



## About Skokie's Backlot Bash

The Backlot Bash is a summer festival in downtown Skokie. The event is a collaboration between the Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie (IMODS), the Skokie Park District, The Village of Skokie and the Skokie Chamber of Commerce. The name "Backlot" pays tribute to downtown Skokie's (then Niles Center's) heritage as a silent picture western back lot set between 1907 and 1915. Chicago's Essanay Studios, the MGM of its day, frequently used Skokie because its dirt roads, saloons and wood frame buildings resembled an old prairie town. Essanay used this area frequently for shooting movies featuring gunfights, bank robberies, and cowboy and Indian skirmishes. In 1915, the Niles Center Theater (now Skokie Theater) opened and residents were finally able to see the very westerns that they had watched being filmed here. Essanay was the home of stars such as "Bronco Billy" Anderson, Ben Turpin, Wallace Beery, Gloria Swanson — and in 1914 and 1915 — Charlie Chaplin.

### **2017 Backlot Bash Dates**

Friday, August 25  
through  
Sunday, August 27

### **Event Hours**

Friday, 6 - 10 p.m.  
Saturday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Sunday, Noon - 8 p.m.

in

**Downtown Skokie**  
Oakton St. at Floral Ave.

For additional information, please contact Pamela Zeid, Skokie Park District, 847/929-7715 or [PZeid@skokieparks.org](mailto:PZeid@skokieparks.org).



**Friday-Sunday  
August 25-27  
2017**

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**Community  
Resources Fair**

**Information And Guidelines**

**Application Deadline  
August 1, 2017**

**[www.BacklotBash.com](http://www.BacklotBash.com)**

## Application Information

Completed applications must be received by August 1, 2017. Selection notices and confirmations will be mailed by August 15, 2017. Receipt of application and fee does not confirm acceptance in event.

## Participation Criteria

The Community Resources Fair is open to not for profit organizations and governmental agencies. Interested organizations must submit an application along with the required fee by the stated deadline. The selection committee reserves the right to reject any application which does not meet the not for profit criteria, conflicts with the Village of Skokie's ordinances or are considered inappropriate for this event. The Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie (IMODS), the Skokie Park District, the Village of Skokie and the Skokie Chamber of Commerce will assume no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items belonging to any participants in this event.

Political and governmental agencies may not solicit or campaign outside of their assigned booth space or place any type of signage or flyers on the event grounds.

## Booth Space

Booth space will be assigned by the event committee on a first-come, first-serve basis and are subject to the above stated conditions. Assigned of one (1) booth space per application fee is final. Booth space size will be 10'x10' and will include one (1) 8 ft. table and two (2) chairs. Exhibitors and vendors with their own free-standing tents and displays must fit in the 10'x10' booth space. No material, extension cords, display boards or electricity will be provided. Security will be provided throughout the event and overnight. However, exhibitors and vendors are fully responsible for their items throughout the event.

## Fees/Payment Information

Saturday, 8/26, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Sunday, 8/27, 12 - 5 p.m.

- \$250: Skokie Chamber of Commerce Members  
IMODS Members
- \$350: Non-Skokie Chamber of Commerce  
Non-IMODS Members

Application fee must accompany completed application. Receipt and processing of application and payment does not confirm acceptance into the event. Refund of all monies paid will be made to any applications not accepted. Selection notices and confirmations will be mailed to applicants by August 15, 2017

## General Rules/Regulations

Applications will not be reviewed or considered unless all required information is included with the application, including application fee. Application must be signed.

Assignment of booth space is final.

All fees submitted through the mail must be paid by check, money order, Visa, Mastercard or Discover. All checks and money orders should be made payable to Skokie's Backlot Bash. No cash payments will be accepted through the mail.

All participants should arrive at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the event to set-up their booth space.

Driving or parking on the event grounds is strictly prohibited. Violators will be subject to ticket and towing. Exhibitors and vendors are responsible for transporting their items to the event and booth space.

Participants will be provided with one (1) 8 ft. table and two (2) chairs per booth space. There will not be any additional tables or chairs available during the event.

Participants are not permitted to dismantle their booth space until after 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 26 and 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 27.

The Skokie Backlot Bash committee reserves the right to reject any exhibitor's items which in the committee's opinion conflicts with the Village of Skokie's ordinances and/or are considered inappropriate for the event.

The Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie (IMODS), the Skokie Park District, the Village of Skokie and the Skokie Chamber of Commerce will assume no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items belonging to applicants and participants.

Any participants who are in violation of any of these stated rules and regulations may be asked to leave the event grounds.

## Parking

Participants are not allowed to drive or park on the event grounds. All vehicles must be parked in a legal parking space and/or location. Upon acceptance of the application, participants will be given the locations of official parking sites in the vicinity of the event.

## Weather

As is the case with all outdoor events, inclement weather conditions may occur. Please prepare for the possibility of such weather conditions and take measures for yourself and your booth space.

## Fees/Payment Information

Please Check One:

- \$250: Skokie Chamber of Commerce Members  
IMODS Members
- \$350: Non-Skokie Chamber of Commerce  
Non-IMODS Members

## Describe your organization

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## Mail completed applications to:

Pamela Zeid  
Oakton Community Center  
4701 Oakton St.  
Skokie, IL 60076

### For Office Use Only

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Application Fee Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted/Not Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fee Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Method/Credit Card Information

\_\_\_ Check/Money Order  
Made payable to: Skokie's Backlot Bash

\_\_\_ Mastercard/Visa/Discover (circle one)

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

## Participant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please read and sign:

Applicant hereby fully releases the Skokie Park District, the Village of Skokie, the Independent Merchant's of Downtown Skokie (IMODS), the Skokie Chamber of Commerce, their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims from injuries including death, damages or loss, which he/she or the organization or company they represent may have or which may accrue to them in connection with Skokie's Backlot Bash to be held August 25-27, 2017. Applicant further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Skokie Park District, the Village of Skokie, the Independent Merchant's of Downtown Skokie (IMODS), the Skokie Chamber of Commerce, their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, including death, damages and losses, but not limited to the general public, which may arise or may be alleged to have arisen out of, or in connection with Skokie's Backlot Bash to be held on August 25 -27, 2017. I have read the above and agree to comply with the guidelines. I understand that failure to do so may result in removal of my display, forfeiture of application fee and/or bill for damages. I have also received, read and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines stated in Skokie's Backlot Bash event guidelines.

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Applicant's Signature (required) Date