

Smithville Fiddler's Jamboree & Craft Festival
Official National Beginner's Fiddler Championship
Official Festival of the State of Tennessee
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Welcome! The Jamboree Staff try their best to follow the guidelines set up by the Jamboree Board. The following rules are to make your visit to the Jamboree a pleasant one and to help make sure there are no misunderstandings. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. When you sign in at the show, you state that you understand and agree with the following rules:

Rules for Smithville Jamboree Crafts Festival

1. A paper application should be downloaded from our website smithvillejamboree.com or requested by email. Mail your application in with a payment of \$135 per booth. The deadline for submitting applications is June 1st at which time the booth fee increases to \$150. No refunds will be issued after May 15th.
2. Jurors will judge all items. Preference is given to true Appalachian crafts/hand-crafted items. Photos are required—one photo of booth and two craft items. Embellished items are eligible only if accepted by the Craft Committee.
3. Homemade food items (including, but not limited to jams, jellies, or ciders) that have been prepared in a commercially approved kitchen are allowed. Please submit a copy of your proof of inspection when you turn in your Craft Registration Form. We do request that food items not be packaged for immediate, on-site consumption.
4. **NO POLITICAL ITEMS ARE ALLOWED.**
5. All crafters must check in at the registration table at DeKalb County Florist located at 313 North Public Square (North side of the courthouse) before setting up. Failure to check in means you are not showing and will be replaced with someone on the Waitlist. Registration begins Thursday at 4:30 p.m. **NO SETUP ALLOWED UNTIL 5:00 PM due to**

downtown businesses still open. Setup time begins after 5:00 PM and Friday morning before 8:00 AM. NOTE: We highly advise setting up on Thursday evening before the festival begins. Be advised that you will not be allowed to drive down the streets to set up on Friday morning as EMS are beginning their safety measures. Removal may not begin until 10:00 p.m. Saturday night.

6. Space of booth is 12 x 12. NO Exceptions. TENTS ARE REQUIRED in each space including store fronts. Spaces may not be extended into fire lanes, cross throughs, or electrical spaces. Booths do not include open spaces. It is recommended that you do not design your booth for an open space. Open spaces are not guaranteed to stay in the same location each year and can be moved at the discretion of the Jamboree Committee.
7. Crafts and individual property must be contained inside allotted space. If your neighbor does not show up, do not use the empty space for items or individual property. Vendors may not move their designated space for any reason without permission from the Jamboree.
8. No stakes, nails, screws, or canopy lines allowed. No setup on sidewalks. Displays on wheels or vehicles not allowed unless approved by the Board.
9. Fire lanes are ten feet from buildings.
10. You will need at least two hundred feet of outside utility/electrical extension cord; 3-prong grounded plug. Bring a 20-inch fan for comfort. Bring three shop lights that will clamp on your tent so customers may see your work after dark. Bring two extra light bulbs packed well. It will be difficult to purchase bulbs if you need replacements. Bring a power strip. You will have only one source of electricity per booth. Crafters are responsible for all cords, tables, leveling material, etc. Cords must be secured by duct tape in traffic areas and walkways. They must run along the ground and cannot be hung outside of the booth.
11. Keep space neat, attractive, and clean from papers. Boxes, bins, and trash. Trash cans are available on each street and around the square.
12. No vehicles are allowed in the square until officials feel it is safe to do so. Officials will notify when time to move.

13. All refund checks not cashed within 90 days will be void. Insufficient funds check as well as stop payment checks will have a \$35 service charge.
14. Although we do not foresee any problems, we reserve the right to make changes as we see fit, within reason. You will be notified of these changes before the show starts on Friday.
15. It is suggested to bring a cooler for ice and cooling neck towels, cooling towels, fans, etc. to stay cool as it can get hot during the day.
16. Anyone displaying threatening or abusive behavior will be asked to leave or will be escorted out of the show by police.
17. The City of Smithville and the Jamboree Board will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or accident that may occur to any person, booth, or vehicle. We have taken every precaution to ensure your safety, and you have a pleasant experience at the Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree & Craft Festival. Jamboree Officials will have the final word.
18. The Craft Committee understands that most every crafter wants to be placed around the courthouse. Please understand we take into consideration seniority and true "hands on" crafts based on a scoring system (See below). When placing booths, we "spread out" vendors that have similar crafts to the best of our ability. We also try to accommodate reasonable booth requests. Again, refer to scoring system below to understand booth placement.

CRAFT BOOTHS WILL BE JUDGED IN THE AWARDS COMPETITION

For more information or if you have questions, please contact:

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Craft Scores

- 7 Artistic Handcrafted – On the square
- 6 Authentic Handcrafted
- 5 Handcrafted Repurposed
- 4 Average/Jams/Jellies/Soaps/Sauces
Candles/Plants/Home Remedies/Therapeutics
- 3 Face Painting/Kid Stuff
- 2 Wait Listed
- 1 Rejected

Prizes for Craft Booths

- Best of Show - \$200 & Free Booth for the following year
- Best Display - \$100 & Free Booth for the following year
- Best Appalachian Craft - \$300 & Free Booth for the following year
- Best Newcomer - \$100 & Free Booth for the following year
- Best Folk Art - \$100 & Free Booth for the following year