



EXHIBITOR GUIDE

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Renfro Productions & Management, Inc. would like to thank you for being a part of the **Ford 71st Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show**. Please thoroughly read this Exhibitor Guide. It will save you time, money, and help make the Sports Show a success for you.

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SHOW MANAGEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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EVENT LOCATION:

Indiana State Fairgrounds
1202 E 38th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205

Switchboard: (317) 927-7500

Security: (317) 927-7520

EVENT SCHEDULE:

Friday, February 20th 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 Saturday, February 21st 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
 Sunday, February 22nd 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Monday, February 23rd **CLOSED**
 Tuesday, February 24th **CLOSED**
 Wednesday, February 25th 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 Thursday, February 26th 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 Friday, February 27th 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 Saturday, February 28th 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
 Sunday, March 1st 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN

Check-in starts on Tuesday, February 17th at 12:00pm. SEE: **Move-In / Set-Up Schedule** below. All Exhibitors are to check-in at the Show Office located at the north entrance of the **CHAMPIONS PAVILION**. During check-in and set-up, the Show Office will only be open from 8:00am until 6:00pm; however, you may continue to set-up your exhibit area based on the Move-In / Set-Up schedule below.

**Any "Balance Due" on your exhibit space must be paid in full before you set-up.
NO PERSONAL CHECKS PLEASE.**

MOVE-IN / SET-UP SCHEDULE

Exhibitors may drive into the buildings only on Tuesday and Wednesday. Floor preparation for the installation of aisle carpeting will begin on Thursday. Installation and set-up of exhibits will occur during the following schedule:

Tuesday, February 17th ~ Bulk Space Only

All Buildings8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Exhibitors in bulk space areas are the only ones allowed to set-up on Tuesday, February 11th

Wednesday, February 18th

Bulk Space8:00am – 8:00pm

Booth Space (8'x10' – 10'x10' or larger) 12:00/noon – 8:00pm

Thursday, February 19th ~ NO VEHICLES IN BUILDINGS

All Bulk & Booth Spaces8:00am – 8:00pm

Friday, February 20th ~ NO VEHICLES IN BUILDINGS

All Bulk & Booth Spaces8:00am – 12:00/noon

*Wednesday, February 25th

All Buildings8:00am – 11:00am

**Only for those Exhibitors who are exhibiting the last five days of the Show.*

MOVE-OUT / TEAR DOWN

Sunday, February 22nd5:01 pm – 10:00 pm

[Only for those exhibitors who are scheduled for the first weekend >> 2/14/2025 – 2/16/2025]

Sunday, March 1st..... 5:01 pm – 10:00 pm

Monday, March 2nd 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of your lease agreement, no exhibit or display is to be dismantled before official closing (at 5:01pm) on Sunday, February 22nd or Sunday, March 1st.

We insist that nobody start tearing down until we have announced over the PA system that the Show is officially closed. We cannot allow you to carry anything out of the building before said announcement. Be considerate of the attendees who make plans to come to the Show on the final day.

