



Craft & Vendor Market

Participant Guide 2026



Sugar Grove Corn Boil, NFP

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ABOUT



We are excited to share the rich history of the Sugar Grove Corn Boil and extend a special invitation to you to become a valued exhibitor for our upcoming festival. The Corn Boil has been a cornerstone of our community since 1967! We would love for you to join us in celebrating this cherished tradition.

The Legacy

The Sugar Grove Corn Boil started from a fundraising event held by the local young adults club to raise funds for the Village's first street lamp. Over its 59 years, the event has blossomed into the beloved event you see today. It has grown in both size and significance, thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers, local businesses, and organizations.

What Makes the Sugar Grove Corn Boil Special?

It is not just another festival—it's a celebration of community, a gathering of friends and family from all generations to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. Originally, the corn was boiled using a steam engine—a tradition that has since evolved. Today, 10,000+ ears of corn are served! We are driven to ensure that our festival event remains FREE for everyone to attend! We are able to achieve this thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors and the unwavering dedication of our volunteers - it truly takes a village!

Your Support Makes a Difference

In 2026, as our country celebrates 250 years, we invite you to join us in reflecting on our village's history, honoring the contributions that shaped our community, and fostering the unity that will guide our future. Local businesses and community leaders like you help us carry this tradition forward. Participating in our market offers a meaningful opportunity to support the community while gaining visibility with the thousands of guests who attend each year.

For 2026, the Sugar Grove Corn Boil is proud to partner with the American Legion to support veterans mental health through the "Be the One" campaign, as well as K9s for Veterans, NFP, which provides service dogs to veterans in need.

We are excited to have you on board and are delighted you've chosen our event to showcase your business this summer. We have created this guide to help answer any questions you may have leading up to the event. On the following pages you will find information related to hours, set-up & tear down procedures, parking, raffle procedures, sales tax requirements, etc. If you have a question or concern not addressed in this guide, please feel free to reach out to us at vendors@sugargrovecornboil.org.

If you haven't done so already, please like our [Facebook](#) page and share our posts to help advertise the Market. If you advertise your upcoming appearances, please link to our page or [website](#). Thanks for being a part of the 2026 Sugar Grove Corn Boil Festival! We hope your business or organization is successful at the festival and you have a lot of fun with us!



