



THE HENDRICKS COUNTY RIB-FEST & BBQ

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Food Vendor Application

Saturday, June 27, 2026

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds - 1900 E Main St, Danville, IN 46122

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Vendor/Business Name: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City/State/Zip

Secondary Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Have a generator? Please consider bringing it!

Applications and fees are due no later than **Friday, May 29, 2026**. Please make checks in the amount of \$200 payable to **Avon Chamber of Commerce**. The Food Vendor set-up is on Friday, June 26th starting at 10am and must be set in place by 8pm. There will be no vehicle traffic allowed on the promenade on Saturday. The Hendricks County Health Department inspection will take place on Saturday morning before the event begins.

I have read this application for the 2026 Hendricks County Rib-Fest & BBQ and the accompanying information. I hereby agree that if my business is accepted for participation, I will abide by all rules, regulations and requirements. I understand that my failure to do so will result in disqualification for participation in the Rib-Fest. It is further understood that the booth fees are non-refundable even if my business drops out before the event or in the event of inclement weather.

Signature of Owner/Corporation Officer: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Incomplete Applications will not be considered for participation in the Rib-Fest.

Mail application, W9 form and deposit to:

Avon Chamber of Commerce

8244 E. US Hwy 36, Suite 140

Avon, IN 46123

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BOOTH SPACE REQUEST

I am interested in participating in the 2026 Hendricks County Rib-Fest & BBQ as a competitor/vendor and would like to reserve one booth and have included my non-refundable deposit of \$200.00. Fee includes electricity, up to 4 parking passes (1 for the vendor area and the rest for the vendor parking area) and menu signs to be posted at ticket stands and vendor booth. 30 amp and 50 amp at the pedestals plug will be available.

Waiver, Indemnification and Release of Liability

The undersigned applicant has read, understands, and agrees to the rules, terms and conditions under which he/she will be allowed to participate in the 2026 Hendricks County Rib-Fest & BBQ to be held Saturday, June 27, 2026. In consideration for being allowed to participate in the festival, the undersigned agrees for his/her executors, administrators and assignees to forever release, discharge, indemnity and hold harmless the Avon Chamber of Commerce and its assigned agents, servants, employees and volunteers from all claims or courses of action which may hereafter exist by reason of any loss, damage to property and/or personal injury and/or death which may be sustained by the undersigned or his/her partners, employees and/or volunteers of the undersigned in consequence of being allowed to participate as a vendor in the 2026 Hendricks County Rib-Fest & BBQ. _____ (initial)

The undersigned further acknowledges that he/she shall inspect the facilities and/or property prior to usage and ensure that said facilities/property are neat, clean, safe, satisfactory for his/her use and purposes, and in a good state of repair, and that there are no problems with the facility and/or defects with the property posing threat of injury of any kind to any volunteers, employees, agents and/or guests of the undersigned. Should the undersigned find that the facilities and/or property contain any problems and/or defects, he/she shall notify a member of the Chamber staff immediately and shall not permit himself or any of his employees, volunteers, agents and/or guests, to utilize said facilities or property until all problems and/or defects are remedied and/or eliminated.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Business or Company Name

Please Print Name That Should Appear on Final Check After the Event

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Official Festival Rules

1. All vendors must have completed all forms, waivers, and possess current health and vendor licenses. Each vendor is also responsible for providing a certificate of insurance for the day of the event. This certificate should be returned to the chamber office no later than June 12, 2026. It is the responsibility of each individual vendor to ensure that his/her paperwork is in order.
2. All vendors must comply with all Hendricks County Health Department requirements and regulations. Should you have any questions regarding the department's requirements for proper hand-washing stations, refrigeration and food handling, you may contact the Hendricks County Health Department (317) 745-9217. All vendors who do not comply with Health Department requirements and regulations run the risk of being shut down by the Health Department the day of the event. No refunds will be given to vendors who are shut down by the Health Department for lack of compliance with Health Department regulations and requirements. If for some reason you do not receive approval to operate from the Health Department, you will not be able to remove your equipment until after the end of the event. The application for a temporary food establishment permit and instructions for temporary sites are available on the county website: <http://www.co.hendricks.in.us/>.
3. All vendors are invited and encouraged to participate in the celebrity rib judge contest which will be judged on their dry ribs and BBQ sauce. There will be no more than 6 judges and each vendor will provide in their own container a dry two-bone portion along with sauce on the side for each judge to participate.
4. All vendors must comply with State of Indiana Fire Marshal codes – see examples below:
 - a. Multiplug adapters, such as cube adapters, unfused plug strips or any other device not complying with NFPA 70 shall be prohibited.
 - b. Relocatable power taps shall be directly connected to a permanently installed receptacle.
 - c. Compressed gas containers, cylinders and tanks shall be secured to prevent falling caused by contact, vibration, or seismic activity.
 - d. Class K portable fire extinguishers are required when using deep fat fryers.
5. **Credit Card Sales and Food Tickets:** Vendors are allowed to accept credit card payments using their own credit card machines. If you do not currently have credit card processing capabilities, we can provide a referral to help you get set up. The Chamber will still offer food tickets for purchase as an alternative payment option for attendees, available in **\$1.00 and \$5.00 denominations, and vendors should be prepared to provide "change" in tickets as needed.** Chamber staff may check in throughout the day to monitor sales and may request interim reporting, and a final report of all credit card sales will be required at the end of the evening. Tickets will be sold until 9:30 pm and the fireworks will begin at dark (approx 10:00pm)
6. At the end of the day, redeemed food tickets **MUST** be turned into the on-site Chamber Office (the NSSB Building) at the end of the night to a Chamber representative and will be sealed and counted on the next business day; checks will be issued to vendors after the count. Vendors may schedule a time to be present for the ticket count, but it is not required. **As a reminder, the revenue split is 85% to vendors and 15% to the Avon Chamber of Commerce.**
7. The Food Vendor's booth must be open and staffed during all event hours. Late arrivals and early departures pose a safety hazard for festival guests – no vendors will be permitted to move vehicles, trailers, or other large equipment during event hours or before the crowd has dispersed. If you sell out, you must remain on-site for the remainder of the event. Tickets will be sold until 9:30 pm and the fireworks will begin at dark (approx 10:00pm)
8. **Rib vendors will NOT be allowed to sell soft drinks, water or desserts.**
9. **The Rib Judging Competition** - The competition will feature an updated rib competition format this year. Additional details will be shared soon.
10. **Hendricks County Rib-Fest & BBQ vendors will be allowed to clean-up any time after 10:00pm and will be allowed to pack up and leave the park following the fireworks show. Arrival time instructions will be discussed at the Vendor meeting & sent out via email.**
11. Each vendor is responsible for the proper disposal of trash, grease and other debris from their space. Do not dump ice on the grass. Please leave your area the way you found it - Thank you!