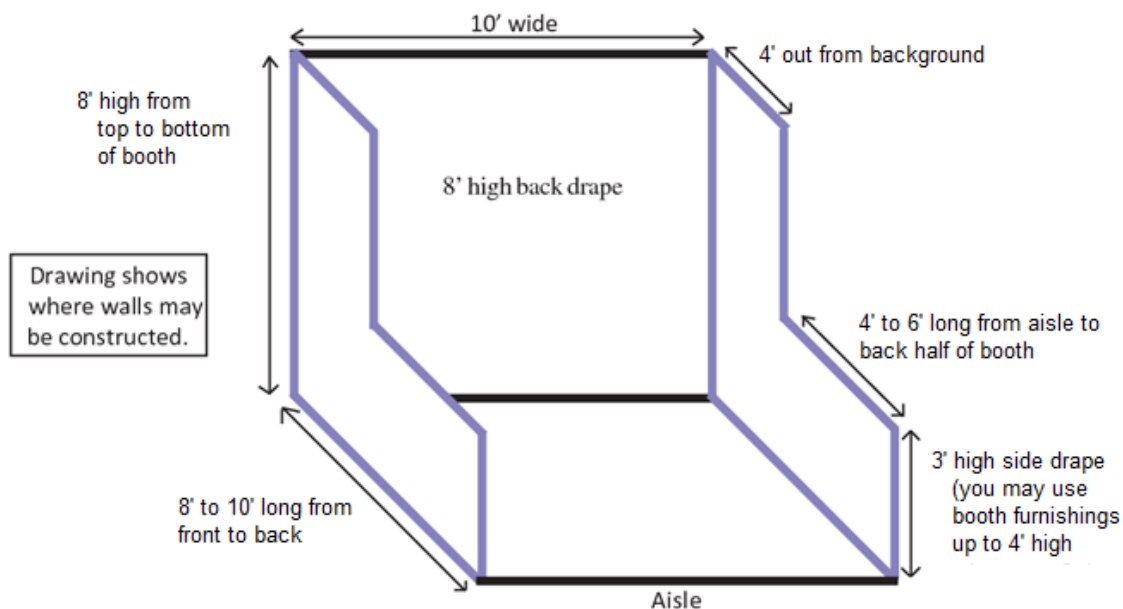
BOOTH CONSTRUCTION & DISPLAY

The following information is intended to allow equal exposure by all exhibits. The purpose of exhibiting is to sell. These rules are for your benefit and will be strictly enforced.

The Show Management has made every effort to provide a quality buying environment for our guests. Signs, clothing, or items with offensive wording or displays will not be allowed. We hope you will want to be invited back next year. Please make every effort to have a quality appearing exhibit.

Each non-bulk booth space will consist of an 8' high (pipe & drape) back wall and 3' high (pipe & drape) side walls. Booth furnishings (i.e., carpet, table, chairs, etc.) are the exhibitor's responsibility to provide or to rent through the **SHOW DECORATOR** (see their contact information on Page 7).

- **Booth displays & signs are limited to 8' and shall not project more than 4' from the background. Decorations shall not obstruct adjacent exhibits nor project into aisles.**
- **Any exhibitor using steps or platforms in the booth must have hand rails installed on them by show opening on Friday, February 20, 2026 at 1:00 pm. This is a safety rule that must be complied with. Nobody will be allowed to open without them.**
- **Balloons, stickers, and handmade signs are strictly forbidden.**
- **The diagram below clearly indicates the guidelines required for linear booth participation in our show. All exhibit fixtures should be contained within the blue-grey outlined areas shown.**



BOAT, RV, ATV & AUTO DEALERS

Forklifts must be contracted with **Fern Exposition & Event Services**; contact them prior to set-up for hourly rate.

Clean-up crews will be allowed into the buildings 3 hours before show time each day and should report to the **West Pavilion Exhibitor Entrance** prior to going to their booth.

Special note to Dealers hanging signs from the rafters:

**Signs must be hung from I-beams only
DO NOT hang anything from gas or electrical conduit**

See “**INDIANA STATE FIRE MARSHAL REGULATIONS**” (on Page 11) for additional information regarding the display of Boats, RVs, ATVs, Autos, etc.

INSURANCE INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

ALL EXHIBITORS must comply with the insurance requirements specified in the booth space lease agreement. The insurance requirements are designed to protect your company and the Renfro Productions' managed events. The following questions will be answered in this document regarding insurance for participation in the show.

- Do I need Show Insurance?
- Where can I get the insurance?
- Are there additional requirements for the insurance certificate?
- What is the difference between a general Certificate of Insurance and a Certificate of Insurance with an additional named insured?