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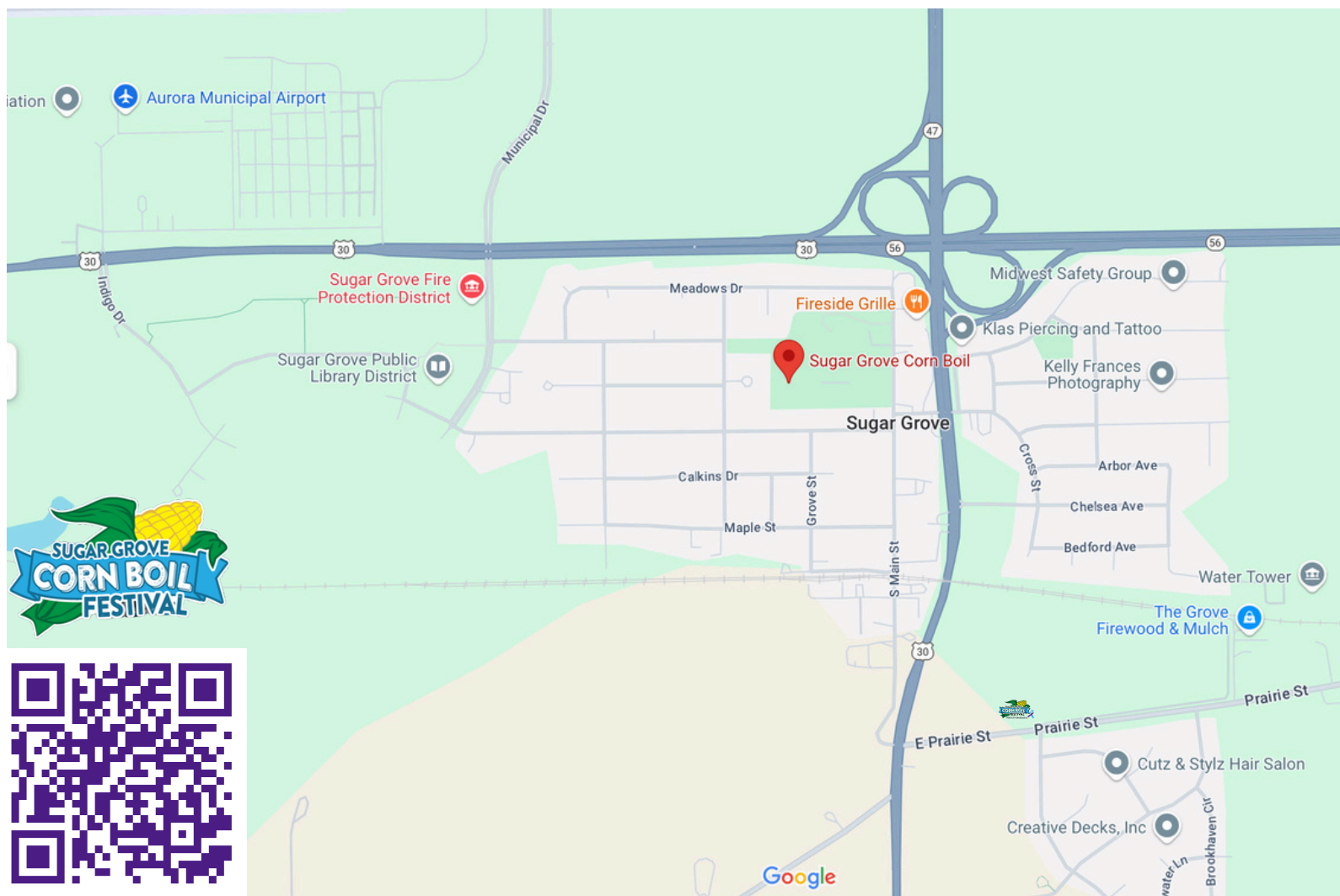
Sugar Grove Corn Boil is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization (Fed Tax ID 27-0102243) Donations are tax deductible.

LOCATION



The Annual Sugar Grove Corn Boil Craft and Vendor Market will take place inside and directly outside of Kaneland John Shields Elementary School in Sugar Grove, IL. It is located just west of Rt. 47, near Cross St. (South of Galena Blvd. and north of Route 30). If using GPS, please use the following address:

85 S. Main St.
Sugar Grove IL 60554



MARKET SPACES



Spaces at the Craft & Vendor Market

All Vendors must maintain their assigned space throughout all of the Market's operating hours.

Display spaces measure approximately 10'x 10'.

Featured Vendor, Sponsor, Crafter and Business level market spaces have the choice of indoor or outdoor space. NFP spaces will be located in our Community Corner area, which is outdoors (see next page for more info about Community Corner). With the exception of Featured Vendors, space will be assigned by the Sugar Grove Corn Boil NFP as the Sugar Grove Corn Boil NFP deems appropriate, and in the best interests of participants as a whole and the Corn Boil Festival.

The Sugar Grove Corn Boil NFP does not provide any item(s) to any vendor in connection with a booth or display. Every vendor shall be solely responsible for bringing, setting up and tearing down all equipment. This includes tables, chairs, fans, extension cords, merchandise, supplies, and/or any other items connected with or necessary to their booth/display. Canopy tents are required outdoors but are not permitted indoors.

Market Space Tiers

Please read the descriptions of each type of space available and choose the type that best suits your needs.

Craft Booth - \$150

A Craft Booth is defined as a booth where 85% or more of all available inventory for sale is handcrafted **by the vendor**. If you select a craft booth, but your inventory is not 85% handmade **by you**, the remaining unpaid business booth fee will need to be paid before you will be allowed to open.

