

The Skokie Festival of Cultures

Performer Waiver and Information

About the Skokie Festival of Cultures

Formed in 1991, more than 25,000 visitors attend the festival, annually, the third weekend in May. The event, held at Oakton Park, brings together dozens of the world's cultures, reflecting the more than 80 languages spoken in Skokie. The festival features music and entertainment

on two stages, ethnic cuisine, children's activities, a merchandise bazaar, and ethnic arts and crafts. For more information call (847) 674-1500 or go online to www.skokieculturefest.org. The Skokie Festival of Cultures is sponsored by the Skokie Park District, Village of

Skokie, Human Relations Commission, Skokie Rotary Club, Village of Skokie, Skokie Public Library, Skokie Chamber of Commerce, Skokie Fine Arts Commissions and Illinois Arts Council in cooperation with various community organizations.

2026 Skokie Festival of Cultures

Saturday, May 16
11 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 17
11 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Please read:

Applicant hereby fully releases and discharges the Skokie Park District, Village of Skokie, Skokie Public Library and 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 the Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures to be held May 16 & 17, 2026.

Applicant further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Skokie Park District, Village of Skokie, Skokie Public Library and 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 the Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures to be held on May 16 & 17, 2026.

I have read the above and agree to comply with the guidelines. I understand that any cancellation of an act may result in a bill for damages. I have also received, read and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines stated in the Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures Information.

Checking the Performer Release box on the online application indicates your understanding and acceptance of the above terms.

Application Information

All completed applications must be received by Monday, March 13, 2026.

Eligibility

Skokie's Festival of Cultures will focus on the cultures represented within the wide ethnic diversity of Skokie, including but not limited to Asian, African-American, European, Filipino, Hispanic, Native American, Indian and Jewish. Exhibits, vendors and performers should further visitors understanding of a people's way of living and may not promulgate specific religious or nationalist ideology.

Selection Criteria

The Skokie Festival of Cultures Committee will select applicants that best represent Skokie's cultural diversity. Decisions will be based on a completed application, entries that exemplify the traditional/ethnic arts, quality craftsmanship, ethnicity and prior participation in the Skokie Festival of Cultures event.

Performers must describe the performance and indicate which country/culture it represents. The sale of food items is strictly prohibited. The Skokie Festival of Cultures Committee reserves the right to reject any application which in the Committee's opinion, conflict with the Skokie Park District and Village of Skokie ordinances or are considered inappropriate for this event.

Weather

As is the case with all outdoor events, inclement weather may occur. Acts cancelled due to weather conditions will not be rescheduled. Please prepare yourself, performers instruments and props being used for the possibility of such weather with the appropriate protective measures. The Skokie Park District operations administrator and the sound engineers will determine whether to close down the outdoor stage events due to any inclement weather.

For More Information

For more information about entertainment for the Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures, please contact:
Robin Horwitz at (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400 or email RHHorwitz@SkokieParks.org

Applications must be submitted by March 13, 2026
A representative will contact you by April 1, 2026 if you are selected to perform.

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