➤ **Do I need Show Insurance?**

EXHIBITORS in the following categories must provide Show Management with a **Certificate of Liability Insurance** in the amount required by the Indiana State Fairgrounds (\$2,000,000 General Aggregate with \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence).

Bulk Space Exhibitors (e.g., Boats, RVs, ATVs, Tackle, etc.)

Leased booth space, typically 400 SF or larger, is generally classified as bulk.

Booth Exhibitors

- Any exhibitor with an 8' x 10' or larger, where the general public can enter your booth space, must provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance.
- Exhibitors which have fishing and hunting related products, fishing hooks, knives, demonstrated products (i.e. sunglasses, tools, fishing or hunting equipment) and/or any products which could injure show attendees or other exhibitors.
- Any exhibitor selling, demonstrating or sampling food products. (See **FOOD/BEVERAGE EXHIBITORS** below regarding information on temporary food license for Indiana).

If you don't meet the criteria as outlined above, we request that you provide a copy of your general Certificate of Insurance which indicates your liability coverage. If you do not have insurance, please see the following “**Where can I get the insurance?**” section.

➤ **Where can I get the insurance and certificate?**

If you Already Have Insurance/An Insurance Agent

As an exhibitor, you can request either a general Certificate of Insurance or a Certificate of Liability Insurance with Additional Named Insured, from your insurance agent. Some insurance companies charge a nominal fee for the “Named Insured” section, some insurers provide the certificates at no charge. Simply provide your agent with the correct language (see the section entitled “**Are there additional requirements for the insurance certificate?**”) to ensure the certificate is written accurately. Your booth space lease agreement stipulates that your company be properly covered by liability insurance.

As a standard requirement, our show exhibitors, meeting the criteria for liability insurance as outlined above, must provide proof of general liability coverage from an insurance company in good standing with minimum policy limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in all.

➤ **What is the difference between a general Certificate of Insurance and a Certificate of Liability Insurance with an additional named insured?**

A general Certificate of Insurance is a document used to provide information on specific insurance coverages you have already purchased. The certificate provides verification of the insurance and usually contains information on types and limits of coverage, insurance company, policy number, and the policies' effective periods.

A Certificate of Liability Insurance with "additional named insured" endorsements furnish coverage to the "additional insured" for liability "arising out of" the named insured's work, operations, or premises (or some variation on that theme).

The Certificate Holder is simply proof of insurance, whereas "Additional Insured" status gives the main contractor coverage and rights under their sub-contractor's or vendor's, the "Name Insured" policy.

➤ **Are there additional requirements for the insurance certificate?**

When purchasing a Certificate of Liability Insurance with Additional Named Insured, the wording on the document is very specific and important, just as important as making sure the coverage amounts are accurate.

The descriptor section of the liability form should read EXACTLY as follows:

Renfro Productions & Management Inc. and Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show Inc. named as "ADDITIONAL INSURED".

Certificate Holder section should read as follows:

Renfro Productions & Management Inc.
Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show Inc.
6405 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Anderson, IN 46013

Make sure the dates of the Policy cover the ENTIRE show, including setup/teardown dates.

QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO YOUR RENFRO PRODUCTIONS REPRESENTATIVE

If we do not receive a Certificate of Liability Insurance you may not be able to exhibit. If damage occurs to the building or its property that is attributable to you (Exhibitor) or your (Exhibitor's) staff, then it is the Exhibitor's responsibility to reimburse the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this requirement. Certificates of Liability Insurance can be emailed to our office.

FOOD/BEVERAGE EXHIBITORS

All Exhibitors engaged in preparing, sampling and/or selling food and/or beverages of any sort are required to register with the Indiana State Department of Health (as per Regulation 410 IAC 7-24-107) no later than 45 days in advance, from the start of our event.

Please go to Indiana State Department of Health's website to complete your registration:

<https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home/temporary-events/>

All food products sold by unregistered Exhibitors during the Event shall be only pre-packaged by an approved, inspected facility as per 410 IAC 7-24-142. All other processing and sampling will be in direct violation with Indiana "Retail Food Establishment Sanitation Requirements", and subject to civil penalties.

