

Festival FAQs for Social Influencers 2018

Dates

World Famous Blue Crab Festival is the weekend after Mothers Day. May 19 & 20, 2018. May 18 & 19, 2019. Event hours are 9 AM until 6 PM both days.

The Little River ShrimpFest is the second weekend of October. Oct. 13 & 14, 2018. Oct. 12 & 13, 2019. Event hours are 9 AM until 6 PM Saturday and 9 AM until 5 PM Sunday.

Location

What began as a quaint fishing village, Little River has grown into a quiet, yet fun-filled community that enjoys local seafood delicacies and entertainment in addition to being convenient to the best of the Grand Strand. Little River is located in the northeast corner of Horry County in South Carolina, just below the North Carolina border. Little River, like the Grand Strand, has a mild year-round climate – perfect for golfing and outdoor activities. With numerous fishing charters, marinas, waterfront restaurants and other activities in Little River, locals and visitors alike are sure to find plenty to do. Many enjoy our proximity to beaches without the bustle, as we are 5.5 miles from North Myrtle Beach, SC and only 8.4 miles from Sunset Beach, NC.

The festivals are held at the Historic Little River Waterfront. Current attractions in this division include 5 waterfront restaurants, a unique gift shop home to a local artist, and the Big M Casino boat. For a brief history on our area visit <http://www.littleriverchamber.org/pages/History>.

Event FAQs

Admission is \$5 per person per day at the gate. Children 12 & Under are free.

Why isn't it free?

As we are not tied to a local municipality (there is no city government), we do not receive any public support to assist us with the expenses and over head of hosting the festival. The festival is not intended to be profitable, but any profits we may achieve are invested back into the Little River Community. We have included some of our community reinvestments on the festival website.

Where do I get blue crabs/shrimp?

Our festival began as a small waterfront gathering. Our main goal continues to be bringing in visitors to support our local restaurants, accommodations, and entire community as a whole. As such, seafood is primarily sold by the waterfront restaurants located within the festival grounds. Some restaurants will sell seafood outside their building in addition to regular dining options to shorten wait times. There is not an all-you-can-eat option.

Other Vendors

There will also be other food vendors at the festival selling non-seafood items. Popular fair foods include street corn, funnel cakes, turkey legs, and foods on sticks.

The World Famous Blue Crab Festival will host approximately 300 vendors. The Little River ShrimpFest will have approximately 175 vendors. We are pleased to have festival attendees return to visit the quality vendors we attract, and our office receives phone calls year-round for and from vendors.

Entertainment

Blue Crab Festival - The World Famous Blue Crab is proud of its beach music heritage. Past acts include Jim Quick & Coastline, Carolina Soul Band, Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot, Carolina Breakers, Hip Pocket Band, Blackwater Rhythm & Blue Band, and more.

Little River ShrimpFest - Previously the Shrimp & Jazz Festival, the Little River ShrimpFest has gone music agnostic to the delight of locals & visitors. Past performers include Nathan & the Zydeco Cha Cha's, Elise Testone, Tim Reynolds, Bonarama, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Randy McQuay, Marlana Smalls, and more.

No:

No outside food, beverages or coolers will be admitted. No Concealed Weapons. No pets. [Only ADA compliant Service Animals.] We do not have wheelchairs or strollers available.

Affiliate Events

Blue Crab Festival - The World Famous Blue Crab Festival used to host other events such as a beauty pageant, 5k run, motorcycle poker run, and car shows. We no longer have (or are in the process of discontinuing) any affiliation we these.

We will continue to cross-promote the Blessing of the Bikes (Little River United Methodist Church) and the Salt Air Jam when event dates overlap with the World Famous Blue Crab Festival.

Little River ShrimpFest - In the past we featured a Shrimp & Grits Cook-off but as the festival grew we have not been able to find a volunteer to take on such a large project in many years.

Event Tips

Seating

There is limited seating available for dining & entertainment. Some festival goers choose to bring a light-weight collapsible chair with them.

Parking

As street festival, we are thankful to the businesses that donate their lots for satellite parking. Parking directly adjacent to the festival is neither run nor owned by the festival. Please double check the website prior to arriving for a list of locations with addresses of satellite lots with free parking and free bus to the festival grounds, as these are subject to change.

Those who are staying south of the festival should consider taking the 'water taxi.' Run by Myrtle Beach Watersports the weekend of the festival, start your experience with scenic trip on the Intracoastal Waterway. Fee includes festival admission and round trip. The boat leaves from Harbourgate Marina in North Myrtle Beach, saving some festival goers a few minutes of traffic on Hwy 17 in Little River.

T-Shirts

If you have a preference on a t-shirt size & color, purchase one at the striped tent on Mineola Ave across from Pirate's Treasure House on Saturday morning, as some combinations will sell out quick.

Timing

Festival traffic is typically slower in the mornings (particularly before church gets out) or during poor weather conditions.