

RISE HATTIESBURG

HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL



The inaugural **RISE Hattiesburg Hot Air Balloon Festival** will take place the weekend of August 12-13, 2022. The mission of this event is to gather as a community and be inspired to RISE together. The festival is free to attend!

We kick off Friday evening with a Hot Air Balloon Glow (weather and wind permitting) with live entertainment. Vendor-participating activities start on Saturday morning, and will include food vendors, a variety of service and product vendors, informational booths, nonprofit organizations, activities for children, live music, balloon-themed activities, a "RISE" themed art auction, and more! The indoor vendor portion of this event takes place on Saturday, 10AM - 6PM.

Weather and wind permitting, we plan to have hot air balloon festivities throughout the weekend, including balloons flying over town, meet and greets with the pilots, balloon glows and tethered rides.

This event will help support RISE and its mission to educate, encourage, and empower women and men to RISE to self-sufficiency. RISE, formally known as Pinebelt Christian Women's Job Corp, began in 2001 and became a 501c3 in 2011. Our purpose is to break the cycle of poverty through education, relational empowerment, and career and job skills training. We believe that if we teach career skills and how to become financially stable, we will not only help one person but also their children and family members. RISE is a "hand up" not a "hand out" program. We invest one full year into each participant, which includes free classes they are required to attend to graduate and a mentorship program. At RISE our number one goal is their success. In order to achieve these goals, we partner with fellow nonprofit agencies and rely on our generous and dedicated volunteers. We feel that as a community we can come together, share resources, information, and skills, and help everyone RISE to success. Through working together our community can become stronger. We are excited to create this free event that everyone can enjoy! We have invited other nonprofits, all of our friends, and yes, we are inviting YOU.

Please consider supporting this event and let's help everyone in our community RISE together.

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Vendor Information



We are excited to invite vendors to join us for the inaugural RISE Hattiesburg Hot Air Balloon Festival!

This event will take place at the Forrest County Multi-Purpose Building on Friday & Saturday, August 12-13, 2022. Indoor vendors will be set up on Saturday from 10AM - 6PM. This is a free festival that will include food vendors, a variety of service and product vendors, informational booths, nonprofit organizations, activities for children, live music, balloon-themed activities, a balloon-themed art auction, and more! Weather and wind permitting, the festival will include hot air balloon glows and other activities.

Vendor Rates & Deadlines

- Early Rate - \$150 - Through May 31, 2022
- Regular Rate - \$200 - June 1 - July 31, 2022
- Late Rate - \$250 - Starting August 1, 2022

Included in Vendor Rate

- Indoor 10'x10' booth space
- 8' tall, 10' wide draped backdrop
- 3' tall, 10' wide draped side dividers
- Uncovered 8' table and 2 chairs

Other Important Information

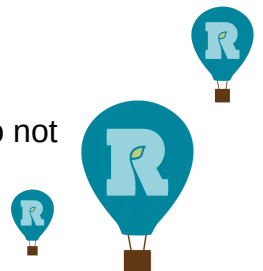
- Electricity is an additional \$20
- Additional tables are available for rent for \$10 each and chairs for \$3 each
- Additional tables, furniture, canopy tents (no bigger than 10' x 10') and other items can be brought in and used in your booth, as long as you do not extend past your allotted space.
- Booth signs will not be provided by event management, but can be supplied by vendors.
- This is a rain or shine event (vendors will be indoors).
- Helium balloons are not permitted.
- Items or booths containing profanity or items inappropriate for children are not allowed.

Setup/Take Down

- Setup is Setup is 12-4PM Friday and/or 7-10AM Saturday.
- The indoor vendor portion of the event is Saturday 10am - 6pm.
- Take down is 6-8PM Saturday.

Register Register as a vendor by visiting risenonprofit.org/balloon-festival. Do not pay until your registration has been approved.

Contact For more information email: risehattiesburg@gmail.com



Vendor Rules & Regulations



BOOTH SPACE Full booth exhibitors will receive a 10' x 10' booth, 8' draped backdrop, 3' draped sides, 1 8' table, 2 chairs. Additional needs (electricity, extra chairs, tables, etc) can be rented from the FCMPC in advance of the event. Booth signs are not provided by event management, but can be supplied by vendors. Items or booths containing profanity or items inappropriate for children are not allowed. Helium booths are not permitted.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES Any exhibitor wishing to sample or sell food or beverages from their booth must receive approval.

BOOTH SETUP/TAKEDOWN Setup is Friday, August 12, 12 - 4pm and Saturday, August 13, 7am - 10:00am. Take down begins no earlier than 6pm, Saturday, August 13. Take down must be completed by 8pm. Vendors park in the back and enter for setup and take down through the back doors.

EVENT CANCELLATION In the event of event cancellation due to fire, natural or man-made disasters, strikes, governmental regulations or other causes beyond our control, Event Management shall determine an equitable basis for refunds after consideration of expenditures and commitments already made. Fees are not refunded for any other reason.

NO OTHER REPRESENTATIONS No oral representations, conditions, or promises will be honored unless in writing. All agreements have been incorporated into this document and supersede any other representations made by either party.

VIOLATIONS The Vendor shall be bound by the rules and regulations set forth herein. All matters and questions not covered by the above will be subject to the final judgment and decision by Event Management. Any violations by the Vendor of any of the terms and conditions herein shall be subject to the cancellation of the contract to occupy exhibit space, and the forfeiture of any monies paid on account thereof upon due notice of cancellation. Event Management has the right to take possession of the Vendor's space, remove all property of the Vendor and hold the exhibit responsible for all risks and expenses incurred in such an event.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY The Vendor hereby agrees to hold Event Management, RISE, and the facility harmless from, any and all claims, demands, suits, liabilities, damage, loss, costs, attorney fees and expenses of whatever kind or nature which might arise out of any action or failure to act of the exhibitor or any of its officers, agents, employees, or other representatives, including but not limited to claims of damage or loss to property or harm or injury to a person or persons.

BUILDING REGULATIONS It is understood that the exhibitor shall not deface the premises in any way. Vendors will not be permitted to drive nails, hooks, tacks or put up decorations or adhesive that would deface the premises.

INSURANCE Event Management, RISE, and the facility are not responsible for loss or damage to exhibitor's property; and in the event the exhibitor desires to have the goods, samples and other property brought upon the exhibition premises insured against loss due to any cause, he shall obtain such insurance at his own expense.

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES Event Management reserves the right to adopt, orally or in writing, any additional rule or regulation, move or remove an exhibit, or take any further action if Event Management deems such action necessary for the good of the Event. Said action shall have the same force and authority as though fully incorporated in the agreement herein.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS Vendors must comply with all laws, rules, regulations and ordinances in force.

EVENT LOCATION If for any reason, Event Management determines that the location of the event should be changed or the dates of the event changed, no refund will be due the exhibitor, but Event Management shall assign to the exhibitor, in lieu of the original space, such other space as Event Management deems appropriate and the vendor agrees to use such space under the terms of this agreement. Event Management shall not be financially liable or otherwise obligated in the event the expo is postponed or relocated.

VENDOR REGISTRATION Online at <https://www.risenonprofit.org/balloon-festival> or contact risehattieburg@gmail.com to assure availability.

TAXES AND LICENSES Vendors shall be responsible for obtaining any licenses, permits or approvals required under local, state, or federal law applicable to their activity at the exhibition. Vendors must collect 7% sales tax and turn in to Event Management at the end of the day. A form and envelope will be provided.

COVID-19 We will continue to monitor the situation with COVID-19. All attendees and exhibitors will be asked to comply with any regulations that will be in place during the event.