If you have any questions regarding this form or the State requirements, please contact Indiana State Department of Health directly at (317) 234-8569.

SHOW DECORATOR

Fern Exposition & Event Services

1147 South White River Pkwy East Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46225

Phone: (317) 635-9606 • Fax: (317) 634-0993 • Email: indianapolis@fernexpo.com

Their contact information to obtain price lists and order forms are posted on our website:

<https://renfroproductions.com/existing-exhibitors-indianapolis/>

It will save you money to have your orders placed by January 15, 2026. The Show Decorator will also have a service desk in the Champions Pavilion, just outside of our Show Office.

FREIGHT

NO FREIGHT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS PRIOR TO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026. Prior to February 18th you should contact Fern Exposition & Event Services for pricing and shipping details. Fern Exposition & Event Services will coordinate the handling of freight. Please read over their information.

Absolutely **NO COD's** will be accepted. All freight will be unloaded and placed in your booth. Freight shipped by common carrier directly to the State Fairgrounds will be unloaded at no extra charge.

SHIPPING ADDRESS:

Indiana State Fairgrounds

Attn: [EXHIBITOR/COMPANY NAME]

[Exhibit Building & Booth Number]

1202 E 38th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46205-2897

Please make certain all shipments are marked with the appropriate BUILDING and BOOTH NUMBER of your exhibit space to ensure accurate delivery of your package(s), as shown in the example above.

SIGNAGE

The **SHOW DECORATOR**, Fern Exposition & Event Services, provides a booth identification sign. If you require different signage, contact them directly. Their contact information is provided above (under SHOW DECORATOR) and can be found online through the provided web link.

CLEANING OF EXHIBIT SPACE

Debris from your booth must be swept or placed in the aisles after closing each evening. We cannot clean inside your booth. You may arrange for janitorial service at your own expense which can be contracted with the **Show Decorator**. If you want to work in your booth, you may come into the building, with proper credentials one (1) hour prior to show time. You will only be allowed to go to your own booth/exhibit space.

ELECTRICITY

Show Management furnishes one (1) 500 watt outlet per 10' of booth space. Bulk space exhibitors can use outlets on poles for cash registers, computers, TV's, VCR's, DVD players, etc. **All spot lights, 500 watts and over must be contracted with the show electrician (ERMCO) and fees paid to them.** See ERMCO Electric at their service desk outside of the Show Office in the Champions Pavilion.

If you require additional electricity – outside of what is provided – arrangements must be made directly with ERMCO at (317) 423-3766. ERMCO's price list/order form is also posted on our website at: <https://renfroproductions.com/existing-exhibitors-indianapolis/>

TELEPHONE / INTERNET

If you require Internet (WiFi) access or a phone line in your booth, you must make arrangements directly with the **Indiana State Fairgrounds**. The main switchboard number is (317) 975-7500 or their price list/order form is posted on our website at:

<https://renfroproductions.com/existing-exhibitors-indianapolis/>

STAFFING OF EXHIBIT

Every exhibitor is responsible for having their exhibit space staffed at all times. Show Management **INSISTS** that all exhibits be staffed during all hours open to the public. Exhibitor Pass Gates will be open one (1) hour prior to show time.

EXHIBITOR CREDENTIALS

All Exhibitor Credentials should be picked up at check-in and prior to Show opening; NO Credentials will be mailed.

Booth Space Exhibitors:

Three (3) eight-day Credentials and four (4) one-day Credentials for the first 10' booth space. Add one (1) eight-day and four (4) one-day Credentials for each additional 10' booth space.

Bulk Space Exhibitors:

Exhibitors with less than 1000 sq ft will receive four (4) eight-day Credentials and fifteen (15) one-day Credentials. For every 1000 sq ft over the first 1000 sq ft you will receive an additional eight-day Credential. For every 100 sq ft over the first 1000 sq ft you will receive an additional one-day Credential.

