

APPALACHIAN STRING BAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

PRE-CAMPING: FRIDAY, JULY 24TH 1PM-TUESDAY, JULY 28TH

FESTIVAL DATES: *WEDNESDAY, JULY 29-SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

AT CAMP WASHINGTON CARVER, CLIFFTOP, WV 25831

2026 FOOD VENDOR CONTRACT

You are invited to participate in the 35th annual Appalachian String Band Music Festival, held at Camp Washington Carver at Clifftop, West Virginia.

The Appalachian String Band Music Festival, also known nationally as “Clifftop” features four days of string band music. The schedule includes a fiddle, banjo, traditional band, and neo-traditional band contest. In addition, there will be nightly old-time square dances, workshops for children and adults, and an old-time flatfoot dance contest.

Guidelines include:

1. **Contracts-** All contracts and a \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit must be post marked by: April 1st and mailed to: **Camp Washington Carver HC 35 Box 5, Clifftop, WV 25831.** Remainder of balance will be due during the festival. Make checks or money order out to: Camp Washington Carver.
2. **New Vendors-** If we have spaces available after we review returning vendors then new vendors will be given a space on a first come first serve basis.
3. **Fees:** See Contract
4. **Arrival:** All food vendors may arrive and start selling during the pre-festival camping, Friday at 1:00pm (when the box office opens).
5. **Sale Hours-** All vendors must be open for business daily from 10am-7pm during the festival (*Wednesday -Saturday). Additional hours are at the discretion of the vendor. Hours on the closing Sunday are flexible, however, **all vendors must be cleaned up and off the property by 5pm.**
6. **Sites:** Sites will be 20 feet X 30 feet with a 20-foot frontage. Each food vendor location will be determined by the staff at Camp Washington Carver.
7. **Electricity:** (Electricity needs will determine your placement on the campground) Each food vendor must provide proper electrical cords necessary for electrical connection. (Specify any special electrical hookup requirements needed along with your contract).
8. **Water:** Food Vendors must bring a sanitary water hose to allow access to water hookup.

9. **Nightly Cover-Up:** Food vendors are responsible for supplying their own booth tarps or plastic to cover their merchandise at night.
10. **Responsibilities:** Camp Washington Carver is not liable for lost, stolen, or broken items. Each food vendor is responsible for his/her own merchandise.
11. **Deliveries:** Food Vendors must be present for all deliveries. Camp Washington Carver cannot accept deliveries for vendors. There is no storage area available for delivery of vendor merchandise.
12. **Camping:** Depending on what kind of camping equipment you bring, and space needed, camping will be allowed if possible, in the vicinity of your booth and is at the discretion of Camp Washington Carver staff.
13. **Ice:** Food Vendors may purchase ice from the Camp Store at a reduced price. Food Vendors must pay for all ice purchased by noon on the closing Sunday. Vendors who neglect to pay ice bill will not be invited back next year. Food Vendors will be issued a pass that must be shown to the Camp Store staff when they purchase ice.
14. **Note:** Box Office will close each evening from 11pm-8am. Vendors can enter and exit only if they have an arm band.
15. Vendors and their employees will be expected to have a respectful demeanor, and anyone who exhibits a disruptive behavior to the attendees, vendors, or staff will result in expulsion from the festival without a refund. Any issues or disputes will be resolved by the site manager of Camp Washington Carver whose decisions are final. (Vendors shall be responsible for the conduct of their employees).
We thank you in advance for your cooperation.
16. **NOTE:** The WV Health Department of Fayette County will visit Camp Washington Carver during the festival to make sure all vendors are up to code. All food vendors must purchase a food handlers permit. Please contact the Fayette County Health Department 304-574-1617.

Please direct your information to:

James D Hess, Site Manager

Camp Washington Carver HC 35 Box 5 Clifftop, WV 25831

Email: james.d.hess@wv.gov

Or lisa.d.cochran@wv.gov

Phone: 304-438-3005

Fax: 304-438-3006

*****Keep these guidelines for your information. Mail only the contract and deposit to Camp Washington Carver.***

2026 Food Vendor Contract

APPALACHIAN STRING BAND MUSIC FESTIVAL CAMP WASHINGTON CARVER

Name of Company _____

Name of Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Type of Food Selling: _____

Food Vendor Fee: \$750.00

Contract and a \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit must be postmarked by April 1st. The remainder fee of \$650.00 will be collected at the end of the festival unless the vendor chooses to pay before that time.

Vendor is responsible for all set up. This fee includes free admission and camping for the vendor and three (3) employees.

NOTE: The site rented is only usable for one vendor-sharing vendor site is prohibited.

I certify that I have read all the guidelines.

Signature _____ Date _____

Make check payable to: Camp Washington Carver

Mail Contract and Deposit to: Camp Washington Carver HC 35 Box 5 Clifftop, WV 25831

Contract Deadline is April 1st