

37th Annual Bois d'Arc Bash

September 22 & 23, 2023



Since 1986, Commerce has set aside the 4th weekend in September to celebrate the Bois D'Arc tree (pronounced "bow-dark") at the Bois D'Arc Bash. It is also referred to as an Osage orange tree, hedge apple tree and horse apple tree. We celebrate this unique and tough tree and hope you will join us for a weekend of fun in the Bois d'Arc Capital of Texas! ***This year is our 37th BASH!!!!***

Each year thousands of people attend the Bash, eager to enjoy a fun-filled family event featuring:

- Entertainment stage
- Food and drink vendors
- Numerous games and attractions including a carnival at Farmer's Market
- Over 125 shopping booths and displays on Saturday
- Golf Tournament on Friday the week prior to the Bash
- Parade on Saturday
- Lots of fun for the whole family!

Entry to the Bash is FREE to the public (no gate charge) and proudly presented by the Commerce Chamber of Commerce and our generous sponsors. By City ordinance, dogs are not allowed on the square during the Bash. For more information and to register as a vendor, please contact:

Commerce Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 290
1114 Main St.
Commerce TX 75429
903-886-3950
FAX: 903-886-8012
mackenzie@commerce-chamber.com

*****RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE. PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY AND KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS.*****

For lodging, call:

<i>Magnuson Hotel</i>	<i>903.886.4777</i>
<i>Best Western-Greenville</i>	<i>903.454.3700</i>
<i>Emma Grace B&B, Cooper</i>	<i>903.300.3131</i>
<i>Hampton Inn & Suites</i>	<i>903.457.9200</i>
<i>Comfort Suites</i>	<i>903.259.6343</i>
<i>Holiday Inn Express</i>	<i>903.454.8680</i>
<i>Stinson RV Resort</i>	<i>903.445.7878</i>



36th Annual Bois d'Arc Bash Vendor Information

Booth Pricing is as follows: (These booths are 10x12, open-air street spaces) – check/cash/credit

Non-profit organization OR Chamber member—non-restaurant\$60
(NON-PROFIT bake sales, or fund-raiser candy sales are allowed, with Health Dept. approval)

Information or Free Activity (no food).....\$60
(NO SELLING allowed in this category)

Arts & Crafts/Collectibles/Commercial Products.....\$75
(If you are selling ANY items and are not a food vendor or non-profit, you belong in this category)

We have a limited number of spaces with 110 electricity for an additional \$5.

*****There is a \$3 convenience fee if paying by credit card*****

Rules & Regulations (please read all of these & keep this page for your records)

1. Vendor application is for SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 ONLY.
2. Booth priority is given to current Chamber members in good standing and returning vendors in good standing.
3. All vendors must submit a signed and dated application form—**along with full payment**—to the Chamber office by **September 3, 2023**. Get your form and payment in early!
4. Vendor applications are subject to approval and acceptance by the Vendor Committee and our decision is final.
5. *ALL applications are considered ACCEPTED unless the Vendor Committee informs you otherwise.*
6. Vendors will be notified of their space number a few days before the Bash. **Please be sure and include an E-MAIL ADDRESS as this is the preferred and fastest method of communication.**
7. Vendor setup begins at **6 a.m. on Saturday** and ALL VEHICLES must be off the square by 8:30 a.m. due to the parade.
8. All vendors **MUST** enter the square at the **south entrance on Washington Street (by Chase Bank)**. Someone will direct you to your booth location. If you arrive earlier than 6 a.m., *BE PREPARED TO WAIT UNTIL WE ARRIVE*. Please don't question the people setting up the pancake breakfast—they have no information and cannot let you in.
9. Absolutely no tear-down of booths allowed until at least 6 p.m. Vehicles will be allowed on the square for loading **AFTER 6 p.m.** No exceptions! (If you want to carry out your items by hand before 6 p.m., you may do so)
10. Vendors may stay later than 6 p.m. with Vendor Committee approval. (Let us know when you send your application.)
11. Vendors are responsible for providing their own tents, tables, chairs, extension cords, etc. Please leave an entrance/exit at the front of your space.
12. All booth materials must fit within your rented space. Tents need to be straight-legged tents so they fit inside your space.
13. Placement of booths will be at the discretion of the Vendor Committee.
14. All vendors are responsible for the security of their goods. The Chamber of Commerce and Bash Committee accept no responsibility for stolen or damaged property, accidents or injury.
15. *****Each vendor is expected to clean up their space at the end of the day. We will provide a trash bag at check-in for you to use throughout the day—please don't fill up the trash cans with boxes, etc. *Please remove tape and number, as well; it is much appreciated.***
16. **PROHIBITED ITEMS:** stink bombs, poppers or similar items. No knives or toy weapons may be sold—this includes potato guns and sling shots—*unless otherwise approved by the Vendor Committee*. No drug paraphernalia or drug emblems, or items with inappropriate language or nudity, will be allowed for sale or giveaway. No real/imitation/substitute tobacco products will be allowed for sale or giveaway. NO political items to be sold (candidates/parties may give away).
17. *****Vendors may not give away items being sold elsewhere at the Bash by other vendors (such as bottled water, drinks, food, etc.)*****
18. Due to the amount of advertising the Chamber does in preparation for the Bash, it is a RAIN or SHINE event. No refunds.
19. If you have an emergency or require assistance during festival hours, please go to the Chamber booth located at Alamo and Washington (near the stage).
20. The Vendor Committee reserves the right to revoke or refuse to grant booth space at any time, without recourse by the participant. The Vendor Committee also reserves the right to change/move a vendor if circumstances make it necessary.
21. ***Signature on the application is required and states that vendor is aware of all rules and regulations and agrees to abide by them.***
22. The Bois d'Arc Bash may be cancelled after commencement due to acts of God or other actions that may endanger any participants or vendors. In the event that the Bash is cancelled, absolutely no refunds will be issued.
23. ****The State of Texas required vendors to provide the Chamber with a valid Tax ID number or a verified exception.**

