84 years of festival fun

Your group or organization is cordially invited to participate in the 84th Annual Watermelon Festival's parade on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 9:45 a.m.

Please complete the application and return via email to hcmelonfest@gmail.com
or mail to: Junier Mae Dopson
PO Box 411
Varnville, SC 29944

This current application format will be the only format accepted.

Group / Organization: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City / State / Zip:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Cell #:** _____ **Best Call Time:** _____ **Email:** _____

Entry Type (Select all that apply): **Walking Unit** **Riding (car or truck)** **Festival Float** **Homemade Float** **Utility truck or 18 wheeler** **Marching Unit**

Queen: _____ **Name of contest:** _____ **Parent:** _____

Marching Unit: _____ **Shrine Unit:** _____

Invited Dignitary: _____ **Other (describe):** _____

Parade Guidelines: 1) Entries are expected to incorporate the current festival's theme. 2) Entries will restrain from displaying/playing offensive material/language. Failure to comply may result in subject being removed from the parade. NO EXCESSIVELY LOUD MUSIC. Thank you for your cooperation. 3) All entries in the parade MUST BE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED. Please make signs of adequate size for announcers. 4) NO THROWING (EX: CANDY, PARAPHARNELIA, ETC. NO EXCEPTIONS! 5) Violations of any rules will result in being banned from any future HCWF parades.

By signing below, you are committing your group or organization to participate in the parade and we will be anticipating your attendance. If, for any reason, you are unable to participate after submission of this application, please notify organizers as soon as possible at the number below.

Representative's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank you for your participation and honoring the history of the Hampton County Watermelon Festival!

Any questions contact: Junier Mae Dopson (803-942-7430) or Tinia Grant, asst. (803-842-3622).
Application must be submitted by June 24, 2026.

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