Business Booth - \$250

A Business Booth is any booth where less than 85% of available inventory for sale is handmade by the vendor. This type of booth is for resellers and local businesses, including those who are not selling any inventory at the Market.

Featured Vendor - \$500

A Featured Vendor Booth is a Market space with serious perks. Featured Vendors will receive a complimentary second 10 x 10 space, 1 preferred parking pass PLUS they will have the opportunity to hand select the spaces they want from an event map prior to other spaces being assigned. Featured Vendors will also be featured on Corn Boil social media platforms at least twice during the weeks leading up to the event, including sharing links to your social media or website. We will also interview you live on Facebook at a scheduled time near the beginning of the market, giving you an opportunity to highlight certain products or promotions you have. Finally, only six Featured Vendor spaces exist and only one featured vendor will be permitted from each category. These sold out VERY quickly last year. If you are interested in a Featured Vendor space, don't delay, register today!

COMMUNITY CORNER



We love our community and know how vital our local non-profit organizations are in making Sugar Grove an amazing place to live, play and work.

Beginning in 2026, in an effort to support the groups who support the people of Sugar Grove, we have created a special purpose area near the Craft & Vendor Market where NFP Organizations can connect with festival goers, highlight their purpose, recruit volunteers, fundraise and increase overall awareness for their goals.

NFP Spaces

Spaces are roughly 10' x 10' and are available at **no fee** for local organizations with current, active registered 501, 521 or 527 non-profit designations. Proof of non-profit status is required. Community Corner is located outdoors. **Available space is limited and will be awarded in the order registration is received.**

An outdoor canopy is required and must be weighted no less than 40lbs per foot. No electricity access is available in Community Corner. 50/50 raffles are not permitted.

Guidelines for Political Organizations

The Sugar Grove Corn Boil NFP is a federally tax exempt nonprofit organization under IRC 501c3. Due to this designation, we are specifically prohibited from engaging in political activities with any candidate / party or related to any current or suggested legislation. The prohibition extends to influencing, engaging, supporting, opposing, or taking any position, on any candidate, campaign, issue, legislation, party or platform. We are and have always been apolitical and as such, we cannot provide space to any person or group seeking space for a purely political purpose.

The Sugar Grove Corn Boil invites local political / politically affiliated / political advocacy organizations with non-profit status to participate in our market with the expressed understanding that booth space cannot be used for campaigning / political influencing of any kind.

Organizations are encouraged to direct patrons to their websites, socials or meetings for recruiting support for the organization or political initiatives while keeping activities at the market inclusive and lighthearted. On rare occasions, politically affiliated organizations could be approached by a patron looking for an argument. We kindly ask that Market participants do their best to diffuse the situation rather than fueling it, choosing against participating in the argument. If you become concerned by any inappropriate behavior directed at you or your organization, please report it to security or to the organizer/volunteer on duty.

Likewise, Sugar Grove Corn Boil NFP will not tolerate ANY public argument or altercation between politically opposed organizations. This is very embarrassing for the organizations placed around you, the Sugar Grove Corn Boil Volunteers and for your own organizations. By requesting space, you are acknowledging that this will be the **ONLY** warning regarding this policy. Any organization who does not respect and obey this policy will be asked to leave immediately, without any further warnings.

HOURS/SET-UP



Market Hours

- Friday, July 25th - 5:00pm to 9:00pm
- Saturday, July 26th - 11:00am to 9:00pm
- Sunday, July 27th - 11:00am to 6:00pm

Vendors must commit to participating during **ALL** hours the Market is open.

Set-Up

The facilities will be open for check-in/set up **ONLY** during the following hours:

Indoor Locations

- Thursday, July 23rd - 5:00pm - 8:00pm
- Friday, July 24th - 12:00pm - 4:30pm
- Saturday, July 25th - 10:00am - 10:30am
- Sunday, July 26th - 10:00am - 10:30am

Outdoor Locations

- Friday, July 24th - 12:00pm - 4:30pm

No vehicles will be allowed near the outdoor location during any other times. Outdoor setup will also be allowed during the indoor setup times but access is only available through the indoor location.