Mail completed application and payment to:

Commerce Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 290 Commerce TX 75429

Questions?

903-886-3950

Makenzie@commerce-chamber.com

Or you may bring it to the Chamber office at 1114 Main. Checks payable to **Commerce Chamber of Commerce.**

****To by CREDIT CARD, there is a \$5 convenience fee****

You must provide us with
your Tax ID#
or
Tax Exempt ID#

**37th Annual Bois d'Arc Bash
September 22 & 23, 2023**

VENDOR APPLICATION

This application is for Saturday, September 23, 2023

9:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. only

(Please see flyer for rules and regulations)

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and FILL OUT ALL ITEMS

Chamber Use Only

Booth # _____

Date Received: _____

Amt. Received: _____

Cash/Check/CC # _____

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

****Email (preferred means of contact):** _____

Cell Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Products to be sold, distributed, or given away _____

Were you a vendor here last year? _____

Would you like the same space as last year **if possible**? _____

Booth Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Non-profit organization OR Chamber member (non-food) (NON-PROFIT bake sales, or fund-raiser candy sales are allowed, with Health Dept. approval)	\$60.00		
Information or Free Activity (no food) (NO SELLING allowed in this category)	\$60.00		
Arts & Crafts/Collectibles/Commercial Products (if you are selling ANY items and are not a food vendor or non-profit, you belong in this category)	\$75.00		
Electricity – One 110 outlet only (subject to availability) Limited number of spaces available with electricity. Do you need it to operate your booth/equipment? _____	\$ 5.00		
For those paying by credit card, there is a \$3 convenience fee	\$3.00		

37th Annual Bash T-shirts-OPTIONAL (\$TBD—please call for pricing)

____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL

Shirts Total Quantity _____

Shirts Total due _____

Hold Harmless Agreement

Neither the Commerce Chamber of Commerce or the City of Commerce assumes any responsibility or liability for any loss or damages to property exhibited by Exhibitor or injury or death to any persons by action or inaction by the Commerce Chamber of Commerce or the City of Commerce and the Exhibitor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless damages, expenses or losses arising therefrom. It is agreed the consideration herein expressed is conditioned on the foregoing indemnity and assumption of liability of Exhibitor. ***Please be aware that changes to this form may be made at the Chamber's discretion.***

Date: _____ Vendor Signature _____

SPECIAL OFFER FOR SATURDAY BASH VENDORS!

THIS IS **ONLY** AVAILABLE IF YOU RESERVE A SPACE FOR SATURDAY

For 2023, we are again offering this special for our attendees and vendors!

If you reserve and pay regular price for your vendor space for Saturday at the Bash, we can offer you a space on **Friday evening, September 22, from 5:00 until 10 p.m.**, at a rate of only **\$25**.

We have music and Commerce Leadership Institute's BBQ sack supper on Friday night of the Bash and we love including vendors!

We have **limited** number of spaces available for this special Friday night offering, so please return your forms and payments as soon as possible.

Placement and approval will be on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** basis at the discretion of the Vendor Committee!

~You will want to bring lighting for your booth since these spaces will have electricity available~

***** Please note*****

In no way does this guarantee that you will be located in the same space on both Friday night and Saturday, but MacKenzie will work with you to try and make that happen! You need to be prepared to break down your booth on Friday night and then set up in your appointed space for Saturday. (If by some chance you do end up in the same spot, any tents/tables/etc. that you leave up overnight will have to be securely tied down in case of any wind or inclement weather. Please do not leave any merchandise in the space as we are not responsible for any theft or damage that may occur.)

FRIDAY NIGHT VENDOR SPACE APPLICATION

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Products to be sold, distributed, or given away (NO FOOD/DRINKS):

Chamber Use Only

Friday Booth # _____

Date Received: _____

Amt. Received: _____

Cash/Check/CC # _____