



# 2026 KINGSLAND CATFISH FESTIVAL

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November 20 – November 21, 2026

## Festival Guidelines & Information

### Festival Hours:

- Friday, November 20, 2026: Catfish Street Block Party (Optional Set Up) from 5:30PM – 8:00PM. There is no additional charge for participating, and all approved vendors are encouraged to join!
- Saturday, November 21, 2026: Festival runs from 9:30AM – 6:00PM. All vendor booths are required to remain open until 6:00PM.

### Set Up Times:

- Friday set up is available between 2:30PM – 5:00PM after roads close and police clearance is given. All vehicles must be removed from the festival area by 5:15PM. **Important: Vendors with commercial trailers or large booths MUST check-in on Friday!**
- Saturday set up is available from 7:30AM – 9:00AM before the festival opens. All vehicles must be removed from the festival area by 9:15AM.
- Vehicle Restrictions: Due to heavy pedestrian traffic, NO VEHICLES are allowed in the festival area during festival hours.

### Vendor Spaces:

- Your reserved space must fully accommodate all parts of your booth, including tents, poles, trailer (including tongue), stakes, wires, tables, and displays.
- All products and displays **must stay** within the boundaries of your assigned space at all times. If your booth exceeds the reserved space, you will be required to purchase additional space and relocate as needed.
- We try to limit vendor duplication as much as possible
- Vendors are provided booth spaces only. It is the responsibility of the vendor to provide tables, tents, canopies, signage, water, water hoses, lighting, extension cords, etc. If you require electricity, you **MUST** note that on your application or you **WILL NOT** be accommodated, no exceptions!

### Vendor Check-In

- Booth assignments will be provided at **check-in**.
- Space assignments are made at the discretion of festival organizers. Any special requests for placement should have been made during the application process. Requests are honored at the discretion of festival organizers.
- Please ensure that your **email address is current** – notify us of any changes before the event.

### Vendor Booths:

- Booths must be neat, attractive, and well-maintained throughout the festival. Booths must be properly secured to withstand wind, rain, and other weather conditions – **the festival takes place rain or shine**.
- All booths must display clear, visible signage with pricing.
- Vendors are responsible for setup, maintenance, teardown, and trash removal from their booth area.
- Friday vending is optional and encouraged from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. There is no additional fee for Friday.
- Saturday vending is mandatory – All booths must be open from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.
- Early breakdown is prohibited. Vendors may not begin to tear down until after 6:00 PM on Saturday.
- For safety, no vehicles will be allowed in the festival area until the Police Department gives an official all clear.
- Vendors are responsible for cleaning their booth space before departing the festival.

### Sales Tax:

- Vendors are responsible for the collection and payment of all sales tax, as applicable. For more information, contact the Sales and Use Tax Division at (912) 389-4094. [GDOR: FS-32 Miscellaneous Events](#)

### Food Vendors:

- There is **NO Water Connection Provided** at booth spaces.
- ALL food vending must comply with state and local food, health, and safety regulations.
- All food vendors, including non-profit vendors, will be inspected by the Camden County Health Department prior to selling any food items. No inspection fee is charged, but every food vendor must be inspected.



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- If violations are found, the Health inspector will provide correction instructions. Vendors unable to correct violations will not be allowed to operate and no refunds will be issued.
- For more information prior to the festival, contact the Camden County Health Department at (912)729-6012 – View the [Self-Inspection check-list](#).
- Vendors cooking with oil must use floor coverings and absorbent materials. Oil/grease must be disposed of by vendor via sand or other absorbent materials. DO NOT pour into storm drains – violators will be fined.
- A minimum 5 lb. ABC fire extinguisher must be present on-site for all food vendors.
- **Sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited**; Failure to comply will result in immediate and permanent expulsion.
- Food Vendors must provide a complete, itemized menu for approval. Menu changes require prior written approval. Reminder that food vendors may serve shellfish as approved but NO OTHER FISH MAY BE SERVED.

