



***THE 23rd annual PICK & GATHER
AT RIVERDANCE FARMS
The last two weekends in May***

Dear Artisans, Vendors and Exhibitors,

You are invited to apply for booth space to display and sell your products or share information at **The Pick and Gather at Riverdance Farms** and Merced River Fair in Livingston, California. This is the twenty-second year the event has been held at Riverdance Farms, part of a twenty-seven year tradition, starting with Ecological Farming Association's Heartland events in the San Joaquin Valley.

Our mission is to connect the community to local and organic foods, farmers and artists. The farm and nature connection will be celebrated. During most years, there has been live music, arts, crafts, food, kids' activities, river fair, nature trekking, petting zoo, farmers market, beverage and food tasting, camping and hands-on workshops. We are working to bring back as much as possible, during these days after the COVID and economic slowdowns.

This year's event covers two weekends. Memorial Day weekend, May 23rd through May 25th, is **Camping, River, and Nature-focused**, offering fruit-picking, some live entertainment, food, campsites, nature walks, hayrides, and the river.

We will open Friday afternoon at 3 PM, for early campers and vendor set up, only. Gates open Saturday and Sunday at 9 AM and day visitors are welcome to stay into the evening, till at least 9:00 PM. On Saturday and Sunday, Vendor booths are only required to be opened until 5:00 PM, but you are welcomed to stay open till 9 PM.

On Monday, gates open at 8 AM to serve campers and early u-pickers, and gates are open till 3 pm. We anticipate between 800 and 1200 attendees and about 40 volunteers throughout the weekend's activities.

The next weekend, May 30-31st, is our traditional **Pick and Gather at Riverdance Farms**. All of the above activities are included, with an added focus on U-Pick organic cherries, blueberries, and apricots, other local farms, cooking and gardening demos, local artisans and vendors, live entertainment, hayrides, a petting zoo, and kids' games and crafts. We are aiming for 1200 attendees over this weekend.

Saturday hours are 9 am-9pm. You can close your booth or leave at 5pm. There is overnight security. We will be open till 5pm on Sunday.

Vendors can choose to have a booth any or all of the days.

Thank you for considering being a part of this celebration of farming, food, art and nature.

We look forward to seeing you here.

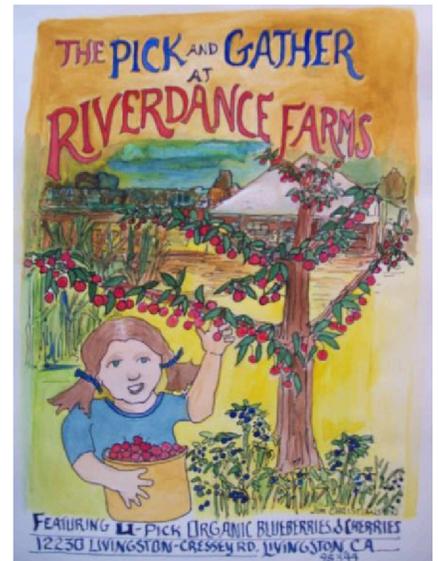
If you have any questions please contact:

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The Pick and Gather at Riverdance Farms

Vendor Policies & Procedures

Eligibility

Vendor booths are intended for original products, and companies that provide service. Products or services that further the themes of local food, human and environmental health, gardening, farming, nature-based education, nutrition, fitness, natural habitats and handmade, local arts are desired. Most imported, manufactured, mass-produced or mass-marketed, or MLM items do not fit the mission of the event and must be pre-approved by the event coordinator. No display should be inappropriate to a family clientele. Any participants who violate these eligibility criteria will be asked to leave the property.

Hold Harmless Agreement - See Attached Form

Vendors shall be solely responsible for any and all injuries to persons or damages to property or any other injury, claim, damage or loss of whatever nature, arising from or related to their part of the event.

Vendor shall indemnify, save and hold harmless The Pick & Gather and Riverdance Farms, and its employees, agents and volunteers from and against all liability, loss, damage to property or any other injury, claim, damage, loss, cost or expense arising from the event performed by vendor, including, but not limited to, any negligence, act or omission of vendor.

Booth Space Fee: *, **

Booth space available for:	Saturday or Sunday	Monday	3 Days	All 5 Days	Prepared Food Vendors***
10 X 10 X 10 deep	\$ 45	\$ 25	\$ 105	\$ 175	\$ 120/day
15 X 10 X 10 deep	\$ 55	\$ 35	\$ 135	\$ 205	\$ 140/day
20 X 10 X 10 deep	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ 170	\$ 270	\$ 160/day

***Schools, Clubs and Nonprofit Organizations receive a 50% discount**, but must also obtain all licenses and permits required. Those that are sharing information only, are free, if approved. Contact the event coordinator to determine eligibility for discount.

** Any Vendors willing to put on a **workshop or demo** on how to make their art, craft, food, etc., will receive a 10% to 50% discount off of booth fees. Contact Jim or Cindy.

*** All **Food Vendors** must pay, in addition to booth fees, the direct cost of their own Merced County Environmental Health Food Permits. For preserved farm products, honey, etc., we may be able to cover you under the 'General Store' umbrella for a small fee. Please contact Cindy at 209-761-0081 to discuss your product and setup needs.