The eight-day Exhibitor Credential is scanned at the point of entry and is good for all eight days of the show; however, IT CAN ONLY BE SCANNED AND USED ONCE PER DAY.

The one-day Credential is also scanned at the point of entry; however, it is only good for the one use and cannot be used or scanned again.

On the back of each Credential is a unique number and QR Code. We highly recommend that you record the unique number of each credential and to whom the Credential(s) is/are assigned. Should the Credential(s) become lost, stolen, or destroyed, notify our office immediately so that we can deactivate the Credential(s) and issue replacement(s) to you.

Pass Outs: If at any time the user of either Credential needs to leave the building and then return to the Show later in the same day, the departing individual should leave through an "Exhibitor Pass Gate" in order to have their hand stamped. This is the only way the individual can re-enter the Show on that same day without using an additional Exhibitor Credential or purchasing an admission ticket.

We no longer provide Dealer Representatives with Exhibitor Credentials; this is your responsibility. You must provide your Dealer Representative(s) with Credentials from those issued to you at time of check-in or you may purchase additional (see below) as needed.

IMPORTANT: If you wish to exchange an eight-day Credential for eight (8) one-day Credentials, please let our office know as soon as possible.

If you have guests or customers coming to see you, you may purchase and provide them with Guest Passes (see GUEST PASSES below).

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITOR CREDENTIALS

Additional one-day Credentials may be purchased for **\$10.00 each**. The Credentials are available in advance as well as during the course of Show. The Credentials can ONLY be purchased through the Show Office; they CANNOT be purchased at the box offices.

GUEST PASSES

Exhibitors who would like the use of Guest Passes may purchase them for **\$10.00 each**; a savings of \$6.00 off adult admission. The Passes are available in advance as well as during the course of the Show. The Guest Passes can ONLY be purchased through the Show Office; they CANNOT be purchased at the box offices.

WILL CALL

Exhibitors have the option of leaving extra Credentials or guest passes with our Show Office staff in "Will Call" which is located ONLY at the Show Office in the Champions Pavilion.

EXHIBITORS – NONE of the box offices or door staff are to be used as "Will Call". If you leave passes or Credentials for guests, workers, or dealer representatives, they MUST enter the show at the Champions Pavilion main entrance and go to the Show desk to retrieve their passes/credentials. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.

The "Will Call" for the *Indiana Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo* is located at the West entrance of the Exposition Hall at the Exhibitor's Pass Gate. Exhibitor Credentials or Guest Passes FOR THAT SHOW are to be left at the Expo "Will Call," and NOT at the "Will Call" at the Champions Pavilion Show office.

EXHIBITOR PARKING

Space is limited; therefore, the Indiana State Fairgrounds will only provide a specific number of parking passes to try to best accommodate everyone.

PLEASE NOTE: Parking is maintained and controlled by the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Show Management does not participate in setting the parking rate nor do we share in any finances derived from this service.

No parking of any vehicles or trailers will be allowed close to occupied buildings. Contact the Fairgrounds Director of Parking, Gates & Security at (317) 927-7681, with any questions or concerns.

BOX TRUCK, TRAILER & BOAT TRAILER PARKING

The Indiana State Fairgrounds requires all EMPTY box trucks and EMPTY (boat & cargo) trailers to be parked on the north side of the Fairgrounds, north of the racetrack (see the **blue highlighted** areas marked on the Fairgrounds map on page 13 of this Guide).

STOCK TRUCK & CARGO TRAILER PARKING: To better serve the needs of our exhibitors who require restocking of their inventory each day, we have created a **Stock Truck & Cargo Trailer Parking Area** located in the alleyway between the Champions and Blue Ribbon Pavilions. There is limited space available, therefore "Stock Trailer Permits" are extended on a first come, first serve basis. Exhibitors are to request a "Stock Trailer Permit" at time of check-in and must have it displayed in their vehicle or on their trailer prior to parking it. Once your truck/trailer is parked, it will remain there until the end of the Show and cannot be moved out until the end (March 1st).

