



Gateway Dragon Boat Festival

Hi,

Thank you for your interest in attending the 20th Annual Dragon Boat Festival as a food truck vendor from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, August 15th, 2026 at Creve Coeur Lake Park – Sailboat Cove (13725 Marine Ave., Maryland Heights, MO 63043).

We expect to have 500 paddlers and 2,000 to 3,000 spectators this year. Our dragon boat committee is inviting approximately 4 to 5 food trucks to this event. I am in the process of gathering interest information for the committee.

A certificate of insurance and the St. Louis County Department of Public Health permit would be required. Please see details below.

- Certificate of Insurance (COI) for \$2,000,000 with St. Louis County listed as Additional Insured. See attached **sample** from Maggie. Please make sure your insurance matches this attached example exactly.
- Anyone serving/selling food/drink needs to contact the St. Louis County Dept. of Public Health Environmental Services Department to confirm they have (or apply and be approved for) an “Annual St. Louis County Health Permit” with the wording “**mobile**” on it OR submit an application with them and be approved for a **Temporary Food Establishment Permit – TFE**. *Shelly at St. Louis County Public Health Environmental Services at 314-615-1641 would be a good contact with any questions on either permit although the TFE can be filled out and emailed online at (<https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-departments/public->*

[health/food-and-restaurants/temporary-events/temporary-food-establishment-application/](#))

After both requirements above are completed, Maggie from the St. Louis County Parks and Rec Department will email you a “Permit To Sell”. Please note that the cost of the Permit To Sell that she emails you is 15% of gross sales from the day. St. Louis Dragon Boat Foundation – the sponsor of The Gateway Dragon Boat Festival - does not make any money off your food sales.

Please email your COI **and** Health Permit/TFE to Maggie Martin (mkmartin@stlouiscountymo.gov), and Mark (gatewaydbfestival@stlcls.org).

If you have any questions, or special requirements for accommodations, please email Mark at gatewaydbfestival@stlcls.org.

Thank You!

Mark Ma, Chair – St. Louis Dragon Boat Foundation

Rob Cox, Chair – Gateway Dragon Boat Festival Committee