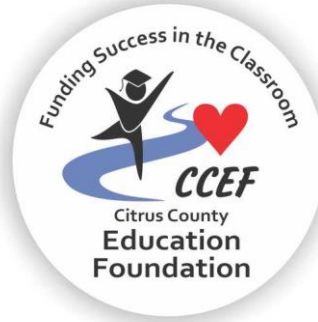




Dear Vendor:

The Citrus County Education Foundation's Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2026. Now known as "The Beast of the Southeast", this event has become one of the largest International Dragon Boat Festivals in the Southeast, bringing teams and spectators in from all around the world! Over 5,000 participants and spectators attended this event in previous years and it continues to grow. The Arts & Craft and Commercial Village are adjacent to the Team Village making it convenient for team members and spectators to look and buy!

CCEF's Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival is an invitational event. Due to the number of entry requests, the festival committee reserves the right to rule on any entries and accept only those which we feel will offer the best variety for the festival. *All pricing is for vendor spaces of 12 feet in length; electricity is not available at this location. If you require electricity, you will be responsible for providing your own generators. Generators are permitted if they are quiet.***
Space #'s are NOT guaranteed.

This year, the **Commercial Vendor Fee is \$150.00**. This includes spaces for Food and Arts & Crafts. *(YOUR ART OR CRAFT MUST BE CLEARLY HOMEMADE, manufactured, kit-made. Resale items will not be permitted. If the festival committee determines that your product does not meet requirements, you will be asked to leave the festival without a refund).* There will be spaces for 8 food vendors and 12 commercial/arts & craft vendors.

At least one photo of the complete setup is required and should be submitted with your signed contract.

Please mail payment to address below, or pay online.

Mail or email contracts to:

Citrus County Education Foundation

P.O. Box 2004

Inverness, FL 34451

bonnere@citruschools.org



Pay online! Scan this QR code.

***Be sure to note**

"Dragon Boat Festival Vendor"

You may contact the Citrus County Education Foundation if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to partnering with you this year and appreciate your support.

Shaunda Burdette, Executive Director

burdettes@citruschools.org

Phone: (352)726-1931 x2240



Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival 2026 Contract Information



1. ALL FOOD VENDORS are required to have a Certificate of Liability Insurance on file with the county.
2. You will be furnished with a 12' x 12' space. The cost for a commercial booth is **\$150.00**. Electricity is not available.
3. The date is November 7, 2026. Hours of operation are Saturday, 8AM–5PM.
4. The festival will be held at Lake Hernando (Hernando Beach Park): 3699 E. Orange Drive, Hernando, FL, 34442.
5. You must furnish your own booth materials, tables, tents, etc. It must be neat, clean, and attractive.
6. Booth space numbers are not guaranteed to any exhibitor from year to year. Once spaces have been assigned, there will be no moving of vendors to another space during the festival unless done so by the Festival Chairman or Festival Director.
7. You can drive into the festival area to load and unload only. Someone will be available to help you locate your space. **You can set up your booth on Friday, November 6th between 4:00PM and 7:00PM or on Saturday, November 7th prior to 7:30AM.** It is strongly encouraged that the setup is completed on Friday. Security will be in place starting Friday evening and throughout the night. **NO VEHICLES will be allowed to enter the festival area after 7:30AM and before 5:00PM on Saturday. All cars and trailers MUST be out of the festival area by 7:30AM on Saturday. Parking is available nearby.**
8. No refunds will be made for cancellations or due to inclement weather. No sharing of spaces.
9. Vendors MUST keep their area clean. TRASH must be taken to the dumpsters throughout the day as well as at the end of each day. You MUST leave your area as clean as it was when you arrived. Failure to do so will result in not being permitted to enter the event again in future years. Please remember, we are utilizing a public park area and private property. Therefore, the area MUST be clean.
10. Vendors will be responsible for compliance with the Florida State Sales Tax Regulations in effect during the period of the festival.
11. We are not responsible for accidents, thefts, or loss of property. Exhibitors will be responsible for all accidents at your own booth.
12. There will be security patrolling the festival area from 8:00AM-5:00PM.
13. Problems of any kind should be taken to the Festival Director. If you do not comply with the contract rules, you will be asked to leave with no refund.



Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival

November 7, 2026

CONTRACT

**All contracts with supporting documentation are
DUE BY October 23, 2026**



Business: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

License Plate # _____ Type/Color of Vehicle: _____

Did you participate last year? Yes No

Certificate of Liability Insurance filed with Citrus County? Yes No

If yes, please attach a copy of your permit and insurance.

