2024 Application for Commercial Exhibit Space

Come And Take It Celebration

October 4, 5, and 6 in Downtown Gonzales, Texas

Suggested operating hours are:

Friday, Oct 4------------------------------- 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 5------------------------ 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 6-----------------------------1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**Please read the exhibitor rules listed below.**

You are invited to apply for a commercial exhibit space for the annual Come and Take It Celebration, where an average attendance is approximately 15,000. Please complete the enclosed application and return it by mail to 304 Saint Louis St, Gonzales, TX 78629 along with a credit card number (there will be a $3.00 processing fee), cash, or money order. Kindly be aware that submitting a completed application for the event does not guarantee you a space until approval has been granted by the Come and Take It Committee. A complete list, photographs, and/or brochure must accompany the application and exhibitors will be limited to only those items listed. If approval is given, a notice will be sent and the submitted payment will be deposited. All exhibitors must complete an application in its entirety, including tax ID# for the application to be considered. Please type or print legibly.

1. Setup is permitted from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. on Friday, October 4, 2024.There is **NO** assigned parking for vendors. If you are parked on Saint Louis Street, you will be towed. Parking is first come first served.
2. No trailers are allowed on the grounds. Exhibitors selling from trailers must be on the street if space allows.
3. Spaces are 10X10 ft. All business must be conducted within the assigned space (i.e., roving exhibitors will be asked to leave). You will also be asked to leave if you are in any way disrespectful toward anyone on the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce staff or any Come and Take It Committee volunteer. This determination shall be the sole discretion of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce or Come and Take It Committee.
4. The price will include space on the lighted grounds and 110 electricity. Electricity is provided for product demonstration or lighting only, not for cooling or heating purposes. **Fee per space will be $250.00 until September 9th, 2024. Spaces between September 9th and September 27th, 2024 will incur a $50.00 fee for a total of $300.00. WE WILL NOT TAKE ADDITIONAL VENDORS AFTER SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M. This fee includes 24 /7 security and electricity.** **This is a hard deadline and is not subject to negotiation**.
5. Applicants will receive confirmation prior to the show, along with a map marker with booth number and location.
6. **You must be checked in starting at 7:00a.m no later than 11:00am on Friday, October 4th, 2024**. And your booth must be **completely set up by 4:30 P.M. on Friday, October 4th, 2024** as grounds will open at 6:00 P.M. You are allowed to load/unload from the street, but **DO NOT** drive onto the grounds. **You may use Saint Lawrence and Saint Joseph Streets for loading and unloading only, you must then move your vehicle(s). The Come and Take It Committee is unable to provide volunteers to assist in the unloading process due to liability purposes.**
7. Once accepted, no refunds will be made by the Come and Take It Committee. Please expect the celebration to continue in case of inclement weather. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Initial Here**
8. A list of items to be sold **must** accompany the application as well as photographs. Exhibitors will be limited to only those listed items. The Come and Take It Committee reserves the right to restrict the sale of any items deemed harmful or inappropriate for this event. This reservation includes persons, items, conduct, printed matter, or anything Committee representatives deem unacceptable or inappropriate. If the item(s) are deemed unacceptable/inappropriate, exhibitors will be asked to remove them. If the item(s) are not removed, the exhibitor will be asked to leave and will be escorted off the grounds, if necessary. If music is played, the volume must be low and lyrics must not be deemed vulgar. No demonstrators, banners, decorations, advertising matter, or special exhibits will be permitted without prior approval. **Offenders will be asked to leave immediately.**
9. Exhibitors are to furnish their own display and/or installations (i.e., tables, chairs, counters, extension cords, lights, awnings, and tents). **No tables or chairs will be furnished by the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce or Come and Take It Committee.** All items must be displayed in a professional manner. Sprinkler systems are on all squares; **DO NOT** drive stakes into the ground for anchors. You must use weights to hold down your display.
10. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their assigned space before leaving. Exhibitors are advised that leaving any trash in their assigned spaces will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in a ban from attending future events.
11. Exhibitors are responsible for collection of sales tax where applicable and for its remittance for proper authorities. Those with items subject to state or federal taxes are responsible for proper proof and documentation. The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Come and Take It Committee bear no responsibility for these; **sales tax numbers must be submitted on form**.
12. The Come and Take It Committee will provide night watch service from midnight until 7:00 A.M. on Friday and Saturday nights. The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, Come and Take It Committee, and/or Night Watch Service will not be held liable for any damage to property or injury to persons or any loss by fire or theft. But a reasonable effort will be made to protect people and property.
13. **No campers or recreational vehicles will be permitted on or near the grounds.**

These rules and regulations are designed to make this event as profitable and problem free as possible for everyone and will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply will result in cancellation of agreement and termination of booth space without refund. If you have any questions, please contact the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce office at (830) 672-6532 or email [admin@gonzalestexas.com](mailto:admin@gonzalestexas.com).

