

# Austin Reggae Festival

Helping feed our less fortunate neighbors in Central Texas since 1994

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Dear Sara,

We would like to request a temporary smoking area at our 19<sup>th</sup> annual Austin Reggae Festival happening April 20<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup> at Auditorium Shores. The event runs from 11AM to 10PM each day. We are proud to have been partnered with the Capital Area Food Bank every year and especially proud that over the years it has grown to become the food bank's number one fund raiser. Over the past three or four years the food bank has averaged over \$200,000.00 at the gate each year.

We would like to approach this new restriction in a practical way. We propose to mark off an area in the middle of the field that will allow smoking. A larger one at our main stage and a smaller one at our secondary stage. We would also flood the perimeter with no smoking signs. Our security teams that patrol the vendor areas, walkways and just anywhere that is not the middle of the field can let people know that smoking is not allowed in these areas.

This will be something we can enforce, It will keep people from smoking around any trees and mostly in an area where nothing can catch fire. Most importantly for us, keep all the cigarette butts in the middle of the field where our clean up crews already have to hand rake.

Thank you for your consideration,

Patrick Costigan