



## How to Make a Great Booth for Forty Acres Fest

### Why Should Your Organization Participate?

Continuing on its tradition for the thirteenth year, the Forty Acres Fest will still provide exceptional music by showcasing local and national music artists. Also, a wide range of entertaining activities and booths will be displayed throughout campus on the day of the event. The Fest will become successful if you and your organization are willing to participate in the event. This can be done by either volunteering, signing up for a booth or even by just showing up. The Forty Acres Fest Committee encourages all organizations on campus to be a part of the event as much as possible. If you want people to know what your organization is all about, or to let people know who you are, then this is the best way to publicize and start your own UT tradition. Not only will your student organization have fun during the event, your organization will be recognized and known. Another reason why your organization would want to take part in the event is because of **MONEY!** Organizations always come up with creative ways to make the Forty Acres Fest fun. By doing so, every year we award organizations with money under the following categories:

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| • <b>Best Overall</b>          | <b>\$1000</b> |
| • <b>Best New Organization</b> | <b>\$500</b>  |
| • <b>Most Spirited</b>         | <b>\$500</b>  |
| • <b>Most Creative</b>         | <b>\$500</b>  |

The Forty Acres Fest is all about the students on the UT campus and the fest would not be complete without the generous support of the students and the student organizations.

## Booth Ideas

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Is your organization at a loss of ideas? We have attached a list of some successful past booth ideas (see page 4) to get the gears in your head turning! These ideas have been some of the more memorable and engaging booths that Forty Acres Fest has had to offer and some of them are just ideas that students like you want to see. These ideas are by no means your constraint! Remember the sky is the limit and these ideas along with the Forty Acres staff are merely here to help you get going in the right direction. No idea is too large or too difficult! Please feel free to let your imagination run, we'd love to help you make your booth ideas come true!

## What Makes a Booth Great?

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Forty Acres Fest is an event held for the UT community to come together and have a day of activity and fun. What are makes the fest fun? YOU, the organizations! The most successful booths have been those that are not only *free* and give out *prizes*, but the ones that are the most **interactive**. Get the crowd involved! The most interactive booths receive the most attention and hence, captivate the campus!

Another way to have an excellent booth is by working alongside a fellow organization. This allows for more creative brainpower, more staff to run the booth, and most importantly a way for your organization to have fun. Let your laughter and fun be contagious and spread throughout the campus!

Step into your classmates' shoes. Think about what they would like to see. For instance, take a recent craze, add a little bit of your own twist, and reap the benefits of an awesome booth. Ask your classmates what they like and what they would like to see. Take those suggestions and then incorporate them into the theme of your booth. Stepping into the minds of your classmates can be very helpful in creating a booth that will be engraved in Forty Acres Fest history!

# A List of Booth Ideas

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## Arts and Crafts

- Caricatures
- Confetti eggs
- Balloon animals
- Tie-dying
- Henna tattoos
- Temporary tattoos
- Face painting
- Colored Sand Bottles
- Pictures with wooden cutouts
- Picture frames
- Hair Braids/Beads
- Art display
- Lanyard
- Make Play-Doh
- Friendship bracelets
- Make Buttons
- Make Bookmarks

## Food

- Cake Walk
- Snow Cones
- Bake Sale
- Pie Eating Contest
- Cotton Candy
- Gyro Machine
- Candy Apples
- Pizza
- Nachos
- Ice Cream
- Popcorn/Kettle Corn
- Smoothies
- Chips and Salsa

## Music

- Karaoke
- Music Trivia
- Serenades for Sale
- Name that Tune
- Name that one hit wonder

## Services

- Pie in the Face
- Dunking Booth
- Kissing Booth
- Service auction
- Bake Sale
- Quarter Toss for charity
- Group Philanthropy Information
- Puppet Show explaining services

## Games

- Horseshoes
- Pop balloons with darts
- Bingo
- Bean bag toss
- Three-legged race
- Twister
- Sumo wrestling
- Mini golf
- Dunking Booth
- Throw Baseballs at bottles
- Football Toss
- Dance Lessons
- Limbo Contest
- Basketball shootout
- Poker Game/Tournament
- Guess Your Major
- UT Trivia
- Sports Trivia
- Friends Trivia
- Dance Dance Revolution
- Ping Pong Game/Tournament
- Pin the Tail on the Donkey/Bevo
- Ring Toss
- Movie Trivia
- Dart Game/Tournament
- Giant Tic-Tac-Toe (Playground size)
- Foosball Game/Tournament
- Four Square
- Capture the Flag
- Hopscotch
- Dodge ball
- Tetherball
- Obstacle Course
- Hackysack Game/Tournament

## Miscellaneous

- Fortune Telling
- Palm Reading
- Tarot Cards
- Picture with Bevo
- Step Show
- Velcro Wall
- Moonwalk
- Goldfish giveaway
- TEX impersonations
- Autograph and Photo with UT athletes

## Rules, Regulations & All Things Mandatory

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In order to have the best booth ever, you must follow the rules and regulations set forth by the University of Texas. Here's a checklist:

- ☐ a representative from your organization **must** attend one of the following **mandatory** meetings. We stress that you come, for failure of attendance to the mandatory meeting will result in your organization being unable to participate in the fest.

**Wednesday, March 23, 2005 6-7PM @ TBA**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2005 6-7 PM @ TBA**

- ☐ Your organization must follow all Institutional Rules that apply to this event and are responsible for knowing all the [rules & regulation](#) [ [http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/ci/stu\\_org\\_manual.pdf](http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/ci/stu_org_manual.pdf) ] prior to the event.

A few helpful reminders are:

- ✓ If you plan on having food, you need to get a permit. Forms and information are available here: [ <http://www.utexas.edu/safety/ehs/forms/index.html> ].
- ✓ If you are giving away non hazardous food, such as prepackaged candy, no permit is needed.
- ✓ Student organizations may not have a cosponsor to their booth with an off campus entity. Also please remember no corporate logos are allowed or any advertising such as coupons.
- ✓ There will be no slandering or disrespect of other universities.
- ✓ There will be no defacing of the campus through booths and their activities. Any activity that releases debris through participation (ie. Shaving cream, water balloons, etc.) must have a feasible means of trash control or will not be otherwise permitted.

If you have questions concerning rules & regulation please contact [Cindy Braly](#) [ [cbraly@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:cbraly@mail.utexas.edu) ].

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact our Organizations Chairs: [Mamta Desai](#) [ [mamta.desai@bba02.mcombs.utexas.edu](mailto:mamta.desai@bba02.mcombs.utexas.edu) ] and [Chris Holquin](#) [ [da\\_champ25@hotmail.com](mailto:da_champ25@hotmail.com) ].

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*Forty Acres Fest is a spirited celebration that offers students an opportunity to represent and unite their campus through leadership, tradition and diversity.*