



Hello, everyone!

The Mountain Gateway Museum & Heritage Center in Old Fort, NC, invites you to be a vendor at its 38th Annual Pioneer Day on **Saturday, April 27, 2024**.

This one-day celebration of traditional Appalachian crafts, music, and food, with exhibits and fun activities for all ages, will be held from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** on the museum's grounds at 24 Water Street, just a quarter-mile north of I-40 Exit 73 in Old Fort.

Booths: The fee this year for a 12-foot-square space is \$40 for a craft booth, \$75 for a food booth, and \$20 for a non-profit/community organization booth. Vendors who need electricity will be charged an additional \$5. Vendors must supply their own tents, canopies, tables, chairs, etc.

A booth application is enclosed. Applications also are available on the museum's website (www.mgmnc.org) and at the museum between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday.

Crafters: Vendors who demonstrate a traditional craft will have their booth fee waived. However, demonstrations must be done throughout the entire day. All craft demonstrators **MUST** complete and return the enclosed application from to the museum—even if their booth fee has been waived.

If your craft booth fee has been waived previously, please note that on your application. If you have a preferred booth location on the museum's grounds, please describe it on your form. And if you need electricity, please note that, too, as the number of electrical outlets available is limited.

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All booth applications and checks must be received by Mountain Gateway Museum **by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2024.** Checks should be made payable to “Mountain Gateway Museum” and mailed to: Mountain Gateway Museum, P.O. Box 1286, Old Fort, NC 28762. Completed forms can be submitted by e-mail (roann.bishop@dncr.nc.gov). **But please call ahead if paying by credit card.**

Food Vendors: In addition to the booth application, food vendors MUST complete a McDowell County Health Department “Temporary Food Event” form (available on its website at <http://www.foothillshd.org/images/forms/4000/4001/FH4001.002.pdf> and pay a \$75 application fee. These checks should be made payable to “McDowell County Health Department.”

Completed food application forms and checks should be mailed or delivered in person to: McDowell County Health Department, Environmental Health Section, 408 Spaulding Road, Marion, NC 28752, no later than **4:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2024.** The Environmental Health Section’s office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for lunch.

If you have any questions about the Temporary Food application form or its fee, contact the McDowell County Health Department Environmental Health Section at 828-652-2921, ext. 4.

NOTE: If you are a nonprofit community organization that will be preparing and/or cooking food at the festival, you **STILL** must submit the health department’s application form, even if you are exempt from paying its application fee.

If you have any other questions about Pioneer Day 2024, please contact me, RoAnn Bishop, at Mountain Gateway Museum by phone (828-668-9259) or e-mail (roann.bishop@dncr.nc.gov).

I hope to hear from you as soon as possible regarding your participation in Pioneer Day 2024. I look forward to seeing you at the Mountain Gateway Museum on Saturday, April 27th!

Best regards,

RoAnn Bishop
Director, Mountain Gateway Museum