

Greetings from Big Bear,

Welcome to the 8th annual Big Bear Renaissance Faire. The Faire will be Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Our faire is a production of the Big Bear Valley Renaissance Society, Inc., a non-profit, educational corporation. Lynda McGinnis chose to form a non-profit corporation to pursue her goals of providing educational funds directly to students and teachers. To accomplish this, all profits outside of those to maintain Faire are devoted to education. Those of us working with Lynda share her dreams and goals of better education here in our valley, and with these goals in mind we have decided that all of the Big Bear Staff will donate their time and receive no payment.

Our Faire hosts a High School Shakespearean Competition, which is very successful. The winners of the competition, one male and one female, receive \$500.00 scholarship. We look forward to sponsoring this event as we have seen so many talented kids over the years and giving away money is what we do best.

Our **Dragunear's Garden** is available for weddings, receptions, birthday parties or any private party one wish to hold. It is a shady area close to ale stand & joust and can be accessed by Dragunear members. We are still accepting membership to the Dragunear's so we hope you'll consider it. **All membership dues go into the property fund as we are hoping to purchase our current site!! (All donations welcome) Which brings us to another donation need! We are trying to raise the money to buy the land surrounding the site for parking, again any and ALL donations welcome. If you wish to donate product for our opportunity drawings they would be most welcome.**

We hope you will be able to join us at our Faire this year. We hope to create the kind of atmosphere that makes coming to our Faire a truly enjoyable experience that you anticipate year after year. To help accomplish this and as a thank you for your attendance and support we would like to offer the following:  
Low cost advertisement in our program.

Also, as those of you returning know, and those coming for the first time may have heard, we have some specific fire requirements, which met by all participants. You need to read and sign the fire department requirements BEFORE you get here!! The fire inspector WILL check all fire requirements and if they are not met, you will not be allowed to stay. As you all know we narrowly escaped disaster here in Big Bear in the fall of 2003 and again in 2007, so I know you will ALL UNDERSTAND why we are so fire conscious here. Please read & follow ALL guidelines, be prepared to show all paperwork required. Please feel free to call me with ANY questions you have, sometimes there may be a work around to what you may see as a problem. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**It has been brought to my attention that some vendors do not read the application before signing and sending it in. That created a little problem and some hard feeling in the past, when we had to "remind" a few people of what their contract said and even bring it out to show them what they had signed. Please remember that there is a reason for these applications, I try to cover everything in them. I know it's lengthy, but better lengthy now so you don't have any surprises later.**

Please carefully read the application as it has lots and lots of information, and we really need the specific information we ask for, to be able to best meet your needs. Please remember to be specific on what your special needs might be as there will be ABSOLUTELY NO changing of spaces after the site plan has been finalized. The City will not allow ANY changes, so be specific or be prepared to take what you get!!

**THERE IS NO WATER OR ELECTRICITY AVAILABLE ON SITE!!**

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Faire.

Anon,

**Lady McGinnis**

909-237-0448  
951-202-2232 Cell



**Products and Services**

**Food Vendors:** Specify Type: \_\_\_\_\_

- Menu must be included

**Mystic Services** Tarot Reader Palmist Psychic Aromatherapy Massage Henna Tattoo

- Include any items to be sold using Craft Selections below

**Craft Categories:** We are committed to high quality handmade artisan goods, so our craft categories have strict guidelines and preferences listed. Returning merchants and merchants whose goods match the preferences and requirements will be given first priority. A limited number of vendors selling inventory in each category creates balance and directly benefits both vendors and patrons. After reviewing your inventory list and the percentages and descriptions listed below we will confirm/deny your application and advise you of any inventory issues.

- New merchants **must** submit photographs of their booth, inventory and costuming - color photos are preferred.
- A complete list of sale items **must** be attached for all merchants. Anything not included cannot be sold.
- Returning merchants and new food or game booths will be confirmed within ten days.
- New Craft Vendors will be confirmed/denied as quickly as possible.
- Crafts & their packaging must be original handcrafted items made with appropriate period materials. Official health required packaging is exempt.
- NO mylar, plastic, fake leather, contemporary fabrics like knits, calico, gingham or tie-dye, resin figurines, etc.
- NO obviously contemporary items like T-shirts, water-bottle carriers, baseball hats, lamps, etc.
- NO Native American or American Folk crafts (cornhusk dolls, quilts, tole painting, etc.)
- Import items are strictly limited – see below.