[Camden County Health Department](#) | [Senate Bill 345](#) | [Food Safety Requirements](#) | [Example of Inspection Report](#)

### Electricity:

- **Electricity MUST have been requested in advance.** Vendors who have purchased power will have access to ONE 110-volt outlet on a 20-amp breaker.
- Vendors requesting power must supply their own 200 ft. heavy-duty outdoor extension cord suitable for their electrical load.
- All cords must comply with fire code requirements and the vendor is responsible for ensuring that these cords do not create tripping hazards.

**Rules & Regulations:** Vendors failing to comply with these rules may be asked to leave the festival without refund. The festival organizer reserves the right to modify these rules at any time.

1. Booth spaces are designated on street or grass surfaces.
2. Only approved vendors will be allowed to participate.
3. Vendors shall conduct themselves in a professional and courteous manner while participating in the event.
4. Vendors must refrain from using profanity and from behavior that is verbally or physically abusive, dangerous, or disruptive to festival activities.
5. Slanderous or derogatory statements and other actions that denigrate your fellow vendors and/or their products, as well as, event staff and volunteers will NOT be tolerated.
6. Vendors exhibit at their own risk and must complete a liability waiver before setup. The Kingsland Police Department will conduct overnight patrols in festival area. However, leaving items unattended is at your own risk. We recommend packing and/or securing valuable products overnight.
7. No soliciting, peddling, hawking, or shouting outside your booth space. Advertising material must remain within your approved area. Loud music is prohibited unless prior permission is granted by festival organizers.
8. No exhibitor shall assign, sublet or apportion any part of their space without prior written approval.
9. No products containing any controlled substances are permitted at the festival.
10. All marketing and promotional materials must be approved by the festival committee prior to use. Submit materials to [vendor@KingslandCatfishFestival.org](mailto:vendor@KingslandCatfishFestival.org) for approval.
11. The following are prohibited in the festival area: alcoholic beverages, firearms, knives, and any weapons.

**No overnight camping is allowed in the vendor area. For lodging and RV parks, visit [www.VisitKingsland.com/Stay](http://www.VisitKingsland.com/Stay)**

Questions regarding the policies and procedures outlined above should be directed to:  
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## Vendor Approval Process

### Approval Process:

- Complete and submit the official Vendor Application Form.
- Application will be reviewed. Upon conditional approval, an invoice with payment instructions **will be emailed to you**. This process may take 10 business days once it has been submitted.
- Payment is **due upon notification**. Spaces will not be held for more than 14 days after the payment request email is sent. Please check your email regularly!
- Your application is **NOT APPROVED** until full payment is received.
- If payment is not received within the allotted 14 day period, your application will be **denied** and you will need to reapply. Reapplications may **incur additional processing fees**.
- If you require payment by **money order or cash**, you must indicate this under **“Additional Comments”** on your application.

## Additional Requirements

### Food Vendors:

- Submit a complete list of all proposed menu items
- Provide photos of your booth setup.
- Comply with state and local food, health, and safety regulations
- The Camden County Health Dept may inspect booths prior to operation.
  - No Inspection Fee is charged.
  - If violations are found, the Health Inspector will provide correction instructions. Vendors unable to correct violations will not be allowed to operate and no refunds will be issued.
  - For health regulation questions, contact Camden County Health Department at (912) 729-6012
- **IMPORTANT- The Kingsland Catfish Festival Committee has an exclusive catfish vendor. No other vendors may serve fish (shellfish is allowed).**
- **There is NO water connection provided at booth spaces**

### Non-Food Vendors

- Submit a detailed description of booth setup and all items to be sold.

### Amusement Vendors:

- Insurance Requirements for Vendors Engaged in Games of Chance, Amusements, Rides, or Face Painting
  - MUST submit a Certificate of Insurance showing current liability coverage before booth space is confirmed.
  - The Certificate MUST name: **City of Kingsland / Kingsland Downtown Development Authority** as an Additional Insured.

### Vendor Check-In

- Prior to the festival weekend, a **Vendor Packet** with full details will be emailed to you (including check-in process, times and driving directions). Booth assignments will be provided **at check-in**. Space assignments are made at the discretion of the festival organizers. Please ensure that your **email address is up-to-date** - notify us of any changes before the event.

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