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Vendor FAQ

Thursday Night Market at The Commons · 140 S Main Ave, Rugby, ND · Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m.

The basics

When and where?

Every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. through May 27, 2027, at The Commons, 140 S Main Ave in downtown Rugby. Setup is 4 to 5 p.m. and teardown is 7 to 8 p.m. The doors are open during setup, so you don't need a key. There's no market on Nov 26, Dec 24, or Dec 31.

How often do I have to come?

As often as you like. Start this month, in February, or in May. Do one Thursday or nine. Bring your kids and family along too.

How do I sign up?

Register at thecommonsrugby.com/book?type=market. Pick your Thursdays and pay online. Registering is how we know who to market each week.

What does it cost to be a vendor?

Vendors pay $10 per Thursday. The fee covers cleaning, setup, and marketing.

What does the vendor fee pay for?

The $10 helps us cover staffing and promote the market. Paid signups tell us who's coming and cut down on no-shows. The fee helps pay for social posts, printed posters, cleaning, bathroom supplies, lights, and insurance. We take this seriously, and we ask vendors to take it seriously too.

When do I need to pay and send my vendor information?

By Monday at 12 noon Central before that Thursday's market. Pay online when you sign up, then send your social media info, photos, and graphics to hello@thecommonsrugby.com or by Facebook message. If you've already paid for that Thursday, you only need to send your information. We create and schedule posts Tuesday through Thursday to show shoppers what you'll be selling.

What if I need to cancel?

Cancel by Monday at 12 noon. The $10 is non-refundable. Call or email us and we'll swap your week for another Thursday. If you let us know ahead of time or arrange a different Thursday, you're welcome to book again. If you don't show up and don't contact us, you won't be able to book future markets. Letting us know gives another vendor a chance to use your spot.

What should I bring?

Your goods, your display, and your own till. You handle your own payments and sales tax. We have extra tables, outlets, and guest Wi-Fi (ask for the password). When you sign up, tell us whether you need a table and an outlet so we can plan the room.

Your booth

Can I try selling something new?

Yes. Bring a new recipe, handmade item, or artwork to see what shoppers think. Invite your friends to shop, invite other makers to sign up as vendors, and share the market with people you know.

Can I sign up if another vendor sells similar items?

COME ANYWAY. Competition and capitalism are good for everyone. When I find a good soap, candle, or T-shirt, I buy more than one. And who knows, maybe shoppers like yours better ;) Maybe you'll meet another artisan who understands your craft. Nobody ever said there were too many ice cream shops or burger joints. The more the merrier, and we mean it.

What's Commons After Dark?

Some vendors sell things for adults only, like alcohol, tarot, or adult art. They set up in a separate room, and nobody goes in without choosing to. The main room stays all ages.

I make something weird, adult-themed, or alcoholic.

Amazing. Weird and adult-themed goods can go in Commons After Dark. Want to pull cards or do readings? We have space for that too. If you sell alcohol, talk to us first. We're open to setting up a night and getting the permits.

What if the weather is bad?

If we cancel for weather, we'll email vendors and post on Facebook.

Have an idea?

Want us to host something at The Commons? Did we miss something? Want to collaborate? Email us at hello@thecommonsrugby.com.

See you on a Thursday.
Steph, Abi, and the team of amazing helpers who keep us on track in person and online