Find the Merced County Community Food Event Vendor Packet:

Application <https://www.countyofmerced.com/DocumentCenter/View/37246>

Guidelines <https://www.countyofmerced.com/DocumentCenter/View/37244>

Application Procedure

Return the application form with at least one of the following: a website or social media page that represents your product line, or four (4) photographs, or a detailed description of the products that will be displayed and sold, if applicable. Photos of accepted applicants can be sent by email or mail and will be returned during the event, if requested. All other materials will be returned by mail if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. Send us signed copies of pages 5 thru 9. Keep a copy of all pages for your own reference.

Notices and Requirements for Accepted Applicants

1. If accepted, booth space will be assigned taking vendor's preferences into consideration. Please indicate any specific needs you may have when completing the application. We will do our best to fulfill your request; however we cannot make any guarantees.
2. Vendors are to provide their own displays, tables, racks, shade, etc. We ask that displays be orderly and aesthetically pleasing. Displays must be set up and ready no later than 8:30 AM Saturday and Sunday, or 7:30 AM, Monday morning.
3. There is very little electricity available. There will be an extra fee if we can accommodate.
4. After unloading, your vehicle needs to be moved to the Vendor Parking Area.
5. Merchandise must not be removed from the booth until the close of the festival (No earlier than 5 PM Sat/Sun and 3 PM Mon). Vendors agree to remove all booth material and evidence of site use by Tuesday at 6 PM, unless pre-arranged with festival staff.
6. Vendors agree to accept responsibility for all materials and goods furnished by him/her and used or displayed in the booth area. The exhibitor accepts full responsibility for his/her personal property.
7. If a vendor fails to be present and able to open his/her display in the space assigned by 8:30 AM Saturday, the committee reserves the right to assign that space to someone else.
8. Any type of food or beverage must be pre-approved and a permit obtained from Merced County Environmental Health through the event coordinator by May 12, 2026.
9. Vendors must comply with all applicable Federal, State and local statutes and ordinances, and agree to assume full responsibility for the payment of all sales taxes occasioned by use of booth space.
10. We will need a list of the people that will be helping with your booth.

*** Vendors can reserve a campsite for \$20 per night

I have read and understand the Vendor Policies & Procedures for the Pick and Gather at Riverdance Farms and am submitting a completed application package.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Print Name of Applicant

Please write checks to: **Riverdance Farms**
(contact Cindy for e-payment options, Credit or ATM, Venmo)

And Mail to: **Riverdance Farms**
12230 Livingston Cressey Road
Livingston, CA 95334

Email: riverdancefarms@gmail.com Phone: **(209) 761-0081 for Cindy Lashbrook**

*THE PICK & GATHER AT RIVERDANCE FARMS
and Merced River Fair*

2026 Vendor Application

Organization/Business:

Contact Name:

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Alternate Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

What items/services will you be displaying?

Dates you'll attend the festival: (please circle)

Saturday 5/23 Sunday 5/24 Monday 5/25

Saturday 5/30 Sunday 5/31

What booth size do you require: (please circle)

	10 X 10 ft	10 X 15 ft	10 X 20 ft
_____ Saturday or Sunday	\$ 45	\$ 55	\$ 75
_____ Monday	\$ 25	\$ 35	\$ 50

_____ Three Days 5/23-5/25	\$ 105	\$ 135	\$ 170
_____ All Five Days	\$ 175	\$ 205	\$ 270
_____ Food (per day) ***	\$ 120	\$ 140	\$ 160

(***Food Vendors: Contact us for multi day discounts)

Amount enclosed _____ **Check no.** _____

Mail (or scan and email) completed application, one copy of signed Policies & Procedures, four (4) representative photographs or website address and a check to:

Cindy Lashbrook
The Pick and Gather at Riverdance Farms
12230 Livingston Cressey Road
Livingston, CA 95334

Make check payable to: **Riverdance Farms**

~Completed application packet due in our office no later than May 15th (Food by May 6th).

Vendor Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement

(Use with vendor application but as a separate signed form, and keep a copy for yourself)

Riverdance Farms Vendor Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement

Vendor Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Event Name / Date: _____

In consideration of being permitted to participate as a vendor at Riverdance Farms, the undersigned Vendor agrees to the following:

1. Assumption of Risk

Vendor understands that participation in outdoor markets, festivals, and farm events involves inherent risks including but not limited to uneven terrain, weather conditions, equipment use, vehicle movement, and interactions with members of the public.

The vendor voluntarily assumes all such risks.

2. Indemnification

Vendor agrees to **indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Riverdance Farms, its owners, employees, volunteers, agents, and affiliates** from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, or expenses (including attorney fees) arising out of or related to:

- Vendor's participation in the event
- Vendor's booth, products, equipment, or operations
- Actions of Vendor, Vendor staff, or Vendor representatives
- Any injury to persons or damage to property caused by Vendor

3. Insurance

Vendor agrees to maintain any required licenses and insurance applicable to their products or services. Food vendors must comply with all county health department regulations.

Upon request, Vendor may be required to provide proof of liability insurance naming Riverdance Farms as an additional insured.

4. Responsibility for Setup

Vendor is solely responsible for:

- Booth setup and breakdown
- Securing tents and equipment safely
- Compliance with all applicable safety and health regulations

Riverdance Farms is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to Vendor property.

5. Compliance with Event Rules

Vendor agrees to comply with all event rules and instructions provided by Riverdance Farms staff.

Failure to comply may result in removal from the event without refund.

6. Release of Liability

Vendor releases and discharges Riverdance Farms from any liability for injury, damage, or loss arising from participation in the event except where prohibited by law.

Vendor Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____