



Kids Entrepreneur Day at The Hitching Lot Farmers' Market

Date of Event: Saturday, July 19th, 7:00am-10:00am

This event is RAIN OR SHINE!

In partnership with Main Street Columbus and The City of Columbus, we will be hosting our 1st ever Kids Entrepreneur Day at the Hitching Lot Farmers' Market on Saturday, July 19th, 7am-10am, at the Corner of 2nd Street & 2nd Avenue North in Downtown Columbus, MS.

Please fill out this form in its entirety to apply. Please read the event information & guidelines below to ensure you are able to commit.

Participation Cost: \$5 per booth space. (payment must be received within 2 weeks of approval). Cash, Check, Money Order, and Credit Cards are accepted. A small fee will be added to credit card payments.

Rules & Guidelines:

1. The program is open to children ages 6-16. We have a limited number of booths available, so turn in your application as soon as possible to secure your spot.
2. Resale of items is not permitted. All items sold must be handmade, homemade, or homegrown by the applicant.
3. Booth must be attended at all times by the child who has applied to be a vendor. (i.e. Child must be present and responsible for his or her booth). Parent/Guardian must be present at the vendor booth for the entirety of the event. Any child participating or attending the event is the sole responsibility of the Parent/Guardian. **Please do not allow your children to run at the market. This is unsafe for all attendees. Any injuries acquired due to negligence will be the responsibility of the adult who is in charge of the minor or small child.**

4. The Hitching Lot Farmers' Market and partnered entities are not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen property.
5. Parents/Guardians agree to photography of activities which may include their children for promotional purposes and sharing of experiences on social media.
6. Details of set-up, tear-down, and day-of details will be provided closer to the event date. Final details will be sent via email. Please provide an email address on your application.
7. Space Provided: 10x20 foot space in the parking lot of the Hitching Lot Farmers' Market. All items must fit within this space. There is no electricity available for the kids market. Generators are not permitted.
8. Equipment You May Need: Folding tables, folding chairs, canopy tents, weights for your tents, change for transactions, card readers if you plan to take card payments, charging blocks for electronics. The Hitching Lot Farmers' Market does not have equipment to loan to vendors. Displaying prices of items is heavily encouraged.
9. Vender's set-up will begin at 6:00am on Saturday, July 19th. All vendors must be completely set up at the time of opening at 7:00am. Sales do not start until 7:00am. All sales must wait until the market officially opens.
10. Vendors may share booths with others, but those wanting to share space must each fill out an application and notate who they are sharing a booth space with.
11. What Can Be Sold? Fresh homegrown produce, baked goods, canned goods, arts & crafts. All items must be pre-approved by the Hitching Lot Farmers' Market Coordinator in order to be sold at the market. You must include a detailed list of items you plan to sell with your application. Any food items must be in accordance with the Mississippi Dept. of Health Guidelines and labeled properly. A labeling guide will be provided to you if you plan to sell food items.

Value Added Products:

- Cottage Food products may only be produced in Mississippi. Likewise, Cottage Foods made in other states may not be sold in Mississippi.
- Locally homemade baked goods, jams, jellies, breads, and prepared foods may be sold. "Low acid" canned foods (green beans, corn, peas, carrots, etc.) may not be sold, but high acid foods (pickles, tomato products, etc.) may be sold.
- All value added goods offered by a Food Vendor must meet all federal and state food safety regulations.

Your label MUST include the following:

- The name and address of the cottage food operation.
- The name of the cottage food product.
- The ingredients of the cottage food product, in descending order of predominance of weight.
- The net weight or volume of the cottage food product.
- Allergen information as specified by federal labeling requirements.
- If any nutritional claim is made, appropriate nutritional information as specified by federal labeling requirements.

-The following statement printed in at least ten-point type in a color that provides a clear contrast to the background of the label: *“Made in a Cottage Food operation that is not subject to Mississippi’s food safety regulations.”*

- Frozen or baked goods from retail stores are not allowed.
- Beverages or other liquid foods are not allowed.
- Soaps, herbal body care and candles hand produced by the Market Vendor are allowed.
- Jams and Jellies made with sugar substitutes are not allowed.
- Any vendor selling chocolate/candy/caramel covered fruit (i.e. candied apples) must be sold intact and the consumer may insert the stick after the purchase.
- Products containing alcohol may not be sold according to state regulations. Alcohol is not allowed in cottage foods, regardless of how it is prepared. (i.e. Rum Cakes, Vanilla Extracts containing alcohol, etc.)

Compliance with federal and state regulations is the sole responsibility of the Market Vendor.

12. Animals may not be sold at the Hitching Lot Farmers’ Market.

13. Market Vendors are prohibited from distributing or displaying political materials, religious materials, or items of similar nature. Any displayed items should directly relate to the items being sold and displayed by the vendor.

14. Market Vendors are responsible for maintaining their spaces in a clean and sanitary condition and are responsible for sweeping and disposing of any debris at the close of business. All agricultural waste must be removed and taken away.

15. Market Vendors are not permitted to walk around the market selling their goods. You are allowed to sell your products within your rented booth space. Please be respectful to other Market Vendors.

16. Taxes: Food vendors are not required to pay sales tax. But, all arts & crafts vendors are required to pay a 7% sales tax. This tax will be collected from your booth at the market at the end of the event by the Market Manager. She will provide you with an envelope that will have instructions on how to calculate the taxes owed. Taxes can be paid by cash or check. If you are paying your taxes with a check please make checks out to “City of Columbus”.

The Hitching Lot Farmers’ Market reserves the right to accept or deny any vendor application that it deems necessary for the event. We will select applicants that meet the needs of the event. Not all applications may be approved.

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Application 2025

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Final deadline to apply: July 7th at 5:00pm or until all booth spaces are filled.

Name of Child: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Age of Child: _____

Please provide a detailed list of what items you plan to sell at the event: _____

Do you agree to the terms and conditions listed in this application and the Rules & Guidelines of the Hitching Lot Farmers' Market? (circle one)

YES NO

Do you understand that there will be no refunds for cancellations or for no shows? (circle one)

YES NO

How will you be paying for your space? (circle one)

CASH CHECK MONEY ORDER CREDIT CARD

Amount Enclosed: _____

*For booth fees, checks should be made out to "Main Street Columbus".

Mail payments and applications to

Hitching Lot Farmers' Market, P.O. Box 1062, Columbus, MS 39701

Or you can email the application to info@columbusmainstreet.com.

