Thursday, May 21, or contract is null and void. Should you not check in by 3pm, your booth will be removed from the site or sold to another vendor. Vendor must be completely set up by 5pm on Thursday, as no equipment can be moved into the site after that time. **There will be no exceptions to this rule. Tardiness is costly for the festival and will not be tolerated.** It is permissible for art and craft vendors to set their **inventory only** on Friday morning. Equipment and fixtures may be removed from the festival site **after** closing on Sunday, May 24 or on Monday, May 25, 2026 beginning at 8am. Our tent vendor will take down tents early Monday, so please remove your items in a timely fashion.

VENDOR SHALL SUPPLY ONE GENERAL PURPOSE FIRE EXTINGUISHER TO BE KEPT IN BOOTH AT ALL TIMES.

Booths must be staffed and operated during all hours of the festival commencing at 11am through 11pm all three days.

No vehicles will be allowed on the festival site after 10am each day of the festival. Vendors must have ample inventory in the booth by 10am or else the inventory will have to be walked in. Service gates to the site will shut at 10am promptly. There will be absolutely no exceptions.

7. Early Departure:

All vendors must remain open during festival hours. Should vendor sell all merchandise prior to festival closing, vendor must continue to occupy booth until closing on Sunday night. **Early departure from the Mudbug Madness Festival constitutes breach of contract and assessment of a \$250.00 fine.**

8. Sale or Distribution of Inventory:

Art and craft vendors may only sell or distribute approved items. Mudbug Madness has the exclusive right of sales of **T-shirts, caps, posters and drinking cups.** No food may be sold or distributed for consumption on festival premises by anyone except authorized food vendors.

THE MUDBUG MADNESS FESTIVAL RESERVES ALL RIGHTS TO BEVERAGE SALES. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

9. Right to Enter:

It is agreed that representatives of DSU may, at any time, enter into and upon said premises and examine the same and condition thereof.

The Mudbug Madness Committee Chairmen, planning committee members as assigned, and DSU reserve the right to examine any product or item sold prior to application approval and periodically during the festival.

10. Waiver of Liability:

It is specifically agreed by the parties to this Agreement that DSU, its agents, employees or assignees are in no way liable for any loss, damages or theft of any property belonging to the Vendor while on the site, grounds and area of the Mudbug Madness Festival. The Vendor specifically acknowledges that DSU provides no insurance and accepts no responsibility for any such loss whether the said loss is by accident, act of God, intentional act of destruction or theft.

11. Indemnification and Hold Harmless:

Vendor agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend DSU, its directors, officers, employees, agents, insurers, successors, assignees and any person or entity to which DSU owes a similar duty of indemnification (each of these persons and entities being referred to for purposes of these indemnifications and hold harmless provisions as "DSU") from and against all actions, liabilities, claims, assessments, taxes, fees, charges, losses and expenses associated in any way with the investigation, processing or settlement of a claim whether valid or not, any amount charged by a governmental body, and the attorney's fees which would not have been incurred but for the submission of a claim) arising out of, resulting from or any way associated with or contributed to by an claimed act, omission, negligence, fault or violation of law, regulation or rule by Vendor or any of its employees, agents, others employed directly or indirectly by Vendor, volunteers or other persons in or about Vendor's booth or bulk area.

12. No Assignment:

This Agreement is based upon the personal relation between the parties. Vendor shall not have the right to assign, share or sublet this Agreement or any interest in this Agreement, and this Agreement shall not be assignable by operation of law without DSU consent.

The undersigned has read and agrees to all the terms set forth above, as well as the terms of any attached addenda.

VENDOR AGREES AND ACCEPTS:

Representative

Date

Title