

**2026 Kris Kringle Christmas Market
VENDOR APPLICATION**

Kris Kringle Christmas Market 2026 Dates:

Friday Dec.11th (4pm-8pm)
Saturday Dec.12th (9am-8pm)
Sunday Dec.13th (10am-3pm)

The market will include a variety of events, including a tree lighting, a lighted Christmas Walk, live music, and an array of activities for both children and adults. Talented crafters, artisans, and food vendors will come together to offer a Christmas themed family-oriented event that will benefit local organizations like the Southern Maryland Food Bank and the Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Entry fee for the public will be \$5.00. Children 10 and under enter at no charge.

Indoor spaces (10x10) will be available in heated buildings for you to display and sell your wares. With the addition of the new buildings, this event has plenty of space and ample parking

Space rentals are priced as follows:

\$275 for a 10x10 space if received by **June 1, 2026**

\$300 for a 10x10 space if received **between June 2, 2026 and September 30, 2026.**

\$325 for a 10x10 space if received **October 1st, 2026 or later**

(spaces are limited to ONE per vendor with the exception of vendors who previously had 2 spaces in 2023 or prior, those are grandfathered in).

Electric is available and is priced at \$10.00 for each 15amp plug needed. Please be very specific when giving us your electrical needs. **Heating Vessels for beverages will be limited to NO MORE than one.** We can't pull that much electricity without tripping breakers.

The deadline for application and payment is October 1, 2026. It is STRONGLY advised to apply early to secure a space.

For further information, please contact the Kris Kringle Christmas Market Committee via email at kriskringlechristmasmarket@gmail.com.

Please remember that this is an all-volunteer committee and decisions for this event are made collectively by the group.

Mail Application (pages 3 & 4) and Payment payable to Charles County Fair Inc

KRIS KRINGLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

PO BOX 237

HUGHESVILLE, MD. 20637

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Kris Kringle Christmas Market Rules

- All crafters are welcome, however, artisan crafters will be given priority placement. To be considered an artisan, items must be handmade. **NO STORE-BOUGHT ITEMS** allowed. Please include a description of how your item is made, materials used. New vendors must provide at least 3 photos of your craft/art with your application.
- Past participation is not a guarantee of show placement or acceptance. Early application and payment is strongly advised.
- Exhibitors must remain at their assigned space and have personnel on duty at their exhibit for the duration of the market hours. Early departure is not permitted unless under emergency circumstances.
- Exhibitors must keep all items / displays inside of their assigned space, and must not interfere with or encroach on neighboring spaces in any way. Designated walkways/aisles must remain clear at ALL TIMES due to local Fire Marshal Regulations.
- Exhibitors must be present by 3:00 PM on the market's opening day or the vendor chairperson reserves the right to reassign their space. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**
- No exhibitor may sell, sublet, or share their assigned space with anyone else during the market.
- No moving or swapping of assigned spaces is permitted unless prior approval is given by the vendor chairperson.
- Nothing may be nailed, stapled, or otherwise attached to the walls, floors, or any other parts of the exhibition area.
- Tables should be skirted or covered to the floor on all exposed sides with professional looking covers. Spaces must be kept in a neat and orderly fashion.
- Backdrops are strongly recommended (especially for vendors in the center aisle of the main building) in order to separate your booth from the booth behind you.
- Applicants may request wall or corner spaces and the coordinators will do their best to accommodate, however, the market is **first come first serve with priority given to returning vendors** and **there will be no guarantees.**
- Smoking is strictly prohibited in all buildings and barns at all times.
- Open flames are strictly prohibited in all the buildings and barns - *this includes candles!*
- Exhibitors are responsible for bringing all of their own display materials, including tables and chairs. The fairgrounds **will not** have any tables or chairs available for use.

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- **SOCIAL MEDIA PLEA!** PLEASE only share the Kris Kringle Christmas Market event that **WE** create on your social media sites to be consistent with our market branding and recognition.
- Break-down: booths must be fully dismantled and packed PRIOR TO your vehicle entering the loading area. Once you're all packed, please see the vendor chairperson or event crew.
- Each vendor is responsible for cleaning up their space prior to departure. Please put all trash in the provided trash cans.
- There is a \$35.00 fee for all returned checks.
- **NO** vendor parking and **NO** vendor vehicles will be allowed inside the fairground gates while the market is open. There is ample parking for vendors in the fairground parking lots. Traffic will flow one way only; you must enter at the South gate and exit at the North Gate. Please bring any equipment you may need such as dollies, carts or anything to assist you when transporting items to and from your vehicle during market hours.
- Vendors sampling/selling any type of food must present a Health Department Permit. It is your responsibility to work with them to obtain the proper permit for the event. **Please contact the Charles Co Dept. of Environmental Health at (301)-609-6900 at least a month prior.**
- Vendors are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and respect all other vendors, guests, event staff, and the event rules. Any vendor who does not abide will be asked to leave and not return. There is a long waiting list of vendors who want a space in this show.
- Please make your **check payable to Charles County Fair, Inc.** Returning vendors, be sure to return your application and payment no later than June 1, 2026 to secure placement. After June 1st 2026, the vendor application will be opened up to the general public and applications will be accepted until October 1st, 2026. *(After October 1st, an additional \$25.00 will be added to the application fee.)*

Please sign below that you have read, understand and agree to abide by the above show rules.

Signature:

Print: _____

Company/Business Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

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Business/Organization Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Social Media Info _____

Description of Business

10x10 Indoor Space Fee

\$275.00 received by June 1st 2026

\$300.00 after June 1st 2026 to Sept 30th 2026

\$325.00 October- December 2026

Electrical Fee

\$10.00 per 15 amp outlet

**electrical fee - if necessary - is to be added to your application payment amount*

Please note the number of outlets you need (if applicable) \$ _____

Vendor Wristbands (2 included in your packet) each additional is \$5.00

(this applies to vendors and non profit organizations)

Additional wristbands requested (____) @ \$5.00 each \$ _____

Brief description of your exhibit (product/materials to be displayed):

Price range? _____

References/Other places you have exhibited:

NEW VENDORS ONLY: 3 Photos must be included to be considered for a space in the first 3 buildings.

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