2027 Tumbleweed Music Festival
September 3 - 5, 2027
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Dear Food Concessionaire,

October 20, 2026

We invite you to participate in the 2027 Tumbleweed Music Festival. This year's event will be held on Friday evening through Sunday of Labor Day weekend, September 3 – 5, 2027, at Howard Amon Park, in Richland, Washington. The festival is free and open to the public. The Three Rivers Folklife Society has sponsored the festival each year since 1997, and the City of Richland co-sponsors the event. We feature live acoustic music from four outdoor and two indoor (music / dance) stages, arts and crafts vendors, and of course, festival food. We estimate about 4,000 people attended the 2026 festival, and we expect at least the same number in 2027. This will be the 31st year for the Tumbleweed Music Festival, and it has gained a reputation as one of the best small music festivals in the Northwest.

We have a limited number of spaces for food vendors based on earliest application and avoidance of duplicate food offerings. Our food vendor fee is $150.00, with an additional optional $10.00 fee for being included on our City of Richland business license. Accepted vendors will be notified in July. In general, vendors will need to be set up and have all vehicles off the grounds by 11:00 AM Saturday and Sunday. Outdoor performances will end about 10:30 pm on Saturday and at 8:00 pm Sunday, and we encourage you to stay open during the evening concerts. Vendors are expected to attend both days, and may set up on Friday beginning at 3:00 pm to be there during the Friday evening concert (which begins at 6:00 pm). Bring lights, because well-lit booths get much better business.

Enclosed is the food vendor application form. Applications are due by July 1st, 2027, and are not considered complete without a Proof of Insurance form. Applications will be accepted after that date, but will require a $20 late fee with the application. Application fees **plus Proof of Insurance** must be submitted with the application. Application fees for vendors that are not accepted in the festival will be returned by July 31st. No application or proof of insurance will be accepted after August 20.

We seek variety in food types, and some of our past festival attendees have expressed a strong desire to have salads and similar “healthy choices” better represented, as well as coffee-based drinks. Those who get their application in first will get priority for each variety of food.

Electricity is available for food vendors’ booths. No generators will be operated on the park grounds during event hours. Potable water is available at the park, but there are no direct connections. Booths may remain overnight in the park, but vendors assume all responsibility for security. However, as with past years we will contract security personnel to have an overnight presence both Friday and Saturday nights. No pit fires may be built in the park. The City of Richland now requires vendors to have provision for collecting gray water at their booths, and removal and disposal of gray water is the responsibility of the vendor.

Thanks again for your interest and we hope to see you at the 2027 Tumbleweed Music Festival.

Sincerely,

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September 3 - 5, 2027
Howard Amon Park, Richland, WA
Concessionaires' Policy

Rules, Regulations, and Information for Food Concessionaires

1. A limited number of food concessionaires will be selected to provide a variety of foods for festival audiences. Once accepted, concessionaires will only be allowed to serve the food and concession items approved by festival management. Three Rivers Folklife Society reserves the right to accept or reject any application.

2. Concessionaires will be required to provide their own heavy duty power cords. These must be three-pronged conductors for 110v service, or appropriate adapters for 220v service. Please make sure your plugs, cords, and adaptors are in good working order. We encourage the use of cable covers to reduce tripping hazards where sidewalks are crossed. The festival cannot supply cords, adapters, or covers.

3. Concessionaires are responsible for testing their own equipment for ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) compatibility. The city's electrical systems include GFCIs. The vendor's equipment must be checked to assure proper working order. If one piece of equipment has a fault, it will trip the whole system. **The festival staff reserves the right to have the offending equipment taken off line and has done so in the past. Make sure you are compliant!**

4. All permanent booths, trailers, etc. must meet State Electrical Code requirements, and must have been inspected and display a current seal from the Department of Labor and Industries.

5. All food concessionaires must have Proof of Liability Insurance and **submit proof of such with their application**. Food vendors may not set up without the proof of liability in their 2027 Tumbleweed file.

6. All booths must have clear, attractive signs listing food items, prices, and booth sponsor (if applicable).

7. All concessionaires must comply with the requirements of the Benton County Health Department. A Health Department application can be obtained at www.bfhd.wa.gov. A completed application must be returned to the Benton County Health Department (**not 3RFS**), and the Health Permit fee paid to Benton County. **This is the responsibility of the vendor**. Mechanical refrigeration is required for food items that must be kept cold or frozen. This is a Health Department regulation. Temporary hand-washing facilities and covered roofs for bird protection are required by the county Health Department.

8. Each vendor must make provision for collection and disposal of their own gray water. Onsite disposal is not guaranteed.

9. Concessionaires are expected to comply with all applicable rules regarding the collection and payment of Washington State sales tax, and pay local taxes or fees. For business license information, call the City of Richland at 509-942-7313.

10. Vendors must submit their City of Richland business license number with the application. Three Rivers Folklife Society will obtain a blanket business license from the City for the festival dates for those vendors who do not have a City business license. There is a $10 fee, to be submitted with their application, for those vendors wishing to be included on the blanket business license.

11. Festival staff will determine vendor booth placement. Standard set up time will begin at **7:00 AM** Saturday and Sunday September 4th and 5th; Friday afternoon set up will start at **3:00 PM** September 3rd. Booths must be fully set up and **all vehicles removed from the site by 11:00 AM**. Booths are encouraged to stay open during the Saturday evening concert, which ends about 10:30 PM. Booths may strike beginning at 5:00 PM on Sunday, even though music runs until 8:00 PM; no vehicles will be allowed in the area until 6:00pm Sunday. Don't forget lighting to highlight your booth at night.

12. **BOOTHS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND VERY STRONG (CA. 50MPH +) WINDS AND RAIN (INCLUDING TIEDOWNS APPROPRIATE FOR A VERY HIGH WIND), WITH PROVISIONS FOR SHADE.**

13. New applicants are encouraged to include dimensions and a photo of your booth. Returning vendors need only submit pictures of changes to their booths.

14. Fees are $150.00 for the two (or three) days of the festival and all fees are due with the applications. **There will be no refunds for vendors that are accepted in the show.**

15. Application deadline is **July 1, 2027**, with acceptance information going out ASAP afterwards. Applications, and applications submitted without proof of insurance after August 20, will not be accepted.