

2015 Application for Commercial Exhibit Space

Come and Take It Celebration

October 2 – October 4, 2015 Downtown Gonzales, Texas

Suggested operating hours are:

Friday, Oct. 2 ----- 6 p.m. to midnight
Saturday, Oct. 3 ----- 9:00 a.m. to 1 a.m.
Sunday, Oct. 4 ----- 12:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Please read the exhibitor rules listed below

1. You are invited to submit an application for a commercial exhibit space for the annual Come and Take It Celebration, where an average attendance is approximately 10,000. Please complete the enclosed application and return it to Erika at admin@gonzalestexas.com or mail it to 414 Saint Lawrence St. Gonzales, Texas 78629 along with a check or money order. A complete list, photographs and/or brochure must accompany the application and exhibitors will be limited to only those items listed. If approval is given, a notice will be sent and the submitted payment will be deposited. All exhibitors, whether new or returning, must check in at the Chamber office before setting up. **No trailers are allowed on the grounds. Exhibitors selling from trailers must be on the street.**
2. Spaces are approximately 10 x 10 ft. All business must be conducted within assigned space; **roving exhibitors will be asked to leave. You will also be asked to leave if you are in any way disrespectful toward anyone on the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce staff or the Come and Take It Committee volunteer.**
3. Fee per space will be \$200 before Sept. 1. **After Sept. 1 spaces will be \$250. Spaces on Saint George Street will be no longer be available.** Price will include space on the lighted grounds and 110 electricity. Electricity is provided for product demonstration or lighting **only, not for cooling or heating purposes.**
4. Spaces will be assigned by the committee chairperson on a first-come, first-served basis and that **decision is FINAL. RETURNING VENDORS MAY KEEP THEIR SPACES IF THEY RESERVE THESE BY JULY 10.** After that date, the CTI Committee reserves the right to re-assign the space. Once a space is assigned, an exhibitor may not move to another space without permission.

This is a solid date and there will not be any negation on this rule.

Please note: As stated in the attached letter; some spaces from previous years may not be available. We will work with you to try and find you a similar location.

5. Applicants will receive confirmation a few days prior to the show, along with a map marked with their booth location.
6. **Spaces will be available on Friday morning, Oct. 2, 2015.** You are allowed to load and unload from the street, do not drive onto the grounds. Parking will be located on St. Lawrence and St. Joseph streets **for loading and unloading only, you must then move your vehicles.**
7. Applications must be completed in its entirety, **including tax ID#** for the application to be considered. Please type or print legibly.
8. Once accepted, no refunds will be made by the Come and Take It Committee. Rain or shine, the celebration will go on.
9. A list of items to be sold **must** accompany the application and exhibitors will be limited to only those items listed. **The Committee reserves the right to restrict the sale of any items deemed harmful or inappropriate for this event. This reservation includes persons, items, conduct, printed matter or anything which, in the opinion of the Committee representative is deemed unacceptable or inappropriate. If items are deemed unacceptable, exhibitors will be asked to remove them. If this is not done, the exhibitor will be asked to pack up and leave and will be escorted off grounds if necessary.** If music is played, the volume must be low and lyrics must not be deemed vulgar. No demonstrators, banners, decorations, advertising matter or special exhibits will be permitted without prior approval. **Offenders will be asked to leave immediately.**
10. Exhibitors are to furnish their own display installations (tables, chairs, counters, extension cords, lights, etc.), awnings and tents in the exhibit area. **No tables or chairs will be furnished by the Chamber of Commerce or the Come and Take It Committee.** All items must be displayed in good taste. Sprinkler systems are on all squares; **do not** drive stakes into the ground for anchors. **The CTI Committee is unable to provide volunteers to assist in the unloading process due to liability purposes.**
11. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their assigned space before leaving.
12. No trailers will be allowed in the display areas, even those used for display.
13. Exhibitors are responsible for collection of sales tax where applicable and for its remittance to proper authorities. Those with items subject to state or federal taxes are responsible for proper proof and documentation. The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Come and Take It Committee bear no responsibility for these, but **SALES-TAX NUMBERS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON FORM.**
14. The Come and Take It Committee will provide night-watch service from midnight until 7 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, Come & Take It Committee and/or night-watch service will not be held liable for any injuries whatsoever to property or persons or any loss by fire or theft. But, a reasonable effort will be made to protect persons and property.

15. No campers or recreational vehicles will be permitted in the parking lot east of the Old Jail.

These rules and regulations are designed to make this event as profitable and problem-free as possible for everyone and will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply will result in cancellation of agreement and termination of booth space without refund. If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber of Commerce office.

The following items will not be offered by any exhibitor.

