

Huntingburg Herbstfest 2026 Craft Show

Dear Craft Show Vendor,

The Huntingburg Herbstfest Committee is thrilled to announce the return of the **Huntingburg Herbstfest**, taking place **September 24–27, 2026**. We invite you to join us for another year of community, creativity, and celebration.

Event Details & Location

As in previous years, the craft show will be centered around the **main shelter house** and the surrounding grassy areas. The craft show will run from Thursday through Saturday.

On Sunday, September 27, our primary event is the Herbstfest Parade. Please note that the parade will close the main street leading to the park from **12:30 pm** until the parade concludes. To ensure a smooth transition, we ask that all vendors vacate the craft show area no later than **11:00 am on Sunday**. If this schedule presents a challenge, please reach out to a committee member to discuss special arrangements.

Coordination & Contact

This event is organized and sponsored by the Herbstfest Committee. Your Co-Chairs for this year are **Shari Barnett** and **Dana Haley**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact them via email at huntingburgheritage@gmail.com or directly at:

- **Shari Barnett:** 812.630.5832
- **Dana Haley:** 502.677.2362

Guidelines & Applications

Enclosed you will find the **Rules and Regulations** for this year's event. Please review these carefully to ensure a successful weekend for everyone.

To help us plan effectively, we ask that you return your application as soon as possible. Please keep the following in mind:

- **Priority Placement:** Spaces are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The sooner we receive your application, the better your chances are of securing your preferred area.
- **Spot Requests:** While we do our best to accommodate everyone, please note that having a specific spot last year does not guarantee the same location this year.

Thank you for being such a vital part of the **2026 Huntingburg Herbstfest**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

The Huntingburg Herbstfest Committee

Eric Jochem, Chair; Becky Messmer, Treasurer; Shari Barnett, Secretary; Jason Bayer, Santiago Nunez, Dana Haley

2026 Herbstfest Rules and Regulations

The Huntingburg Police Department and the Herbstfest Committee require all vendors to comply with the following regulations to ensure a safe, family-friendly environment.

Prohibited Items

For the safety of our guests, the following items are **strictly prohibited** from being sold, displayed, or brought into the park:

- **Weapons:** All firearms (including toy/play guns), tasers, and stun guns.
- **Knives:** Knives with blades exceeding 6 inches, brass knuckles, or knives designed to look like brass knuckles.
- **Novelties:** Silly string and snap pops.
- **Inappropriate Material:** Items featuring profanity, obscene gestures, or drug-related symbols (including apparel like T-shirts and hats).

Merchandise Standards

To maintain the quality of our craft show, we require the following:

- **New Items Only:** All merchandise must be new, handmade, or sold through a verified brand consultant.
- **No Resale:** Previously owned (used) items are not permitted.

Venue & Compliance

- **Smoke-Free Zone:** Smoking of any kind is strictly prohibited at the park during the festival.
- **Compliance Checks:** The Herbstfest Committee and the Huntingburg Police Department will monitor booths for compliance.
- **Enforcement:** If prohibited items are found, you will be asked to remove them immediately. Failure to comply will result in being asked to leave the festival without a refund.

General Oversight

The Committee reserves the right to request the removal of any item deemed inappropriate for our family-focused festival. If you are unsure if an item is permitted, please contact a committee member for clarification prior to the event.

The Herbstfest Committee appreciates your cooperation in keeping this a safe and enjoyable event for our community. We wish you a very successful weekend!

2025 Herbstfest Craft Show

Event Schedule & Space Rates

Location: Huntingburg City Park – Main Shelter House

Show Hours:

- **Thursday, Sept. 24:** 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- **Friday, Sept. 25:** 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- **Saturday, Sept. 26:** 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM

(Note: All times listed are in Eastern Standard Time)

Space Rental Rates

We offer both daily rates and a "Full Weekend" discount for vendors staying all three days.

| Space Type | Daily Rate (Per Space) | Full Weekend (3-Day Discount) |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Outside Space (10' x 10') | \$15.00 | \$40.00 |
| Inside Space (10' x 10') | \$20.00 | \$55.00 |

Vendor Tip: Inside spaces are highly requested and limited. We recommend submitting your application and deposit early to secure an indoor spot!

Vendor Application & Payment

Important Deadlines and Information

- **Deposit:** A **non-refundable 50% deposit** (or full payment) is required by **September 1, 2026**, to reserve your space.
- **Inside Spaces:** These are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis according to the **postmark date**. To qualify for an inside space, you must commit to attending at least two days.
- **Setup:** You may begin setting up on **Tuesday, September 22nd**. All booths must be completed by **4:30 pm on Thursday, September 24th**.
- **Mandatory Check-in:** You **must** speak with a committee member before setting up to confirm your exact location, as site maps may have changed from previous years.