**Please evaluate your inventory in terms of percentages and descriptions. Anything not included cannot be sold**

Garlands \_\_\_\_\_ % Types \_\_\_\_\_

Floral wreaths worn on the head.

- Preference will be given to vendors using fresh flowers and period colors, and to vendors using one or more street hawkers
- Plastic flowers, mylar and other shiny synthetic ribbons are not acceptable; consideration will be give to the look

Jewelry: Gold \_\_ % Silver \_\_ % Pewter \_\_ % Ceramic \_\_ % Other \_\_\_\_\_ %

- Preference given to: unique, handmade items especially using cut or uncut polished semi-precious stones and natural materials. Assembled items are discouraged
- Beaded items are to be made from: wood, stone, amber, clay, glass, lead crystal, African trade beads and seed or synthetic pearls
- NO Native American jewelry, string plastic seed beads, toe rings, 60s beaded earrings, peace signs, marijuana leave, or other contemporary era jewelry

Weapons \_\_\_\_\_ % Types \_\_\_\_\_

- Preference given to: hand-forged or high quality reproductions & those offering chain mail or other armor.
- Vendors must provide a safe way for purchased items to be carried home by purchasers, i.e cardboard & duct tape  
Packaging for purchases will be: \_\_\_\_\_
- Vendors must post a sign reading: “No weapon will be sold to person under 18 years of age.”

Clothing Noble Middle Class/Merchant \_\_ % Peasant \_\_ % - Fabrics \_\_\_\_\_

Styles \_\_\_\_\_

- Preference given to: Period designs, patterns, colors, hand woven or hand knit goods, children’s attire & to clothiers sewing, knitting, or fitting on site.
- Hats include headgear that are not garlands or metal circlets.

Mystic Perfumes \_\_ % Incense \_\_ % Incense Burners \_\_ % Oils \_\_ % Crystals \_\_ % Others \_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_

- Preference given to: handmade, natural and authentic items
- Discouraged: Imports, beeswax candles from hive foundation, pre-packaged incense

Imports Clothes \_\_ % belly dance \_\_ % jewelry \_\_ % swords \_\_ % drums \_\_ % Other \_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_

- Imports may only be from: N. Africa, the Middle East, Russia and Asia
- Not accepted: Mexican, S. American, Japanese, Polynesian or Australian Imports
- Import Items limited to: handmade clothes, belly-dancing paraphernalia including scarves and jewelry, authentic ethnic jewelry, authentic full-size reproduction swords & ornamental full-size knives, drums.
- Detailed list is very important to this category.

Other \_\_\_\_\_ % Specify \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ % Specify \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ % Specify \_\_\_\_\_

i.e. Leather goods, Feast ware, Fairy wings, Fabrics

**Gate Pass Policy**

Maximum allotments:

10x10 = 5      10x15 = 6      10x20 = 7

Passes become your responsibility upon receipt.

**No duplicates for lost or missing passes will be issued during the event.** Additional tickets are available @ \$10 per ticket.

**Participant Gate List – Please print or type**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

**Booth Space Fee** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

As per size marked above

**City Vendor Fee** \$ **10.00**

**Earlybird Discount 5%** (received by 5-15-09) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee** Add \$25 if postmarked after \_\_\_\_\_

6-15-09 Add \$50 if after 7-15-09

**Camping Fee** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**1 vehicle per campsite Dry in parking lot \$40.00**

**Ad in Program 6-20-09 cut off** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$60 business card size

For larger adds please call or email Vendor Director

Lynda McGinnis

**TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have read all **Terms and Conditions** for faire vendors and participants and I agree to comply with them. I understand that failure to do so may result in my expulsion from the faire without refund of my fees and I may be barred from future BBCRF/BBVRS, Inc events. \*\*\* I understand that booth fees are non-refundable. \*\*\* **Faire will be held rain or shine.**

I assume ALL and any responsibility for my booth and all items used to exhibit said items and will in no way hold the BBCRF and the BBVRS, Inc. responsible for theft, damage to, or loss of any items having to do in any way with my booth, booth space, personal belongings, my person in general, or any persons belonging or persons in general manning my booth at any time during all hours before, during, and after the official hours of the faire, or during set-up or take-down of the faire.

