



# GOLCONDA SHRIMP FESTIVAL

PORT OF GOLCONDA, IL  
Ohio River Mile Marker 903.0

May 14, 2024

Dear Friends of Main Street Golconda,

You rock! Last year's Shrimp Festival was the best one yet since shutting down during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You helped us attract more vendors and draw-in more hungry visitors to the 2023 Shrimp Festival. We expect 2024 will be even better with your participation.

We already have a big headliner band booked and while we can't reveal names just yet, be prepared for a giant zydeco dance party that will make us feel like we're deep in the bayou.

Last year's festival helped raise funds for the purchase of a 26-foot tall, all-weather Christmas tree for our courthouse lawn. It helped create a magical atmosphere downtown and attracted visitors from all around the state to drive down our Main Street and check it out.

For vendors considering joining this fun event, I want to thank you for considering the positive impact you can help make to restore, rehabilitate, and promote our tiny historic town on the banks of the Ohio River. We always welcome new vendors and encourage you to come spend the day with us. We offer live music throughout the festival, kids activities, and other attractions like carriage rides or a birds-eye view from a helicopter high above the Ohio River.

The weather is heating up and the summer season is kicking off for all of us. Despite what the calendar has to say, I know you're already looking ahead toward the equally busy fall season, chock-full of the unique festival and fairs like the Golconda Shrimp Festival.

Please join us in making it even bigger and better in 2024! **Golconda Shrimp Festival comes roaring back for 2024 on Saturday, September 21st.** Please reserve your spot today to join us again (or for your first time) and celebrate.

Like last year, our festival board has decided to make this year's vendor application fees completely refundable if you show up to the festival and vend until the end of the night. The only fees you will owe is the percentage you make on food sales over the course of the event.



Vendor Inquiries:  
Please call Nathan Ryder at (618) 615-0063 or email [mainstreetgolconda@gmail.com](mailto:mainstreetgolconda@gmail.com)

**But hurry, this deal is only valid for vendors who submit their application by June 28th, 2024.** 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 30<sup>th</sup>** 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.
  - You must provide a copy of your liability insurance
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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](mailto:Mainstreetgolconda@gmail.com)

We look forward to working with you in 2024 and thank you for your continued support of our non-profit festival!

See you soon,



Nathan Ryder  
President, Main Street Golconda