

Rules for the Colorado Honeybee Festival

- 1) The Colorado Honeybee Festival, the new trade name for the Palisade International Honeybee Festival, will move locations in 2026 from the Town of Palisade to Cross Orchards Historic Site at 3073 Patterson Rd. near 31 Road. The Festival will run on April 11th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 2) Vendor applications opened Jan. 15, 2026 at www.coloradohoneybee.org and can be submitted online or by mail to the Colorado Honeybee Festival, P.O. Box 1105, Palisade, CO 81526, no later than March 10, 2026. Vendors must be approved and will be notified by email. The vendor cost is \$120 for a single 11' x 11' space.
- 3) The festival starts on Saturday, April 11th, at 10 a.m. Setup will run from 8 to 9:45 a.m. Vendors who are placed in the historic area (most nonfood vendors) will enter from the eastern-most entrance of Cross Orchards. Signs will indicate this entrance.
- 4) Maps of vendor spaces and identifiers will be provided before setup by email.
- 5) During setup for the festival, please unload your tent and merchandise, park, and then set up your booth space to give others the opportunity to unload their merchandise as well.
- 6) Vendor parking will be provided onsite in the front northern parking lot for people with limited mobility and in the back area allotted for vendors. A vendor parking map will be provided to you before festival day.
- 7) All vendors except those located in the barn must have a 10- by 10-foot tent for each single booth space and provide their own tables, chairs, and setup equipment. Vendors located in the barn will not require a vendor tent.
- 8) Limited electricity is available at the Festival and will be accommodated as possible. All electric cords must be secured to the ground to prevent tripping hazards. Guidance on methods for securing cords will be provided.
- 9) Food vendors will enter the Cross Orchards grounds from the middle entrance to access the food vendor area next to the gazebo and grassy area. Food vendors must provide generators. Limited electricity is available, providing 120 amps.
- 10) This is a rain or shine event. No refunds are given for inclement weather.

- 11) The Colorado Honeybee Festival must receive applications by March 10, 2026. Absolutely no refunds will be given after April 6, 2026, and requests for refunds must be in writing.
- 12) The Colorado Honeybee Festival is not responsible for theft or damages to property belonging to vendors or volunteers participating in this event.
- 13) Food vendors must be approved for festival participation by the City of Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department. This Department streamlines the process of approval through the County Health Department and ensures proper insurance and other requirements are met before approving vendors. For more information, go to gjpr.org/vendorinfo, <https://www.gjcity.org/638/Approved-Food-Vendors>, or contact Jennifer Howard at (970) 254-3866, jenniferh@gjcity.org.
- 14) Vendors selling cottage foods must abide by the requirements set forth in the Colorado Cottage Food Act, which can be accessed at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods>. This includes completing a food safety training course.
- 15) Food sampling information is also available at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs/cottage-foods>. Vendors that allow food sampling should follow these guidelines.
- 16) Wine vendors must obtain a remote liquor license through a combination of the Grand Junction City Clerk's office and the Colorado Department of Revenue. Copies of that license must be provided to the Colorado Honeybee Festival and posted at the vendor's booth.
- 17) The Festival ends at 4 p.m. Vendors must stay until the end of the festival even if their merchandise has sold out. Also, sales or services must end within 30 minutes of closing so Festival volunteers can finish their duties.
- 18) During teardown of booth spaces, vendors should pack up their merchandise and tear down their tents before getting their vehicles and loading up to ensure all vendors can leave expeditiously.
- 19) If you have questions or problems, call Festival Coordinator Michelle Gossage at (970) 462-7236.

Thank you for your support at our wonderful event!!