I hereby authorize the BBCRF/BBVRS, Inc. to use any and all audio and/or visual recording depicting my voice or person in period character or costume for promotional publication. This authorization includes but is not limited to photographs, audio tapes, video tape, slides and other recordings

I understand the number of gate passes listed in the rules by booth size is for the entire event. I understand that lost or missing passes will not be replaced

**I (WE) HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PAGES OF THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO ADHERE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN IT.** Booth owners are responsible for informing all individuals on their participant list of the rules and regulations/terms and conditions of this agreement. All booth participants must sign a hold harmless agreement. Please sign and return these pages, including all items listed as required above and with all applicable fees. If your application is not accepted, your fees will be returned.

**Vendor Owner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total FEES Payment**

Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **After 7/15/09 only cashier's checks or money orders will be accepted.**

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code of card billing \_\_\_\_\_

Returned check charge \$25 & the original fees by money order or cashiers check must be received within 2 weeks of notice.

**When returning applications please remember to include:**

Fully completed application

Items for sale list

Photos

Check or Credit Card Number for all Fees

Cleaning Deposit Check \$50

**Resale # & a copy of your insurance MUST be included.**

**Mail Completed Application To:**

Lynda McGinnis - Vendor Coordinator

P.O. Box 3069

Big Bear City, CA 92314

**Fax 909-585-0220**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS

1. All applicable codes and ordinances shall apply, including but not limited to, the Uniform Fire Code; California Code of Regulations, Title 19; and those portions of California Code of Regulations, Title 24, adopted by the State Fire Marshall. These will be posted on the web site.
2. All tents & canopies **MUST** be composed of, or treated with **flame retardant** treatments. Proof of this must be made available to the fire inspector at time of set up. (See regulations, article 32 section 3207, for further info)
3. A minimum 36” separation shall be provided between tents/canopies/pavilions.
4. Each vendor shall have a minimum of one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher, mounted in a visible and accessible location and no higher than 5’. Each fire extinguisher shall have a current California State Fire Marshal service tag and not be over 12 years of age.
5. **A Fire Department permit will be required for open fires such as a fire ring, camping stove, candles, etc. Fire Department permits shall be obtained a minimum of seven working days prior to proposed event. For specific information on permit requirements, the applicant may call the Fire Department at 909-866-4878.**
6. Straw/hay used inside canopies/tents/pavilion shall be required to be treated with an approved fire retardant, subject to testing by the Fire Department.
7. **If extension cords/generator are proposed for use an electrical distribution plan shall be submitted to the Fire Department & the City for review and approval a minimum of seven days prior to event. Electrical wiring installation shall be in accordance with the National Electrical Code.**
8. The use of black powder or other pyrotechnic materials will require a Fire Department permit. Requests for a pyrotechnic permit shall be obtained a minimum of seven working days prior to proposed event. For specific information on permit requirements, the applicant may call the Fire Department at 909-866-4878

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print Vendor/Guild name** \_\_\_\_\_

## Completing Your Application

General Information – Incomplete applications will not be accepted

Product Information - For the benefit of all vendors and patrons a balance of all goods for sale is necessary. A complete list of items to be sold is required. Anything not included cannot be sold

Booth Information – Photos for new vendors are mandatory. Remember when drawing your booth on the grid to include any ropes, racks, umbrellas, etc. set-up outside of your booth.

Preferred Location & Special Needs –. Placement is by returning vendors, post-marked, first come first served basis. If you have specific health or product needs please let us know. We will try to accommodate vendor requests as best we can. There will be no space changes once the site layout is finalized.

Gate Pass Policy – only fill-in the number of names you are allowed as per your space fees. Passes are to be picked up at vendor check-in and are to be distributed by the vendor prior to the event.

### Fees

- Booth Fees: are determined by booth size. Booth fees are all inclusive – no additional percentage charges.
- When you have drawn an accurate plan of your space, count the squares and use the box to the right to calculate your fees. You will not be allowed any displays, hay bales, or other items outside your booth perimeter unless you have counted that additional space in figuring your booth fee. If you want additional space for a walk around booth, it cannot be guaranteed if you didn't include that space in your calculations..
- Camping: is dry with porta-potties. Please estimate how many people you will have. Camping fees include Friday, Saturday nights. \$40 fee includes 1 vehicle in parking lot. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Straw bales: ordered will be available on-site the day before the faire for pick-up. They must be returned to the same sight. Clean-up of vendor broken bales is the responsibility of the vendor.
- Program Advertising: for business card size is \$60 Ad copy must be received before 6-20-09
- Returned Check: charge is \$25 & the original fees by money order or cashiers check must be received within 2 weeks of notice to retain your site.
- Fees may be paid by money order, cashiers check or credit card. Do NOT send cash.
- Cleaning Deposit Checks: A separate check for your cleaning deposit must be included. \$50 for vendors. If your deposit is not retained your check will be shredded.

