

Annual Fort de Chartres Winter Rendezvous Merchant/Trader Application

November 2-3, 2024

We hope that you are doing well and are having a great season so far, please consider joining us at our Annual Fort de Chartres Winter Rendezvous in one of our reserved spots for Merchants/Traders. These spots are shown on the included Site Map. All reserved spots will be assigned in order of application receipt and approval, non-reserved spots will be on a first come – first serve basis. If you wish to have the same spot you had at a previous event, please note it on the attached form to be sent back. Please note that these specified spots can only be obtained up to the application deadline, they will go to the next person on the list after that. Blanket Trader who wish to set-up in either of the designated sections will be required to pay the fee associated with that section. Otherwise, Blanket Traders can set-up in any of the other camping areas throughout the site. Regardless of the section being applied for, strict adherence to event/trade rules and guidelines is required.

Merchant/Trader Fees are \$75 for the reserved spots, \$60 for the non-reserved spots, and \$30 for Blanket Traders who set-up in any of the other camping areas throughout the site. If you are a Blanket Trader and would like to set up in one of the designated sections, please select the preferred section and pay the appropriate fee. All fees collected will be nonrefundable unless a major disaster or something unforeseen happens to cause the event to be cancelled.

***Pre-Registration is required for all merchants wanting a reserved spot.** Everyone else is still welcome to pre-register to make the process a little smoother during the event. We don't want to have to disrupt business to take your fee and issue your license, so we highly encourage everyone to pre-register.

Application deadline is October 11th

Please review the Trade Rules included in this packet, strict adherence to these rules will be required. The Trade and Authenticity Committee's decisions are final and carry the full backing of the Event Committee and Organizations that manage the events at Fort de Chartres. We ask for your complete cooperation with the Trade and Authenticity Committee and for your adherence to the guidelines set forth by them. There will be authorized personnel that will be monitoring the event to ensure compliance with the event/trade rules.

Upon completion of the application process for all preregistered merchants/traders, you will receive a return letter stating your approval status along with a site map showing your set-up location for the event. You will also receive a trade license that will be required to be displayed at all times while selling/trading during event hours.

If you travel with a pet, they are unfortunately not allowed at the event. Here are a couple local kennels that come highly recommended:

Kritter Kare Howliday Inn

8802 Summer Rd.
Columbia, IL 62236
Phone: 314-717-1738

Veterinarian Services of Red Bud

920 West Market St
Red Bud, IL 62278
Phone: 618-282-6466

We also do not have modern camping onsite, but here are a few campgrounds within 20-30 minutes from the fort:

Kaskaskia Lock & Dam

4800 Lock & Dam Rd
Modoc, IL 62261
Phone: 618-284-7160

Randolph County Conservation Area

4301 N Lake Dr
Chester IL 62260
Phone: 618-826-2706

We feel that this process will help streamline the event process to help make our great event run that much smoother. We appreciate the patience and overall great attitude our Merchants/Traders have displayed in the past and we feel this is the best way to help make their time even more enjoyable at the event. And this should help ease some of the planning to make this event even better than ever.

Thank you for your participation and support in making this one of the best events in the United States!!

Fort de Chartres Rendezvous Trade and Authenticity Committee

Contact Information

Business Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Provide a description of your set-up and items you are selling, along with any notes you have for us (Same spot as before, New location request, etc.). Please provide any pictures and attach extra sheets to help with clarification.

Description/Notes: _____

Space required for Merchant/Trader (please include ropes and awnings):

*Spaces are just for your store any sleeping tents will be set up on the back side of your store as space allows.

Trade Fee Enclosed:

\$75 Reserved Spot \$60 Non-Reserved Spot \$30 Blanket Trader

*Trade license fees will not be taken at the registration tent.

All applications should be sent to: **Fort de Chartres Rendezvous Trade and Authenticity Committee**
609 Highway 50 west
Linn, MO 65051

I have read the rules governing my participation and agree to abide by the policies as stated. Any application not signed will not be processed.

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