



Pioneer Days - October 3 - 4, 2026

Pioneer Craft Area -Village Crafter Application & Participation Guidelines

Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department is beginning to plan the 54th annual Pioneer Days, scheduled for October 3rd & 4th at Fowler Park from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You are invited to join us this year in the Pioneer Craft Area.

Crafter Participation Guidelines:

The Pioneer Craft Area is located amongst the log cabins of the village, north of the covered bridge. No tables or tents are provided. All modern looking tables, chairs, etc. must be completely covered with a quilt, burlap, or other period cloth. Cars, trucks, and/or trailers will only be permitted on the grounds for loading and unloading. No vehicles are allowed in the village past **9:30 a.m. and until the event is over each day at 5:30 p.m.** or the village is clear of guests. Anyone breaking this rule will not be asked to return the following year.

Anyone wishing to be located in this area must:

1. Wear appropriate 1830's-1840's time period clothing
2. Demonstrate daily activities consistent with pioneer times
3. Interact with the public in an appropriate manner, representative of pioneer times
4. All Crafters must arrive at Pioneer Village no later than 9:00 a.m.
5. All vehicles must be out of Pioneer Village no later than 9:30 a.m. and may not return until 5:30 p.m.
6. Follow park guidelines, including **no alcohol** allowed in the park & **no smoking** in the Village during the event

Pioneer Crafter Application Due Date: Friday, September 6th

All crafters must receive approval from our Administration Office to ensure authenticity of craft(s). On the attached application please include a **detailed description** of the craft you will be demonstrating and the items you will be selling. If your craft or items to be sold are not appropriate for the event, or you do not include an adequate description on your application, it will be denied. If you are selling/doing anything that might result in a patron getting sick and/or harmed, you should ensure that your personal insurance covers your liability. If your application is denied you will receive a letter no later than September 13th.

Parking Pass Information:

Upon approval of your application, you will receive one parking pass along with your final reminder letter two weeks prior to the event. Additional passes must be requested before this date. Parking for crafters will be in the **beach parking lot on the west side of the park**. Shelter A parking lot is reserved for food vendors only. If you're disabled, please let us know and we will accommodate. NOTE: Parking arrangements may change due to weather.

If you have any questions, please contact the Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department Administration office at 812-462-3392 or email Tavia.Hedrick@vigocounty.in.gov

We hope you can join us!

Tavia Hedrick
Natural Resource Programmer

Pioneer Village Crafter Application

First & Last Name:	
Mailing Address: <i>(Include the address you would like your parking pass to be mailed to)</i>	
Cell Phone #/ Home Phone #:	
Email Address:	
I verify that I will be in attendance both Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I will be in attendance both days <input type="checkbox"/> No, I will not be in attendance both days
I will be demonstrating the following Pioneer <u>activity/skill(s)</u>:	
I will be <u>selling</u> the following items at Pioneer Days: <i>(Please be specific)</i>	
I prefer to be in the following <u>location</u> within the crafter area:	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"/> <p style="text-align: center; font-style: italic;">*Please note this is a request, all final crafter locations will be determined by VCPRD.</p>
# Crafter Parking Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> I need ONE (1) parking pass only <input type="checkbox"/> I need the following number of parking passes: <div style="text-align: right;"># _____ Crafter Parking Passes</div>

By submitting your application you agree to the participation guidelines.