Terms and Conditions - Please read all pages of the packet including the Terms and Conditions page before signing as vendor.

Please Remember List – Please use for a complete application.

**State Resale Permits and Health Certificates must be displayed in your booth. County and Faire officials will be checking.**

## **Terms and Conditions**

### **General Rules**

1. All booths must maintain their own personal insurance for fire, property damage, and personal liability, inventory and equipment, BBPF/BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC. assumes no responsibility. Copies of their insurance must be sent with their application.
2. All booths must have a working fire extinguisher. 2-A:10-B:C IS THE **MANDATORY** SIZE REQUIRED. See addendum
3. Food Vendors must have all appropriate Health Certificates. **THERE IS NO WATER OR ELECTRICITY ON SITE. PLEASE BE PREPARED.**
4. Individual Faire Passes are required at all times on-site and to gain admission to the Faire site.
5. Camping is permitted within the booth or in the prepaid dry site camping area.
6. Vehicles will not be allowed to remain over night on the Faire site except in designated parking areas. Cars left on site are subject to towing at the owners expense.
7. Parking is allowed only in designated parking areas.
8. All weapons are to be secured and peace tied at all times. Anyone brandishing a weapon including bull whips will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Faire.
9. Minors under 21 years of age are prohibited from consuming, handling, or purchasing alcoholic beverages.
10. Under no circumstance are controlled substances allowed on Faire site. Anyone with these substances in their possession on Faire site is subject to immediate expulsion and/or arrest.
11. Smoking of any illegal substance is prohibited.
12. Drunkenness or unruly behavior will result in immediate expulsion from the Faire site – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
13. Quiet time is 10:00 pm. Noisy parties are not allowed. We appreciate your help and consideration of others.
14. Animals must be vaccinated and well behaved. Animals left in the camping area must have food, water and shade, and they must be tied up. Otherwise Animal Control will be called. You **MUST** clean up after your animals.
15. Basic security will be provided during the event, but the BBPF/BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC. and its officers or agents are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
16. Please keep your area neat and cleaned or you will be charged a cleaning fee.
17. Participants consent to the use of their names, pictures, images, recorded voice or music, and those of employees and agents by the Faire, its assignments and licenses in connection with Faire events and without inspection for such purposes and commercial or promotional usages.
18. BBPF/BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC. shall not be held liable for any losses or damage caused by power or equipment failure, or acts of nature.
19. If for reasons beyond BBPF/BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC's control, the BBPF/BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC. must be canceled or the date is changed, the BBPF/BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC. is not liable for any costs.
20. All facilities, materials, supplies and equipment used by the participants that belong to the BBPF/BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC. or its agents must be left in a clean, safe, orderly condition upon completion of the event. Failure to do so will result in a maintenance fee of \$50.00 per hour. Participants will be required to reimburse the operators for any and all repairs/damages to any facility which occur during the event which are caused by the direct action of any booth operator/owner and/or their agents. The participants are to notify the BBPF/BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC. if there is a problem with the facility or equipment prior to use.
21. The booth operators/owners agree to comply with all State, County and Local Ordinance and/or regulations.
22. Use of BBPF/BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC. logo. Participant understands and agrees that the Event "Names" and logos thereof are the service marks and trademarks of the Big Bear City Renaissance Faire, and such marks may not be used without express written authorization of the BBPF/BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC.

### **Causes for Expulsion – BBPF/BBCRF and BBVRSI management and security have final say in these matters. If expelled the booth must be closed immediately and removed after the Faire has closed.**

1. Anyone who is obviously drunk or under the influence of drugs.
2. Anyone who is obviously handling or brandishing a weapon in a manner deemed dangerous by the BBPF/BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC. management or security.
3. Anyone criticizing or deprecating patrons. This includes criticism of costuming. If you wish to engage a patron in conversation about his or her costume, make positive comments only and do not offer "helpful" suggestions unless directly requested to do so by the wearer.
4. Anyone selling, distributing or wearing illegal goods or drug related items or items that imply drug use. This is a zero tolerance policy.
5. According to the weapon laws, any vendor selling weapons to minors.
6. Anyone passing the hat without the appropriate license.
7. Anyone stealing.
8. Anyone caught entering or leaving a booth or campsite after hours without permission.
9. Anyone behaving improperly with a minor. Minors are not allowed in booth back areas, guild or entertainment encampments except accompanied by an adult.
10. Anyone not complying with any booth or costuming criteria.
11. Anyone arguing with the management or security.
12. Anyone distributing passes or discounted tickets to non-guild members.
13. Anyone breaking the above listed rules.

