



Winter 2016 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Hello awesome vendors, musicians, food folks and antique flea market vendors!!!

This will be our 3rd year for the newly named SOUTH FORK TRADE DAYS event which will encompass not only the South Fork Farmers Market but we are adding an Antique Flea Market for those interested. The flea market will be every other weekend this year with the possibility of every weekend next year. Also we will have a first time Farmers Market in Creede across from Mountain Views RV Park. The Creede Market will be each Friday and the South Fork event will go Saturday and Sunday. We are really excited for this year to get off the ground! The South Fork event will be at Rickels Arena (Little Britches Rodeo Grounds) in town. There is a lot of room here and it will get people used to coming to the summer market and when the winter market is started up again, people will know where it is! We had an excellent market in 2015 and are hoping for an even bigger event in 2016. We are lining up vendors NOW so please get your application in as soon as you can! Can't wait to see returning vendors back and am excited to meet the new folks that will join our family!!!

☺ There are a lot of great things to do and places to be but South Fork is one great destination! We just recently got named the Top Adventure Town in Colorado!! It's nice and cool, we have gorgeous scenery and fantastic people to meet! We are a tourist destination mecca hosting a very large number of RV parks and a large group of Farmers Market produce/crafts/antique buyers!!!! As our market grows, we may or may not have a little duplication in booths but everybody's product will still be different. Maybe the multiple days will sort itself out with that. We are hoping to have lots more kid events, animal events, workshops, car shows, entertainment, and most important, lots of vendors!!!!!!!

A big change for the market this year is a three day event - the South Fork Farmers Market/Antique Flea Market will be Saturday AND Sunday and Creede will be Friday. This will be the first year for the Creede Market and it should be a good one across from the RV park which contains at least 250 spaces and doesn't count all the tourists that go up there in the summer! The Village across from the RV park is also a new development so it'll be exciting to break in it's new little town area and a new market!! It's a beautiful drive up to Creede from South Fork. One reason for a multi-day event is for you out of towners vendors who would like to get in 3 days of markets on a weekend. We have lots of lodging opportunities - motels, cabins, campgrounds, RV parks. I'm working on some possible discounts at these places if you are a vendor with the market. I have two places on board already!

I am sending an application and the rules and regs or you can go online to print off the application to mail in. (Yes, there is a birthday blank on there - no year - just the date is good). It is under www.southforkfarmersmarket.com. There is a Colorado Special Events license form available online under Vendors if needed. Please be sure I have a copy of your sales tax license in case anybody asks. I know it's a hassle but we want to be covered. If you have extenuating circumstances, please call and talk to me. If possible, it would be great to know who is coming so we can set up a map so we aren't totally confused on our first day! You can participate in one day or all three days, a few weeks or the whole season!!! We welcome lots of produce, crafts, handmade foods, food carts, pet supplies, kid's supplies, workshops and entertainment. Our electricity is really limited so you might need a generator. There is a website for Creede also but South Fork will have the applications, etc. on it. Stay tuned to both websites to keep up on what's going on - events, etc. Also depending on what event we have any particular day, i.e. car show or whatever, the hours could run over some and you have the option of staying through the event or packing up after regular hours. We would really like to have at least one or two food vendors for each event and live music for each day also if possible. For the entertainers, we are hoping and would appreciate folks who wouldn't mind playing for the community, getting their name out and will accept tips and lunch for payment. We'll work on that for next year but for this year, it would be so appreciated!!

I've had some great suggestions for our market - we could "build" a Farmers Market recipe book with favorite recipes from our vendors that we could sell as a fundraiser to keep the market afloat or find another worthy cause. We could also compile a little newsletter with market info and highlighting each vendor with an 8X10 signed glossy of each smiling vendor!!! Well, not really but a picture and an article!! These newsletters could be available to vendors and visitors to the market. We would have an email list to get info out to everybody! If anybody has any other great ideas, please let me know. This year we had kids riding party ponies and market goers carrying around a 50 pound boa from the petting zoo! You just never know what we will come up with!! If anybody knows of someone that would like a booth, has an event, workshop or good music/singing skills, please let me know!! And please share this letter with them! We even had a fantastic flute player this year that played a bike pump!!! Please come join us - the more the merrier. I guarantee we will have a great time!!!! The market also takes SNAP for low income visitors. We're very critter friendly so bring your doggies, iguanas or goats to have at your booth!!! AND most important of all - there's coffee brewing when you get there to set up! We don't want any vendors with the grouchies!!!

We would REALLY love to have you at the market - bet you'll really enjoy it! Looking forward to hearing from you! 2016 will be AWESOME!!! The markets will be held every weekend including holidays, Logger Days, craft fairs at Fun Valley and Rhythms on the Rio concert. Hopefully, we'll have lots of fun stuff going on all the time so visitors won't be able to sleep if they don't come check us out every weekend!!!! ☺

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