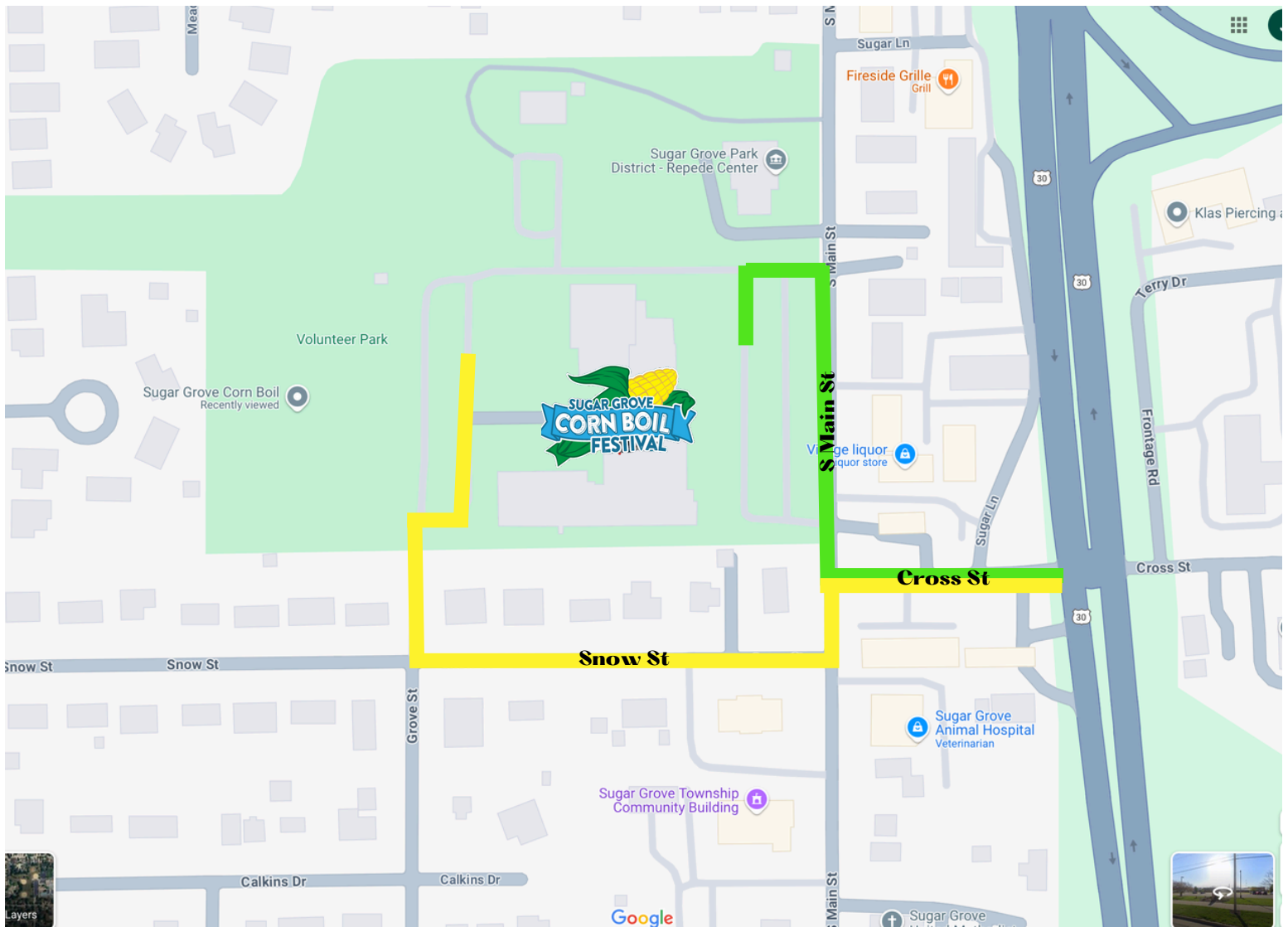
CHECK IN



Where to Check in When You Arrive

Indoor Locations - Please follow the **green** route on the map below. A volunteer will direct you where to park your vehicle. Enter the front of the building on the north side (Door 12). A volunteer will be waiting to check you in, show you to your space and provide other information.