**** Please attach a list of items that you plan on selling at this event.**

Price range of items to be sold: \$ _____

Size of set-up: _____ ft. x _____ ft. (no larger than 10'x10')

GENERAL RELEASE:

The undersigned does hereby discharge and release the Citrus County Education Foundation, Citrus County BOCC, and all other sponsoring organizations from any and all manner of actions, suit, damages, or claims whatsoever arising from any loss or damage to the property of the undersigned while in possession of supervision of the CCEF's Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Race and Festival rules as set above. I understand that my fee shall not be refunded if all or part of the festival is canceled, including but not limited to, inclement weather or acts of nature. **I HAVE READ ALL THE RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM WITH NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Please note: If you have any questions, please call (352)726-1931 x4369 before signing and mailing your contract.

By signing below, I have read and understand all instructions provided with this contract.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You may mail or email your completed contract with supporting documentation.

Email: ebonner@citruschools.org

Please make checks payable to CCEF and mail to:

Citrus County Education Foundation

P.O. Box 2004

Inverness, FL 34451



Pay online! Scan this QR code.

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"Dragon Boat Festival Vendor"**

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA,
A Political Subdivision of the State of Florida
2026 Dragon Boat Festival

To the extent permitted by law, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, including Exhibits, Vendor/Exhibitor of **2026 Dragon Boat Festival**, shall indemnify, save and hold harmless, Citrus County, Florida and all its officers, agents, employees or volunteers from and against any and all causes of action, demands, claims, losses, liabilities and expenditures of any nature whatsoever, including defense costs and fees, caused by intentional or negligent act of, or omission of, Vendor of **2026 Dragon Boat Festival**, its subcontractors, agents or employees or accruing, resulting from, or related to the subject matter of this Agreement. Including, without limitation, any and all claims, losses, liabilities, expenditures, demands or causes of action of any nature whatsoever resulting from injuries or damages sustained by any person or property. Neither Vendor of **2026 Dragon Boat Festival**, nor any of its agents will be liable for damages arising out of injury or damage to persons or property directly caused or resulting from the sole negligence of County or any of its officers, agents, or employees. In the event any lawsuit or other proceeding is brought against County by reason of any such claim, cause of action or demand, Vendor of **2026 Dragon Boat Festival**, shall, upon written notice from County, resist and defend such lawsuit or proceeding by counsel satisfactory to County or, at County's option, pay for an attorney selected by County to defend County. This indemnification includes attorney's fees and all costs of litigation including appellate attorney's fees and costs as well as any judgments. The parties agree that this clause shall not waive the benefits or provisions of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or any similar provision of law. The provisions and obligations of this section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement. To the extent considered necessary by County, any sums due Vendor of **2026 Dragon Boat Festival** under this Agreement may be retained by County until all of County's claims for indemnification pursuant to this Agreement have been settled or otherwise resolved; and any amount withheld shall not be subject to payment of interest by County. **(Initial)**_____

By signing below, Vendor of **2026 Dragon Boat Festival** agrees to abide by terms of the Indemnification Agreement and the terms of the Hernando Beach Use Agreement entered into by Organizer and County for the use of the County's facilities.

Date: _____

Vendor/Exhibitor Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Title: _____



Lake Hernando DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

*Stronger Communities
Brighter Futures*



VENDOR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Citrus County Parks and Recreation

To participate in the Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival as a vendor, please provide the required insurance coverage listed below. This checklist is based on Citrus County Parks and Recreation requirements for all vendors on county premises.



GENERAL LIABILITY

REQUIRED FOR ALL VENDORS

General Liability is required for all renters and vendors on county premises.

- ☐ **\$1 Million** Each Occurrence
- ☐ **\$2 Million** Aggregate
- ☐ **\$50,000** Damage to Rented Premises (Fire Liability)
- ☐ **\$1 Million** Products-Completed Operations



AUTO LIABILITY

Auto Liability insurance is required whenever vehicles access county property, including third party vendors for food trucks or trailers, carrying supplies to and from the event.

- ☐ **\$300,000** Combined Single Limit



WORKERS COMPENSATION

Any vendor with more than **4 employees** must provide workers compensation coverage equivalent to Florida State Statutes along with the minimum limits below:

- ☐ **\$100,000** Employers Liability/Accident
- ☐ **\$100,000** Disease Limit Each Employee
- ☐ **\$500,000** Disease Policy Limit

Companies with less than 4 employees must provide a Workers Compensation Certificate of Exemption for the owner of the business.



ADDITIONAL INSURED / CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Citrus County, Florida
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 283
Lecanto, FL 34461



DESCRIPTION BOX REQUIREMENT

Per the signed indemnity and hold harmless agreement, insurance must state that Citrus County, Florida is additionally insured, and include a waiver of subrogation in favor of Citrus County, Florida.

*Thank You for Supporting
Students, Families and Our Community!*

This information is fluid and dynamic and can change due to events, renters and lessees. Each rental is different and there may be times we may need additional information depending on the situation. If there are any questions, please contact your supervisor or Director. Also, Risk Management can assist at any time during this process.