### **Adults responsible for minors will be expelled with any minor in violation of the rules.**

## Booth & Display Criteria

### Location

- Participants agree that once booth space is assigned by the BBVRSI NO changes are permitted.

### Booth exteriors:

- Made from aged wood, wood lattice, shingles, canvas or woven natural-fiber fabrics, i.e. unbleached muslin, burlap, canvas, cotton, duck.
- New wood must be weathered
- No neon colors. Use earth tones
- Acceptable patterns: herringbone, stripes, plaids or tapestry
- Tables & chairs – all wood period preferred, all others need to be covered with cloth
- Shade covering is recommended. We are closer to the sun with clear air and it is easy to sun burn.
- Shade covers must resemble fabric. No uncovered plastic shade covers or tarps, if it looks shiny it must be covered on top and underneath.
- No uncovered metal or pvc poles. EZ ups metal under the canopy also must be covered.
- Sidewalls are not required, however back walls are necessary to mask backstage areas
- No radios, TVs or amplified music allowed.
- Market Umbrellas: Natural fiber, appropriate color with wooden poles and struts will be allowed
- Plastic, printed, polyester fringe, metal poles and struts on umbrellas will not be allowed

### Displays and Signage:

- No plastic
- Pegboard displays – pictures of all pegboards are required and must be pre-approved. Photos are mandatory.
- Wire racks are discouraged
- Wood and glass jewelry cases are permitted, but no other glass shelves or displays are allowed. Mirrors are okay.
- Clothiers may use metal display inside the booth (poles, racks, hangers). These are discouraged.
- All displays visible from the street must be made of natural materials.
- All freestanding racks, umbrellas, shelves, and displays outside the booth must be included on the booth perimeter plan or be subject to removal
- Signs must be made from: wood, cloth, clay or other natural materials
- No paper signs except small price tags

### Storage:

- Backstage storage space is not guaranteed. If it is not included in your booth perimeter plan, all cartons, containers, ice chests, and other paraphernalia may need to be stored in your booth and properly covered.

### Power:

- No electricity will be available
- No generators during faire (food vendors please talk to vendor coordinator Lynda McGinnis)  
After hours generators must be pre-approved and not allowed after 10 pm.

## Costuming Criteria

- All booth personnel must be fully costumed in Renaissance garb during faire operating hours. Fully costumed means period skirt or breeches, period blouse or shirt, period bodice or jerkin preferred, period footwear.
- Hair should be covered by a hat or garland (muffin cap, snood, biggins, or flat cap)
- No modern clothing allowed in any booth during Faire i.e. sunglasses, baseball caps, T-shirts, shorts, levis, etc.
- Costuming help will be available on the BBCRF website. On line sites and booklets are also available.

## Faire Set-up and Break-down

- Faire hours are 10 am to 6 pm Saturday and Sunday. All booths must remain open during these hours.
- Digging holes or tying things to trees must be pre-approved by the BBCRF and is not encouraged.
- No open flame. (food vendors please talk to vendor coordinator Lynda McGinnis)
- Set-up is 8 am to 10 pm Friday, Aug. 7, 2009. Set-up is 6 am to 8:30 am, Saturday, Aug. 8 & 15, 2009.
- **Vendors arriving after 10 pm on Friday will have to wait until Saturday morning to set-up.**
- Vehicles will be allowed on site during the above listed set-up hours. Vehicles still on-site after 8:30 am on Saturday, Aug 8 & 15, 2009 are subject to towing and expulsion at the owners expense.
- Break-down is from 6:30 pm on Sunday, Aug 16, 2009 until 10 pm, and from 7 am to 10 pm on Monday, Aug 17, 2009.
- Vehicles will be allowed on site during the above listed break-down hours.
- BBCRF AND BBVRS, INC. reserves the right to delay vehicle access if additional time is required to remove patrons.
- Straw bales must be returned by vendors, BBVRSI will not be responsible for your rented bales.
- After breakdown all of your booth area and camping area must be cleared of all trash, litter and debris.
- Dumpsters will be provided. **Do not use the small trash receptacles set up for patrons use. If you do not take your trash to the dumpster you will lose your cleaning deposit.**
- Provided your sites are clean and straw bales returned, your cleaning deposit check will be **shredded. No deposits will be refunded on site.**