



Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 8 am to 5 pm

Please note the following so you will be aware of the festival layout and operation. **Booths** will be placed in a rectangular circuit on Common, Prairie, Locust, and Adams Streets, both sides of streets in most cases. **Vehicle exhibits** will be along Highway 15. **Information** is at the gazebo north of the big flag. The food court is in its usual area in the center of the festival. There will be two music stages this year, a third stage of children's entertainment, and a princess stage act. This marks the **32nd anniversary** of the festival! A good weather day historically means **15-20,000 visitors**. Other events include a children's play area with inflatables, petting zoo, flower show, museum exhibit, antique car show. **Admission is \$5 per person.** Entertainment includes **gospel legend Mark Lowry and 2018 Grammy Award winner Rhonda Vincent.**

All vendors **MUST** check in at the gazebo on Highway 15 **before** setting up your booth, confirm your booth and location, and pick up your tax packet. Check in will be from 4:30 - 6:30 Friday and starting at 6 a.m. Saturday. **VENDORS SHOULD NOT BRING PETS. PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE FESTIVAL.**

FOOD VENDORS: Your space will be preassigned. Food vendors may set up after 3 p.m. Friday if located on the parking lots at the Council on Aging and on the food court lot. Those in other locations on the streets must wait until after 5 p.m. **or until conditions allow.**

VENDORS assigned to Prairie, Locust and Adams Streets may be set up after 5:00 p.m. Friday. Those located in the Franklin Bank drive thru area (West Adams and North Common) may set up as soon as the bank drive through closes at 4:30 p.m. **Please unload at your space, MOVE VEHICLE, and then set up your booth.** There is **limited security** overnight Friday, so set up at your own risk. There is limited RV parking available in the bank area and in the vendor parking area off East Adams. Make your plans accordingly. **THE FESTIVAL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR THEFT BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER THE FESTIVAL.**

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT. Anything deemed unsuitable for family viewing is not allowed. If you require electricity, please bring at least 100' heavy extension cord and power strips. Vendors provide their own tables, tents, chairs, etc.

COMMERCIAL VENDORS: NO KNIVES, SWORDS OR SIMILAR ITEMS WILL BE SOLD AT THE FESTIVAL. Kitchen-type knives are the only knives sold, and these must remain under cover and not be handled by anyone under 18. Spray string, pepper spray, paint guns, invisible ink, pops, bow and arrows, fireworks, flammable aerosols, or other items which may be harmful to spectators are not allowed. **BOOTHS WILL BE MONITORED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. If potentially dangerous items are being sold, the festival reserves the right to have them, as well as those selling such items, removed.** As stated in prior correspondence, booth assignments are at the discretion of the festival committee, and changes are made each year to the festival layout.

VEHICLES MUST BE UNLOADED AND OUT OF THE STREET BY 7 A.M. SATURDAY and the festival gatekeepers will begin collecting money at 7:45 a.m. **If you arrive late, merchandise must be walked in; no exceptions.** **No vehicles are allowed to move within the festival grounds between 7 am - 5:30 p.m. on festival day. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.** This is a safety and insurance issue.

PLEASE NOTE: Vendors leaving the festival must have their hand stamped or pay to get back in. Vendors and helpers must be inside gate by 7:45 a.m. or pay admission. **There are too many vendors and vendor helpers to do this any other way.**

VENDOR PARKING: There will be very limited vendor parking inside the festival grounds.

SALES TAX: Sales tax collections of 11% on all sales should be collected on festival day. The State of Louisiana and the local tax jurisdiction will be provided the names of all vendors and will pursue payments following the festival. Sales tax packets for both local and state taxes should be in your packet and distributed on Friday evening and Saturday morning at the gazebo. **If you are a non-profit group and have a tax exemption, it is your responsibility to file for a festival day tax exemption as required by the State of Louisiana.**

Phone numbers (Area Code 318)	
Winnsboro Police	435-4307
F. Parish Sheriff's Office	435-4505
Winnsboro Main Street	435-3781
America's Best Value Inn	435-2000
Embers Motor Inn	435-9491
Chase Suites	412-9000
Best Western, Delhi	878-5126
Ramada Limited, Rayville	728-2177
Days Inn, Rayville	728-4500
Days Inn, Delhi	878-9000

NO VENDOR OTHER THAN FOOD VENDORS MAY SELL WATER OR SOFT DRINKS. ALCOHOL WILL NOT BE SOLD OR CONSUMED WITHIN THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS.

Festival Contact Information
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Next year's festival will be on April 13, 2019