**The following items will not be offered by any exhibitor:**

* **No guns that will project ammunition, real, or toy will be permitted. If you sell toy guns, they must NOT have the appearance of a real gun.**
* **No fireworks (including snap pops, blaster balls, smoke/stink bombs, string pops, champagne poppers, Mexican matches, etc).**
* **No laser lights of any kind.**
* **No “Puff” cigarettes, ever burning cigarettes.**
* **No food or drinks may be sold.**
* **No profane or obscene items of any kind (e.g., explicit t-shirts, caps, buttons, key chains, etc).**
* **No drug paraphernalia.**
* **No water toys.**
* **No ‘Silly String’ or anything comparable.**
* **Knives may be sold, if in a proper case.**

**Please list items to be sold, complete exhibitor information at bottom, sign, and mail with proper documentation and fee to:**

**ATTN: Laurie Cook- Exhibit Committee**

**304 Saint Louis St.**

**Gonzales, TX 78629**

**List Items to Be Sold:**

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**I have read and agree to the rules stated and understand that this is a legal and binding contract between the Come and Take It Committee and my business. I understand that failure to comply with these rules will be grounds for the Come and Take It Committee to terminate this contract and I will be asked to leave the grounds without refund.**

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**Signature of Participant**

To All Come and Take It Exhibitors:

The Come and Take It Committee (Committee) would like to express our thanks for being a participant in this year’s Come and Take It Celebration. It is through the hard work and dedication of organizations and individuals that make the Come and Take It Celebration such a successful event.

Enclosed you will find with this letter an Assumption and Release of Liability for Firearms (Form). This Form must be filled out by each organization and/or individual that has a vendor booth that chooses to display firearms in their booth. While the Committee has strict rules prohibiting the sale of firearms, knives, or weapons whether functional or toy, the Committee does not restrict vendors from using such items as props and/or decorations for their exhibit.

The Committee is proud of Gonzales’ heritage when it comes to firearms and protecting people’s rights to possess those firearms, so it felt best not to eliminate the exhibition of firearms for display purposes only, but only to regulate them so as to provide a safe environment for all. This rule comes as a response to the extremely tragic and unwarranted events involving firearms around our nation and the pursuit for a better understanding of firearm safety.

The Committee is asking all exhibitors that will be displaying firearms props and/or decorations to help promote that gun safety. To do so, the Committee asks that all firearms be unloaded, and that each exhibitor sign the form. A member of the Committee will check each exhibit for the display of firearms. For those entries that are exhibiting firearms as props and/or decorations, a member of the Come and Take It Committee will ensure that each participant has signed the provided form, and that each firearm is unloaded. The Committee does not foresee any issues with this rule as it is for safety reasons, but in the event any individual, organization and/or member of an organization that refuses to sign the Form will force the Committee to deny that individual or organization a booth space.

Once again, the Committee is looking forward to a wonderful celebration and thanks you once again for your participation and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Gonzales Come and Take It Committee

**ASSUMPTION AND RELEASE OF LIBAILITY FOR FIREARMS**

I, , the contact person for the

individual or organization that wishes to have a vendor booth at the Gonzales Come and Take It Celebration state the following:

I am aware of the Gonzales Come and Take It Committee’s requirement that all vendor booths must indicate if they plan on exhibiting firearms as props and/or decorations during the Come and Take It Celebration. Being the authorized agent to act on behalf of the above named individual or organization, I hereby declare that:

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, we will not be displaying a firearm(s) in the Come and Take It Celebration.

, we will be displaying a firearm(s) as props and/or decorations in the Come and Take Celebration, and as indicated by the signatures below understand the following:

1. That in order to have a vendor booth with the display of a firearm(s), all persons working in the booth will need to print and sign their name to this form;
2. That all firearm(s) displays will be done so in a safe and prudent manner including that the firearm(s) will be unloaded;
3. That a member of the Come and Take It Committee will check the firearm(s) to make sure they comply with these requirements;
4. That failure to abide by these rules will result in the denial of the individual or organization’s

vendor booth;

1. That any vendor, their employee, agent and/or participant(s), as evidenced by their signature(s) below, assume any and all liability that may arise from their firearm(s) intentionally or accidently, whether negligently or not, discharging while participating in the celebration. The participant(s) further agrees to INDEMNIFY, SAVE, and HOLD HARMLESS the Gonzales Come and Take It Celebration, the Gonzales Come and Take It Committee, the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and any other sponsors of the event, other participants, and/or advertisers from any expenses, attorney fees, losses, liability, damages and/or costs which may be incurred a result of a claim or demand arising from the discharge of their firearm(s) during the parade.

**AS EVIDENCED BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I HAVE READ THE ABOVE ASSUMPTION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR FIREARMS, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE AM ASSUMING ALL LIABILTY FOR MY FIREARM AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL ASSUMPTION AND RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.**

Vendor or Participant’s Name **(Please Print)** Vendor or Participant’s **Signature**

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