***No guns that will project ammunition, real or toy will be permitted. If you sell toy guns, they must not have the appearance of a real gun.**

- *No fireworks. (Including snap pops, blaster balls, smoke balls, string pops, champagne poppers, Mexican matches, etc.)
- *No laser lights of any kind
- *No 'Puff' cigarettes, ever-burning cigarettes, no stink bombs
- *No food or drinks may be sold.
- *No profane or obscene items of any kind. (These include T-shirts, caps, buttons, pictures, key chains, etc.)
- *No drug paraphernalia.
- *No water toys
- *No 'Silly String' or anything comparable.

Please sign below, list items to be sold, fill in exhibitor information at bottom of this page, and mail with fee to:

**Come and Take It Committee, 414 Saint Lawrence St. Gonzales, TX 78629
830.672.6532**

List items to be sold:

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.
11.	12.
13.	14.
15.	16.

Exhibitor Name _____
 Business Name: _____
 Date: _____
 Daytime phone number: _____
 E-mail address: _____

Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Zip: _____
 Vehicle License Plate #: _____

Tax Identification Number: _____

I have read and agree to the rules as stated and understand that this is a legal and binding contract between the Gonzales Come and Take It Committee and my business. I understand that failure to comply with these rules will be grounds for the Come and Take It Committee to terminate this contract and I will be asked to leave the grounds.

Signature of Participant

To All Come and Take It Exhibitors:

The Come and Take It Committee (Committee) would like to express our thanks for being a participant in this year's Come and Take It Celebration. It is through the hard work and dedication of organizations and individuals that make the Come and Take It Celebration such a successful event.

Enclosed you will find with this letter an Assumption and Release of Liability for Firearms (Form). This Form must be filled out by each organization and/or individual that has a vendor booth that chooses to display firearms in their booth. While the Committee has strict rules prohibiting the sale of firearms, knives, or weapons whether functional or toy, the Committee does not restrict vendors from using such items as props and/or decorations for their exhibit.

The Committee is proud of Gonzales' heritage when it comes to firearms and protecting people's rights to possess those firearms, so it felt best not to eliminate the exhibition of firearms for display purposes only, but only to regulate them so as to provide a safe environment for all. This rule comes as a response to the extremely tragic and unwarranted events involving firearms around our nation and the pursuit for a better understanding of firearm safety.

The Committee is asking all exhibitors that will be displaying firearms props and/or decorations to help promote that gun safety. To do so, the Committee asks that all firearms be unloaded and that each exhibitor sign the form. A member of the Committee will check each exhibit for the display of firearms. For those entries that are exhibiting firearms as props and/or decorations, a member of the Come and Take It Committee will ensure that each participant has signed the provided form and that each firearm is unloaded. The Committee does not foresee any issues with this rule as it is for safety reasons, but in the event any individual, organization and/or member of an organization that refuses to sign the Form will force the Committee to deny that individual or organization a booth space.

Once again the Committee is looking forward to a wonderful celebration and thanks you once again for your participation and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Gonzales Come and Take It Committee

ASSUMPTION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR FIREARMS

I, _____, the contact person for the _____ individual or organization that wishes to have a vendor booth at the Gonzales Come and Take It Celebration state the following:

I am aware of the Gonzales Come and Take It Committee’s requirement that all vendor booths must indicate if they plan on exhibiting firearms as props and/or decorations during the Come and Take It Celebration. Being the authorized agent to act on behalf of the above named individual or organization, I hereby declare that:

(Initial Beside One)

_____, we will not be displaying a firearm(s) in the Come and Take It Celebration.

_____, we will be displaying a firearm(s) as props and/or decorations in the Come and Take Celebration, and as indicated by the signatures below understand the following:

1. That in order to have a vendor booth with the display of a firearm(s), all persons working in the booth will need to print and sign their name to this form;
2. That all firearm(s) displays will be done so in a safe and prudent manner including that the firearm(s) will be unloaded;
3. That a member of the Come and Take It Committee will check the firearm(s) to make sure they comply with these requirements;
4. That failure to abide by these rules will result in the denial of the individual or organization’s vendor booth;
5. That any vendor, their employee, agent and/or participant(s), as evidenced by their signature(s) below, assume any and all liability that may arise from their firearm(s) intentionally or accidentally, whether negligently or not, discharging while participating in the celebration. The participant(s) further agrees to INDEMNIFY, SAVE, and HOLD HARMLESS the Gonzales Come and Take It Celebration, the Gonzales Come and Take It Committee, the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and any other sponsors of the event, other participants, and/or advertisers from any expenses, attorney fees, losses, liability, damages and/or costs which may be incurred a result of a claim or demand arising from the discharge of their firearm(s) during the parade.

AS EVIDENCED BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I HAVE READ THE ABOVE ASSUMPTION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR FIREARMS, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE AM ASSUMING ALL LIABILITY FOR MY FIREARM AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL ASSUMPTION AND RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

Vendor or Participant’s Name (Please Print)

Vendor or Participant’s Signature

