

84th Hampton County Watermelon Festival

Dear Concession Friend:

Welcome to the 84th Annual Hampton County Watermelon Festival! Concessions are held Friday and Saturday, June 26-27, 2026. Concessions will be located beside the Hampton County Courthouse.

Enclosed is a concessions application. **Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance.** You will be notified whether your application is approved after it has been reviewed. **You will be sent a link to submit payment to participate as a food vendor. Payment must be received on or before May 5, 2026, NO EXCEPTIONS.** If payment is not made, you will not be able to participate in the festival.

Due to the rising cost of clean-up, there will now be a \$45.00 fee for each vendor. Please help us keep the costs of our festival down by cleaning up your spaces and making sure that your area is free of trash and debris.

If your application is accepted, you may set up from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 25, 2026. Please arrive between 5 pm and 7 pm. You will not be able to set up outside of these time restrictions unless prior arrangements are made. Contact David Johnson if other arrangements are needed.

Please read all of the rules and regulations found in this letter as they should help answer any questions you may have. Once you have read through the letter, please return the application, SCDR Retail license number, photo of the food truck, list of items for sale including pricing, and a copy of liability insurance with required coverage amounts listed. **Your application will not be processed if any of these items are missing.** We hope you will apply to our event and if accepted, it will be a rewarding experience. Should you have any questions concerning the event or your application, please do not hesitate to contact David Johnson by texting or calling at 803-842-5707 or through email at onlyroomforu@gmail.com. We hope to see you at the festival!

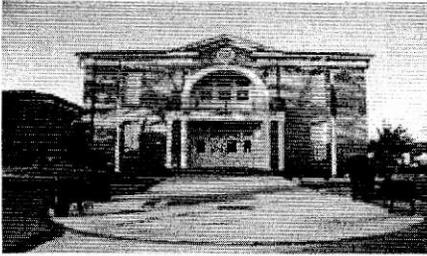
If you have submitted an outdated application and payment, and are not accepted, refunds will be issued in a timely manner. If you have submitted an outdated application, you will be required to resubmit and you will be contacted prior to April 5, 2026, by David Johnson,

You can contact me by texting me at (803)842-5707. I WILL NOT REPLY TO PMs via Instant Messenger.

Sincerely,
David Johnson
Food Concessions Chairperson

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Enclosure(s)



Food Vendor Application

(This form must be fully completed and mailed to the address listed below with the application fee)

Concession Name:

Contact Person(s):

Mailing Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____ Cell Phone Number(s): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please answer yes or no to the following questions:

Do you cook with gas? _____ Do you have a silent generator? _____
(you are only allowed to use silent generators)

Type of Concession Booth (Please check one): ** Note: these prices included the \$45.00 clean-up fee.

Commercial = \$425.00, per space

Church or Civic Group = \$150.00, per space

Icy Drinks Only = \$200.00, per space

Number of Spaces: _____

Please circle the proper hookup you need and list how many. This will help us decide where you need to be placed at the festival:

240 plugs in

120 with 30-amp plug in

120 with 20-amp plug in

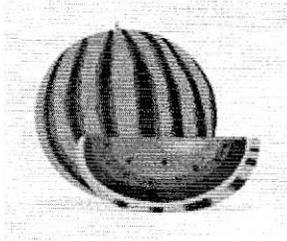
I understand that the Hampton County Watermelon Festival in Hampton, South Carolina is not responsible for any accidents or incidents which may occur. I also understand that the Hampton County Watermelon Festival in Hampton, South Carolina is not responsible for any merchandise or personal/business items that are lost, stolen, misplaced, or otherwise for any accidents or incidents which may occur with any merchandise or business-related property including personal property.

I understand that the Hampton County Watermelon Festival in Hampton, South Carolina will not be held responsible for any fines or fees associated with my business for not meeting State and County Health Department requirements.

Signature of Individual or Business (listed above on form):

Title with Business:

Date Signed:



2025 Hampton County Watermelon Festival Rules and Regulations

LOCATION: Hampton, South Carolina

DATES & TIMES OF EVENT:

- Friday, June 26, 2026 & Saturday, June 27, 2026 (All day on Friday – Saturday leave by 5:00 pm.)

SET UP DAY & TIME:

- Thursday, June 25, 2026, between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
- You will be directed upon arrival as you check in on Thursday, June 25, 2026.
Note: Remember, you cannot start checking in until after 5:00 pm. on Thursday, June 25, 2026.
- ***All Concessions must be set up between 5pm-7pm on Thursday, June 25, 2026, unless other arrangements are made.***

SPACE SIZES:

- Size limit --- Maximum 30 feet. If more than 30 feet are needed, you will have to buy two spaces. All trailer tongues, hitches, awnings, steps, etc. must fit within your assigned space.

FOOD VENDOR ENTRY FEE:

- Commercial = \$425.00, per space
- Church / Civic Group = \$150.00, per space
- Icy Drinks Only = \$200.00, per space

HOOKUP SERVICE:

- Each food concession unit approved for the festival will be permitted ONE (1) FORTY (40) AMP service hookup to our service pole per vendor. Therefore, if a maximum of 40 AMPS is unsatisfactory for your unit, perhaps you need to consider gas service or a silent generator – NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THIS POLICY.
- Priority will be given to units that are self-contained and cooked with bottled gas. However, no bottled or natural gas will be provided by the festival for

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concessions.

- In addition, priority will be given to units, which have their own generator for supplying electrical service for the cookers.
- During the festival, the Chief Electrician and Hampton County Public Works Department will supervise our service pole and concession hookup. Anyone found tampering with the festival electrical service, abusing festival property, or violating this policy will be removed from the festival with no refund of concession fee.

PAYMENTS:

- All applications and payments must be submitted to us no later than May 1, 2026.
- We will only accept business checks, cashier's check, or money order. Make all checks payable to **Hampton County Watermelon Festival**. When your entry is received, your number and space will be marked and reserved with your entry.
- **PAYMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE MAY 5, 2026, via a link provided or the space reserved will be reassigned.**
- Please mail or email applications to: **Hampton County Watermelon Festival, Attn: David Johnson** 120 First St. W., Hampton, SC 29924 or onlyroomforu@gmail.com

AREA MOTELS:

- See attachment for area motels

LIST OF ITEMS TO RETURN:

- Application
- Payment
- Photo and list of items for sale and include pricing
- Copy of liability insurance with required coverage amounts listed (I have included a sample copy of a Certificate of Liability Insurance form for you to go by)
- SC Retail License number

OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS

- All prices for food must be posted in a conspicuous place in your booth.
- All alcoholic beverages are prohibited.