



2023 Food Vendor Requirements
October 7, 11am-10pm and October 8, 11am-4pm *
Eastwood MetroPark, Parkside

Application: <https://outdoorx.metroparks.org/get-involved/food-vendors/>

EVENT DETAILS

- Event hours are;
 - Saturday, October 7, 11:00 AM –10:00 PM
 - Sunday, October 8, 11:00 AM –4:00 PM. *
 - **Food vendors are required to be open both days for all event hours, as listed above.**
- The Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience (OutdoorX) has historic attendance of 15,000 to 25, 000.
 - Food vendors must be prepared for large numbers of customers.
- OutdoorX celebrates **healthy and active lifestyles**; we encourage offering vegetarian and/or gluten free options.
- We encourage you to take the opportunity to open early and serve campers, exhibitors and staff who will be out and about **Saturday and Sunday mornings** by offering breakfast items.

APPLICATION DETAILS

- [Application](#) deadline is **March 31, 2023**.
- Please note there is limited space. Not all applicants will be chosen.
- Our food vendors are chosen based on;
 1. offering a **product mix** that matches the need of the event
 2. their commitment, and if applicable, track record, to comply with our **Waste Free initiatives**.
 - Included in that, we require all food vendors use compostable service ware.
 - Five Rivers MetroParks has a **contracted provider** to support this effort.
 - This provider is selected through a bid process to ensure competitively priced products.
- Applicants will be reviewed and notified of their **status no later than April 14, 2023**.
- Accepted applicants will be sent a Food Vendor Agreement Form that will need to be signed and returned within **14 business days with payment** to secure their spot.

VENDOR BOOTH DETAILS

- Selected food vendors must be able to **sort back end compostable, recyclable and landfill** materials during operation at the event.
 - MetroParks will provide staff and volunteers to pick up these materials for proper disposal.
- Water will be available near the food vendor area but you must find a way to transport the water, **there is no water hook-up**.

- You will need to provide your **own refrigeration**. Ice *may* be available for an additional fee.
- A **gray water tank** will be provided and will be located near the food vendors.
- The proper storage and **removal of grease is the responsibility of the vendor** in compliance with all laws and cannot be disposed of in the gray water tank or on the grounds of the event.

Award Winning Waste Free Initiative

The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association awarded the 2017 Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience Waste Free Initiative a First Place Award in the Category of Environmental and Interpretive Programming. Thank you to all the food vendors, who play a huge part in helping us all achieve this success!

Highlights of results of the project included:

- 1,629 pounds of waste was diverted from the landfill.
- 711 pounds of compost was collected, which was eventually used for gardening and landscaping in MetroParks' locations.
- 573 pounds of materials were recycled.
- MetroParks' waste station volunteers had a captive audience of more than 20,000 attendees to spread important messaging about sustainable practices, both in the parks and in households.
- 24 percent of waste generated at OutdoorX was sent to the landfill, a 4 percent reduction in comparison to 2016.

Five Rivers MetroParks strives to be the region's conservation leader and as producer of the Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience the waste free efforts are at an important crossroads of showcasing this regional leadership.

Additional Information

If selected, additional details related to the Waste Free Initiative, parking and restocking logistics, ice, and set up and tear down plans will be provided. Food vendors are required to meet with Tim Pritchard, Sustainability Coordinator, shortly after being accepted to discuss compostable ware and other details as needed.

**Sunday hours may change to keep the event open until 6pm. Final decision will be made by May 15, 2023.*