



When is Chalk the Block?

Chalk the Block will be October 11-13

Where is Chalk the Block?

Chalk the Block is located in the Downtown Arts District. The boundaries are Santa Fe, Mills, Mesa and Franklin. The chalk art competition will be on the Pedestrian Pathway between the El Paso Convention Center and the Ballpark.

Where is the entrance gate?

You can enter the festival footprint at any point. We don't fence the main footprint.

Where can I find information about the festival?

www.Chalktheblock.com

Is there a schedule and map for the event?

Participants can find the festival map at www.chalktheblock.com or download the Visit El Paso app.

Where can I find information when I am at the event?

You can go to the information booth on Oregon or the pedestrian pathway (Friday-Saturday) or you can find a festival worker wearing an MCAD or Chalk the Block shirt that says *Event Staff* or *Volunteer*.

What are the Festival Hours?

Friday, Oct. 11: 6 – 10 p.m. Soft opening with food trucks, art installations and beginning of showcase artist competition.

Saturday, Oct. 12: 10 a.m. -10 p.m. Full festival with food trucks, art installations, chalk art competition, artisan market, kids zone

Sunday, Oct. 13: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Food trucks, art installations, completed chalk pieces, artisan market, kids zone

What time do sales end?

Food Trucks will stop taking orders 15 minutes prior to closing time each night. Festival security will close the gates in the Food Truck Court to aid in closing time. Artisan vendors will wrap up sales 15 minutes prior to closing time as well.

Will there be vendors every day of the festival?

Food truck vendors will be there all three days of the festival. The artisan and food cottage vendors will be there on Saturday and Sunday.

How much does CTB cost?

Chalk the Block is a free public art festival.

Do I have to pay for the activities in the kids zone?

Yes, there is a charge for activities in the Kids Zone

What other activities are there to do at Chalk the Block?

There will be a kids zone with bouncers and other activities. There is a charge for these activities. The public is welcome to create their own chalk masterpiece on the street. The Main Library branch, Museum of Art and the Museum of History will be open during the festival hours and feature special programming.

Where should I park?

Parking is available at several garages in downtown El Paso, or you can park at Glory Road and ride the BRIO or El Paso Streetcar. Please visit www.chalktheblock.com for a list of the parking garages near the festival footprint

How much is parking?

Parking fees vary depending on the garage. Please visit "plan your visit" at chalktheblock.com for a list of garages and their estimated fees.

Can I take Sun Metro to Chalk the Block?

Yes, you can ride Sun Metro downtown to Chalk the Block. Be sure to check Sun Metro's schedule as you plan your visit. The Westside Brio and the El Paso Streetcar both stop in the Downtown Arts District. Please visit <http://www.sunmetrobrío.net/> for the BRIO schedule or download the streetcar app.

Is Chalk the Block ADA accessible?

Chalk the Block is located in the Downtown Arts District. There are curb cuts in the sidewalks and the museums and libraries in the footprint are accessible. There are also accessible portable restrooms in the footprint. Please be aware that more than 40,000 people visit the festival throughout the weekend so streets and sidewalks may be crowded. We also ask that the chalk art not be disturbed.

Will there be first aid offered at the event?

Paramedics will be on-site at the event adjacent to the MCAD Information Booth on Oregon.

Will alcohol be sold at the festival?

No, alcohol is not sold or permitted in the festival footprint. There are bars within the festival footprint and just outside the footprint where visitors 21 and older may purchase alcohol.

Where can I find a changing table at the festival?

Changing tables are located inside the Museums as well as the El Paso Public Library Main Branch.

How do I reserve a space for my family to chalk in?

There are no reserved spaces for the public. You are welcome to chalk on the sidewalks and in the community Chalk Zone. No chalk zones are in San Jacinto Plaza, Cleveland Square Park and in a spot that has been marked off for artists competing in the chalk competition. Please observe "No Chalk Zone" signs located within the footprint. **Staff and security reserve the right to ask you to stop chalking in spaces that are not permitted.**

Where can I chalk?

Visitors can chalk in the designated community chalk area, the black top and some sidewalks. There will be signs designating areas where chalk is prohibited. These include, but are not limited to: San Jacinto Plaza, Cleveland Square Park, The Mills Building and the El Paso Museum of Art. Please observe "No Chalk Zone" signs.

Can I bring my own chalk?

Yes, the public is invited to bring their own sidewalk chalk. Free chalk is available at the MCAD Information Booth and GECU Kids Zone. Spray chalk, oil pastels, permanent marker, and paint is prohibited.

Can I set up a small space or table to sell my art?

No, vendors apply to be part of CTB through a competitive process and if selected, pay a fee in order to participate. Vendors who are not selected and sell within the CTB footprint will be asked to leave the festival.

Can I enter the chalk art competition on site?

No, artists for the competition are selected by a panel through a competitive application process.

Can I set up a pop up art installation?

No, all the art installations are contracted through MCAD prior to the festival.

Can I have an artist in the competition include a special message for my significant other in their piece?

No, artists submit their competition pieces to a selection panel for consideration. Once approved, they are not allowed to change their design.

Will the installations remain up after the festival?

No, the installations are taken down after the festival.

Is it ok to walk on the chalk art?

No, please help us to preserve the CTB Chalk Art competition work by walking around the art. We ask that you do not walk, lay on, sit on, bike, skateboard or otherwise disturb the pieces.

Will the chalk art remain in place after the festival?

No, the entire footprint is cleaned on Sunday evening.

Can I bring my dog?

Yes, well-behaved dogs and their humans are welcome at CTB. Dogs should not be allowed to walk on chalk art or leave their waste on the street. All dogs must be leashed while at the festival.

Are strollers allowed?

Yes, please bring your strollers, but do not roll them on the chalk art. Please be aware that more than 40,000 people visit the festival throughout the weekend so streets and sidewalks will be crowded.

Do vendors take credit cards?

Many of the vendors will accept credit card payments. There are also several ATMs located in or near the footprint as well.

I have food allergies and a special diet; are there vendors who offer more than just Mexican food or hamburgers?

Yes, we work hard to select a variety of food vendors to satisfy every taste. However, it is best if you ask the vendors if they cook with items you are allergic to.

Can I set up a community booth to provide information about my non-profit, register people to vote or collect signatures for a petition?

No, Chalk the Block is a sponsor driven event. We do not allow community booths for non-profit organizations or religious or political activity.

Can I bring my kids fundraiser items to sell at the festival?

No, we have a competitive application process for vendors. We do not allow sales of items that have not gone through our process.

Where can I buy light up toys?

These are not sold at the CTB. All items sold in our Artisan Market have been designed, made and fabricated by the vendors.

For more information about the festival, visit chalktheblock.com or call 212-0110.