



at Linda Pedersen Park

2024 General Facts Sheet

Non-Profits, 501(c)3

SUMMARY:	Good, old-fashioned family fun, swamp themed festival. Enjoy the relaxed, casual atmosphere in beautiful Linda Pedersen Park	
LOCATION:	Linda Pedersen Park 6400 Shoal Line Boulevard, Weeki Wachee, FL 34607	
DATE & TIME:	Friday, March 1, 2024	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
	Saturday, March 2, 2024	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
	Sunday, March 3, 2024	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
SET-UP:	Thursday, February 29, 2024	9:30 AM – 5:00 PM
ATTENDANCE:	3,000 to 5,000 projected	
COST:	All vendors receive 2 free wristbands (required for park entry) Food vendors may receive up to 5 free wristbands (required for park entry) Additional wristbands \$3 each for booth personnel General admission entry fee: \$5 Adults \$3 Children 6-12 FREE shuttle from remote parking	
FEATURES:	Arts & Crafts, Non-stop Entertainment, Swamp Food, Swamp Monster Contest, Hourly Prize Drawings, Public Service Exhibits	
ENTERTAINMENT:	Variety of live music throughout the festival	
FOOD:	A variety of Swamp Food	
ORGANIZERS:	Members of the Weeki Wachee Swamp Festival	

*****NO PETS/ANIMALS permitted per Hernando County park regulations*****

For more information or contact information please visit our website
www.swampfestweekiwachee.com

Swamp Festival Rules

- Weeki Wachee Swamp Festival is not responsible and/or accountable for any sales or lack thereof between vendor and festival patrons during this event. We only provide the space for your merchandise to be sold. The rental of a booth space(s) is at your own risk. We are not responsible for any loss you may incur. It is the sole discretion of vendor committee to approve or deny applications.
- Upon arrival, participants must check in to receive their booth assignments. Spaces are preassigned and ARE FINAL. All booths must be set up by 8 AM Friday. Someone from the prize booth will stop by your booth to pick up the donated item.
- Free coffee will be available at in the Sweets Booth in the Food Court all weekend starting at 7:30 AM daily
- Participants must **prominently display the ID card** showing name and space number **on your tent** and the **parking pass must be prominently displayed in your vehicle** (provided in Sponsor Packet to be picked up at Vendor check-in). **Wristbands are required for all persons entering the park** and must be worn all weekend.
- Participants must be present during the entire festival. (No one is permitted to breakdown their booth before 4 PM on Sunday unless prior arrangements are made). **Failure to follow this rule will result in ineligibility for future Swamp Fest events.**
- Participants are required to provide their own tents, tie down weights, tables, chairs, etc. and have complete responsibility for their own exhibits. Please keep all areas clean and dispose of trash in designated places.
- Generators allowed with noise level not exceeding 70 decibels.
- Electricity is available for an added fee. See registration form for more details. **Space is limited.**
- Set up between the paint marks at your designated booth space.
- If you need additional supplies brought to your location during the event please contact the Swamp Fest Info Booth to assist you in making arrangements. You are not allowed to bring vehicles into the event during event hours.
- Vehicles must be parked in APPROVED parking spaces or they will be towed at the owner's expense. See a parking volunteer if you have any questions. Please respect designated handicap spaces and park beyond them.
- Vehicles will be permitted in the park prior to festival start time for unloading and restocking. **All vehicles must be removed by 8AM** and may not reenter the park until 5:45 PM Fri-Sat. or 4:45 PM Sun. For safety reasons there is **NO vehicle movement** of any kind permitted within the park between 8AM and 5:45PM Fri-Sat or 4:45PM Sun.
- **Animals/Pets are NOT permitted** in Linda Pederson Park per Hernando County park regulations. Please make other arrangements.
- Vendors are **NOT** permitted to offer items that launch projectiles (toy guns, bow & arrow, slingshot, etc), **raffle tickets, baked goods** or anything deemed exclusive to Weeki Wachee Swamp Fest.
- **All vendors are restricted to distributing information/products at their booths** so as not to impede the flow of traffic.
- All political candidates must work out their party affiliated booth, individual booths are not permitted.
- No helium balloons are to be given for advertisement due to environmental concerns. H.E.L.P. is one of the Festival Organizers.
- No unauthorized photography/videography of festival participants without written approval by Swamp Fest Officials and signed consent by individuals being photographed/videoed.
- Any group or individual found to be in violation of these rules will be put on notice. Failure to comply with any request by Festival personnel will result in eviction from the park and ineligibility to attend the Festival in the future. Festival personnel reserve the right to refuse entrance or effect anyone deemed disruptive.

