



June 24th, 2021

Dear Shrimpfest Friends,

There's no doubt about it, the last 15-months have been a doozy! Like thousands of other festivals across the country, pandemic related restrictions prevented Shrimpfest 2020 from happening. It was a real financial blow to our non-profit, volunteer-driven organization and a major disappointment as we look forward to seeing you, our vendors and friends, return to Golconda's historic Main Street each and every fall.

Now, with COVID-19 vaccines rolled out and case numbers on the decline, the state of Illinois has given the green light to festivals to start back up again. We know the immense challenges faced by the restaurant industry this past year too and hope you are able to join us as the **Golconda Shrimp Festival comes roaring back for 2021 on Saturday, September 18th**. Please reserve your spot today to join us again and celebrate.

Don't get left out of what **National Geographic Traveler** magazine has called the **#1 Food Festival in the State of Illinois!**

- **Food vendors - Your documentation and payment must be completed and submitted by August 20th. Any paperwork and/or payment submitted after this date will be subject to a late registration fee of (\$50.00).** This paperwork includes your finalized food menus for the bank and our festival goers so we can promote each of your unique offerings. Don't forget, menu items must be priced in \$1 increments so you can take the corresponding amount of Shrimpfest tickets for payment and remittance back to the bank.
- Major Food vendors
 - One shrimp dish must be served and available throughout the majority of the event. (Most people are coming for the shrimp and don't want to be disappointed with a lack of shrimp dishes early on in the day. This is a common complaint heard from festival goers throughout the years.
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- Non-food vendors, it is recommended that you check with your home owner's policy, your sponsoring agency, school, or church to see if you will be covered in case of an accident that you would be liable for. It is required that all vendors fill out and return the Hold Harmless Form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail me at: Mainstreetgolconda@gmail.com.

We look forward to working with you in 2021 and thank you for your continued support of our non-profit festival!

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