

2026 Cosmos in the Desert Dark Skies Festival Vendor Application

Hosted by Nevada Division of State Parks and Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation

Event Date: Friday August 14 and Saturday August 15

Location: Lahontan State Recreation Area, Beach 3

Time: 8 PM – 11 PM

Thank you for your interest in performing at the inaugural *Cosmos in the Desert Dark Skies Festival!* This is a unique, volunteer-based opportunity for musicians to perform under the stars in a one-of-a-kind red-light environment designed to preserve the night sky.

Please note: **This is an unpaid performance opportunity intended for exposure.**

Submitting this application does not guarantee selection. Musicians will be chosen based on alignment with the event atmosphere, musical style, and overall event needs.

Musician/Band Information

Band/Artist Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Performance Details

Available both nights? Yes No

If no, which night are you available? August 14 August 15

Music Genre (check all that apply):

Classic Rock

Folk

Bluegrass

Acoustic

Other (please specify): _____

Brief Description of Your Sound/Style:

Link to Sample Track (required): _____

Set & Equipment

Typical Set Length Preference:

- 30 minutes
- 45 minutes
- 60 minutes
- 90 minutes
- 2 hours

Note: Final set times will be determined based on the number of selected performers. Multiple musicians/bands will perform for equal time slots.

What equipment will you bring? (instruments, amps, stands, etc.)

Event-Provided Equipment

The event may provide the following:

- Electricity
- Speakers (PA system)
- Red lighting
- Two (2) microphones

Musicians are strongly encouraged to bring all additional equipment needed for their performance.

Additional Equipment Requests

Please list any additional equipment needs beyond what is provided above. We will review requests and determine what can be accommodated, but fulfillment is not guaranteed.

Event Expectations

- This is a volunteer-based performance; no compensation will be provided.
- Performances *may* take place under red lighting only to protect the dark sky experience.

- Musicians should plan for a **laid-back, atmospheric vibe**, softer styles such as folk, bluegrass, acoustic, and classic rock are preferred.
- Artists are responsible for their own setup and breakdown.

Additional Information

Are you interested in free onsite camping during the event (08/14 – 08/16)?

Yes No

Do you have any special setup or accommodation needs?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Agreement

By submitting this application, I understand that:

- This is a volunteer performance opportunity for exposure only.
- Selection is not guaranteed and is based on event needs and fit.
- I agree to comply with all event guidelines, including lighting restrictions and scheduling.
- I am responsible for my own equipment, setup, and teardown.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Submission Instructions:

Please email your completed application to stparks@parks.nv.gov with the subject line: *Cosmos in the Desert Vendor Application*. Applications must be submitted by July 31, 2026. Considerations will be made as applications are received. Vendors are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

For questions or additional information, contact Tyler Kerver at (775) 684-2745 or tkerver@parks.nv.gov.

Thank you for your interest in being part of this exciting event!