Swamp Festival Release:

All applicants agree for themselves and all affiliated persons to comply with event rules and regulations and to forever discharge the Weeki Wachee Swamp Festival, its officers, volunteers, sponsoring organizations, Linda Pederson Park and other participants from all matters of actions, suits, damages, claims and demands whatsoever in law or equity, from any loss of damage to the undersigned property while in possession, supervision or auspices of the Weeki Wachee Swamp Festival, Linda Pederson Park, its agents, representatives or volunteers/employees.

I declare that all of the statements in the application are truthful and correct statements and representative of my art/craft/food and the art/craft/food I will bring to the festival. I understand that if in the sole opinion of the festival committee, my application or art/craft/food contains fraudulent or incorrect statements I may be ruled ineligible for the festival or removed from it at any time. Penalties after the determination of ineligibility or removal will include forfeiture of participation in future Swamp Fest events. I agree to abide by the Festival Rules and understand the Weeki Wachee Swamp Fest Board of Directors reserves the right to make the final interpretation of all rules.

I understand that uncivil behavior or breach of professional decorum will be cause for immediate expulsion from Festival grounds.

Please check box on application page that you have read and understand these rules

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Date: _____

Booth #: _____

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with this important information

Parking and Set-up

- Park in area designated for vendors only or risk being towed. See parking volunteer with questions.
- Set up only between the paint marks at your designated booth space.
- Set up must be completed and vehicles out of the gates by 8:00 a.m. Friday morning.
- Advertising and sales of your products or services must be done only from your designated space.
- Complete the contact and emergency contact information requested on the back of your booth tag.
- Booth tag **MUST BE** displayed on the front of your booth at all times for emergency purposes. Use provided clip to secure it and ziplock bag to protect it in case of rain.
- Breaking down tents is not permitted during festival hours and must be completed after 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and after 4:30 p.m. Sunday. This will be enforced and early break down will result in denied access to future events.

Wristbands

- All persons entering the park are **REQUIRED to wear wrist bands at all times**. This includes all persons you will have working at your booth. One wrist band per person is valid for the entire event.
 - Vendors are welcome to free coffee at the baked goods booth starting around 7:30 a.m.
 - Additional wristbands are available at the ticket booth or info booth at a cost of \$3 each.

Housekeeping and Security

- Do not leave food in your tent overnight. It's like an invitation to the swamp critters!
- Night security will be provided but please secure your area before leaving each day.
- Please leave your area as you found it. This is home for many swamp critters!!
- Under NO circumstances are animals allowed within the park per Hernando County regulations.
- NO photography/videography without prior written approval by Swamp Fest officials and consent of the individuals to be photographed or videoed.

We hope you find everything satisfactory.

If you have any issues, please see a festival volunteer located at the information booth near the stage.

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2024 Non-Profit, 501(c)3 Application March 1-3, 2024

Please print:

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Trailer? ☐ Yes ☐ No • If Yes will it be parked behind your space? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like to donate a gift from your booth? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes please have it ready for Friday AM pick-up)

Donation _____

Confirmation via ☐ Email or ☐ Mail (If mail, please enclose a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope)

Please indicate setup date:

☐ Thur. Feb 29, 2024, 9:30am to 5:00pm ☐ Fri. March 1, 2024, 6:15am to 8:00am (No vehicle movement after 8am)

Category of Exhibit

_____ 501(c)(3) \$ 0.00

(limited availability)

Description of Exhibit:

(Please describe what the passer-by will see on display _____)

_____ Late Fee \$ 30.00

(after Feb 3, 2023 per space)

_____ Wrist Bands \$ 3.00

(each - beyond the 2 supplied

****required for park entry****)

_____ **Total**

Make checks payable to: Weeki Wachee Swamp Festival

*****APPLICATION DEADLINE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024*****

Email application with attachments to: vendor@swampfestweekiwachee.com or mail application with attachments to:

Vendors-Weeki Wachee Swamp Fest 6252 Commercial Way #191 • Weeki Wachee, FL 34613

For questions call Diana @ 352-596-6449 or email vendor@swampfestweekiwachee.com

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☐ **I have read and understand the Swamp Festival Rules**

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____