CAUTION: Except for the above restricted area, there will be no parking of any vehicles or trailers close to occupied buildings, or the vehicle and/or trailer will be towed and impounded by the Indiana State Fairgrounds at your expense. This will be enforced by the Indiana State Fairgrounds parking attendants.

LITERATURE STORAGE

Storage space will be provided. After opening day, we will deliver stored materials upon request. Requests are to be made at the Show Office the **night before** the materials are needed. We will deliver your materials to your booth before show opening of the next day. **Remember**, it is hard to move literature after the Show opens, so let us know ahead of time. Be sure to request enough for Saturday and Sunday.

SHOW SECURITY

Security service is provided by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police, 24-hours daily through the course of the show; including set-up and tear-down. Security cameras are also in place. **Sold fishing rods must be tagged as such.** Although we take every precaution to protect your property we cannot be responsible for the disappearance of any item, especially when your booth is left unattended. We suggest that you cover your booth and rope it off each evening.

LOST & FOUND

Lost and/or found articles should be left or recovered at the Show Office where you checked in. If a show attendee inquires to a lost (or found) item, please direct them to our Show Office.

FREE DRAWINGS, GIVE-AWAYS, ETC.

Must be authorized by Show Management! Please contact Kevin Renfro at (765) 400-5002. **Winning names and/or items must be left in the office before you tear down your exhibit space.**

INDIANA STATE FIRE MARSHAL REGULATIONS

- This is a **No Smoking** facility; smoking will only be allowed in designated areas. Smoking IS NOT PERMITTED within the buildings or within any of the tents/tunnels connecting the buildings.
- The Indiana State Fire Regulations & City Ordinances prohibits **ANYTHING** from protruding into the aisles. These rules will be strictly enforced.
- With regard to motorized vehicles, watercrafts and forklifts:
 - The maximum amount of gasoline permitted to remain in the tank is less than one-fourth (1/4) of a tank.
 - Gasoline tank caps must be locked, taped or sealed and approved by the Indiana State Fire Marshal.
 - All battery connections must be removed from the battery upon termination of the move-in until commencement of the move-out. Both positive and negative cable ends must be taped to void any chance of sparks.
 - All Liquid Propane (LP) gas tanks must be removed from trailers, mobile homes and any other vehicles using LP.
 - Gasoline tanks on motorcycles or motor bikes are to be drained completely. Battery cables must be disconnected and taped.

STATE OF INDIANA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE REGULATIONS

The Indiana Department of Revenue has published information that states an out-of-state vendor who displays and sells merchandise at local trade fairs and/or exhibitions will be considered engaged in business in Indiana. More detailed information can be explored at: <https://www.in.gov/dor/business-tax/remote-seller-information/>

Since the Department of Revenue takes the position that an out-of-state vendor is doing business within Indiana, we recommend that you review the Indiana tax laws and regulations and decide for yourself if your business needs to register as an Indiana Retail Merchant for the collection of Indiana sales/use tax. The easiest way to register for multiple states, including Indiana, is through the Streamlined Sales Tax Registration System at www.sstregister.org. To register directly with Indiana only, visit the **INBiz** portal at: <https://inbiz.in.gov/BOS/Home/Index>

Contact the Indiana Department of Revenue, Sales & Use Tax Division at (317) 232-2240 with any questions.

It is your responsibility to determine if your business activities require you to register for the collection of sales/use tax. Any taxes due to Indiana through your participation in this Event are your responsibility.

PETS/ANIMALS

Exhibitors **are not permitted** to bring pets or live animals into the Show; except for service and/or guide dogs that are wearing the appropriate identifying vest, tags, or collar.

