



INFORMATION FOR ALL VENDORS

The Hills Garlic Festival, sponsored by the Hills Recreation Society, is held each year in New Denver, BC on the Sunday following Labour Day from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Garlic Festival is located at Centennial Park by beautiful Slokan Lake and features 165 vendors, great food, live music, and kids' entertainment. Our website is www.hillsgarlicfest.ca.

Our theme is "**Homegrown, Homemade, Organic**". Your products must be grown, produced, or crafted in Canada. (If you are unsure as to whether you meet these criteria please contact the Coordinator). **Any vendors selling imported products will be asked to remove them immediately without refund.**

Each year we expect to welcome over 5000 people to the event. **We keep the total number of booth spaces the same** as we want to maintain the flavour and keep it worthwhile for vendors. A few things to keep in mind:

- The Village of New Denver controls overnight **camping** at the site and have agreed to accommodate extended vendor camping on-site Saturday night. This is not included in vendor fees. **All campers are required to pay the Village campsite attendant for using this facility.** Please visit the [Slokan Lake Chamber of Commerce](http://www.slokanlakechamber.com) website for other local accommodations.
- Vendors may **set up** on Saturday after 3:00 pm, although the site is not secure, or from 6:30 am on Sunday **with vehicles off the site in Vendor Parking by 9:00 am.** Please check in with the Coordinator on arrival. Food vendors with mobile units are asked to arrive for Saturday set up in order to avoid congestion on Sunday morning.
- Vendors may take down their booths no earlier than 5:00 pm. **Vehicles will not be permitted on the grounds before the 5:00 closing time.**
- Vendors are reminded that the organizers of the Hills Garlic Festival are not responsible for the weather conditions on the day of the event. Vendors may wish to inquire about purchasing insurance to protect them against damage or loss
- We highly recommend including a **large sign** identifying your business name along with a supply of **business cards.**

- Our goal is to have the Hills Garlic Festival be a [zero net waste](#) event. Please bring products to the Festival in reusable boxes/containers and sell products in packaging that can be recycled or composted. For detailed information, please refer to our [waste separation guidelines](#).
- **Product Requested for Garlic Festival Raffle:** Again this year the Hills Recreation Society will be holding a raffle of Garlic Festival produce and products. Your donations are assembled in attractive baskets and raffled during the Garlic Festival. All proceeds will go to supporting the development of recreation facilities for our local community. **We are asking all vendors to contribute a product sample that is identified to help promote your business.** Your samples will be collected the morning of the festival during set-up, so these beautiful baskets can be displayed throughout the day. Your help and generosity is greatly appreciated. Food vendors are requested to donate meal coupons or a boxed meal, bottled beverages, etc., that will be offered to volunteers.

To guarantee a spot from last year, returning vendors should register by **sending in the appropriate booking form and payment in advance by March 31st.** After that date, any unpaid spaces will be available to new vendors. If you would prefer a different space, please indicate the new section, and we will try to accommodate changes after March 31st. **If you cannot meet this deadline, please contact the Coordinator.**

If 30% or more of your sales is from prepared, consumable-on-site food, you must register as a food vendor. **Food vendors are required to send a copy of their temporary or mobile food service permit (or a letter from the Interior Health Authority indicating a permit is not required) by August 31.** Please refer to the IHA guidelines linked from our website. **Food vendors are also required to provide a copy of their liability insurance covering them for the year, season, or day.**

Please indicate your requirements and send the appropriate booking form with a cheque or money order, payable to the **Hills Recreation Society**. Send to:

Ellen Kinsel
 Hills Garlic Festival Co-ordinator
 4480 Highway 6 Hills
 New Denver, B.C. V0G 1S1
 phone: (250) 358-2459
 email: coordinator@hillsgarlicfest.ca

A receipt will be emailed to you when space has been assigned. **Please note we cannot accept post-dated cheques. You will be charged \$15 for any cheques that “bounce,” to cover the bank fees we have to pay.**

Sharing Booth Space

The booking form includes a request for information regarding all vendors sharing a space. If you register as a single vendor and decide at a later date to share your space, you must inform the Coordinator. Some products may not be accepted for sharing (for example, we don't want to end up with too many people selling pottery), and we want to be fair to those who have been on the waiting list for a long time. You are responsible for ensuring all products in your booth meet our policy for no imported goods. An additional registration fee is charged for each vendor in the shared space.

Waiting List

We carry over our waiting list from last year and have a number of potential vendors in each product category. We reserve the right to manage the waiting list so as to maintain our current product mix and limit competition in any product category. **Priority is given to vendors from the East/West Kootenays and Boundary region. Vendors applying for the waiting list should not send any payment. You will be notified if space becomes available, and payment will be accepted at that time.**

Refund Policy

Our fee structure now includes a \$25 non-refundable registration fee. Refunds of remaining fees paid are issued when the booth space is filled with another vendor from the waiting list. No refunds are available to vendors who cancel within 1 week of the event.

Vendor Toilet Facilities

You are welcome to use any of the washroom or portable facilities. Hand sanitizer and paper towels will be available in all portable toilets. **This does not replace proper hand washing before food handling.**

First Aid

If you, your co-workers, or your customers require minor first aid, please come to the Hills Recreation Society booth or the First Aid station. Serious injuries should go directly to Slokan Lake Hospital which is located 4 blocks from the Festival site (exit through Gate 3, proceed 3 blocks east, then 1 block south).

Pets, Family & Friends

Friends of vendors other than those directly involved in sales should pay the Festival entry fee at the gate. **No dogs** except service dogs are allowed at the festival. **Please leave your dogs at home.**

Contests

Traditionally we have several contests with categories such as Best Garlic Themed Poem, Prettiest Garlic Braid or Wreath, Largest Garlic Clove and Heaviest Garlic Bulb. Anyone is welcome to enter. Entries should be dropped off at the Hills Recreation Society booth to the left of the main stage prior to noon. Please visit our website for more information about our [Contests & Raffles](#).