Outdoor Locations - Please follow the **yellow** route on the map below. A volunteer will check you in outside as you arrive, and direct you to your space. **If checking in outside of the outdoor location set-up hours outlined above, you must enter through the indoor location. No vehicles will be allowed near the outdoor location outside of listed times.**



PARKING / SALES TAX



Parking Procedure

All Locations - Please unload your equipment, display, and merchandises as quickly as possible. You may only park in the unloading area/parking lot to load and unload. Please try to complete your loading/unloading in 20 minutes or less. The space to load/unload is very minimal.

We are hoping to have volunteers available to help you move your items quickly but that is not confirmed and won't be available during all load/unload times.

Once you have finished loading/unloading, **before setting up your space**, please relocate your vehicles to one of the auxiliary parking areas at Sugar Grove Library(125 Municipal Dr.), or the Sugar Grove Municipal Center(10 Municipal Dr.) and take a shuttle back to the Market. There will be shuttles running constantly between the two areas during load/unload times.

Sales Tax

If you sell items at flea markets, fairs, festivals, or craft shows, you are a retailer and you must collect and pay Illinois sales taxes. Whether this is a full-time business or a hobby, you are subject to the Illinois Retailer's Occupation Tax.

This event is registered with the IDOR:Special Events unit. We will provide you with a IDOR-6-SETR form at check-in. Even if you are registered with the IDOR already, you may be subject to remit this sales tax differently than you typically do. Resources to understand the Illinois special event sales tax laws are available [here](#) & [here](#).

Rate Calculation:

Local Government: Village of Sugar Grove
Location Code: 045 0024 5
Rate Type: General Merchandise

Rate Total: 8.000%

County: Kane
Rate as of: 7/24/2026
(retailers and service occupation taxes)

Questions related to sales tax should be directed to:

Special Events Unit
Illinois Department of Revenue
PO Box 19035
Springfield IL 62792-9035
(847)294-4475

No one from the Sugar Grove Corn Boil will ever ask you for your Social Security Number. If you do not have a separate IL Tax ID or FEIN, please leave this field blank on the application. Please DO NOT give us your SSN

RAFFLE



The Sugar Grove Corn Boil Craft & Vendor Market is pleased to renew our Craft & Vendor Market Raffle in 2026.

How it Works

Patrons earn raffle tickets by purchasing **YOUR** goods or services. Patrons will receive 1 raffle ticket for every \$15 spent in the Market. Vendors may find the most success by ensuring they have enough appropriately priced inventory on hand. Raffle tickets will not be sold outright so any festival goer who wants to win the prize will have to buy something worth at least \$15 at the market. Spend More \$\$ = Get More Tickets!

We ask all vendors to fill out a raffle receipt for all purchases made during the designated times. These supplies will be provided for you when you check in each day.

Prizes

Patrons will have their choice of three (3) raffles to enter. Each prize will be a desirable item ranging in value from \$500 to \$2000. We are striving to offer prizes to appeal to different age groups and interests. Available prizes will be announced closer to the festival dates. For example, last years prizes were a huge bundle of gift cards from Sugar Grove restaurants, a Nintendo Switch 2 Bundle, and a 7 night stay for up to 8 people at Solterra Resort near Walt Disney World.

Vendors Can Win Too!!

Vendors will earn raffle tickets with no purchase necessary by returning raffle receipt packets at the end of each market day. More details will be shared at check in.



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