

Dear Global Interest Group Participants:

This year marks the 34th year of the Spartanburg International Festival, held in Barnet Park in Downtown Spartanburg, SC. The area called "Global Interest Groups" is for those who want to participate in the festival but aren't representing a specific country (Avenue of Nations) and aren't actually selling goods (International Trade Zone.)



Example of groups who have participated in this area in previous years include English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Hispanic Awareness Association, Bahai Faith, Oakbrook Preparatory School, Operation Christmas Child and others. Global Interest Groups **MUST offer something "international"** in order to qualify for this area.

Global Interest Groups must bring their own tent (and weights for the tent), tables, chairs, and anything else needed to set up an attractive booth for the festival. You are provided the space only.

Attached is an application and additional information about the Global Interest section of the festival. If you are interested in participating in this year's festival, please complete the application and return with your fee. If you have any questions, contact us at msoots@cityofspartanburg.org (Megan Soots) or 864-641-9534.

All Applications Must Include the Following:

- Check or Money Order
- Electricity Requirements

All Checks Made Payable to: City of Spartanburg

Detach and Mail Completed Applications to:

City of Spartanburg

Attn: Megan Soots

PO Box 1749

Spartanburg, SC 29304

or scan and email to:

msoots@cityofspartanburg.org

Important Dates:

September 1:

Application due

September 20:

Space assignments, maps,
unloading pass mailed.

October 7:

International Festival

11 am - 7 pm



Global Interest Group Application 2023

Name of Booth _____

Contact Person _____

Country Represented (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Booth Fee

_____ **\$50** - 10 x 10 space (This fee includes space only. Vendor must bring own tent, weights for tents, tables, chairs, etc.)

Power is NOT available in this area.

Booth Description

Please list/describe what you will be doing at International Festival.

Global Interest Group Policies, Procedures, & Information

- Fee includes space only (10' x 10'). It does NOT include tables, tents, or chairs.
- Vehicles are not allowed to drive inside the park, so be prepared to “hand-truck” your items in.
- Tents must be weighted down with approx. 50 lbs per corner (staking is not allowed). The City’s Building Official will inspect tents for proper tie downs. Vendors cannot operate without the proper weighting down of tents.
- All booths must keep within the “International” theme.
- The International Festival Committee and Staff reserve the right to decline any application at their sole discretion.
- Participants are required to exhibit during the ENTIRE festival, 11 am to 6 pm. (Vendors are not allowed to break down and leave early.)
- International Festival is a rain or shine event. Vendors are responsible for their own booth’s rain protection. If inclement weather becomes too severe, the International Festival Committee will be responsible for making the final determination on the continuance of the event.
- Participants must be ready for operation no later than 1 hour prior to festival starting time. All vehicles must be out of the festival area by 10am - one hour prior to festival opening. (There are no actual “gates,” so people start coming in to the park early.)
- Vendors are responsible for providing all electrical cords (minimum 100 ft.) to reach power source. These cords must be rated for outdoor use.
- If you use power in your exhibit area (even if it’s just for lights), you are required to have a fire extinguisher.
- Taxes: Vendors are responsible for complying with all local and state tax regulations. The City of Spartanburg does not require International Festival vendors to purchase a Business License (the fee you pay to participate in the festival is in lieu of a Business License.). All vendors are required, however, to pay sales tax (unless you are a non-profit corporation.)
- International Festival provides security and police coverage. However, International Festival and the City of Spartanburg will NOT be responsible for losses of any kind, whether by fire, from theft, physical violence, elements of nature or any other cause, however originating.
- The participating vendor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of any lawful authority, agency, or governmental unit which apply to the use of its vending unit requirements, including without limitation of any applicable fire and building code of the City of Spartanburg. The vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless International Festival, The City of Spartanburg, its officers, directors, representatives, employees and agents for any penalties, fines, costs, expenses, or damages from participating vendor’s failure to comply with such law.

