



# 83<sup>rd</sup> Hampton County Watermelon Festival

Dear Concession Friend:

Welcome to the 83rd Annual Hampton County Watermelon Festival!! Concessions are held Friday and Saturday, June 20-21, 2025. 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, 2025, 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 19 2025. Please arrive between 5 pm until 7 pm. You will not be able to set up outside of these time restrictions unless prior arrangements are made. Contact Mysti Long 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, that it will be a rewarding experience. Should you have any questions concerning the event or your application, please do not hesitate to contact Mysti Long by texting at 803-842-9428 or through email at longmysti621@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*If you have submitted an outdated application and payment, and are not accepted, refunds will be issued in a timely manner. If you have submitted an outdated application, you will be required to resubmit and you will be contacted prior to April 5, 2025, by Mysti Long,*

**You can contact me by texting me at (803)842-9428. I will reply to emails and texts between 6 and 7 PM. I WILL NOT REPLY TO PMs via Instant Messenger.**

Sincerely,  
Mysti Long  
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 \$35.00 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 plug 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:

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# 2025 Hampton County Watermelon Festival Rules and Regulations

**LOCATION:** Hampton, South Carolina

**DATES & TIMES OF EVENT:**

- Friday, June 20, 2025 & Saturday, June 21, 2025 (All day on Friday – Saturday leave by 5:00 pm.)

**SET UP DAY & TIME:**

- Thursday, June 19, 2025 between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
- You will be directed upon arrival as you check in on Thursday, June 19, 2025.  
Note: Remember, you cannot start checking in until after 5:00 pm. on Thursday, June 19, 2025.
- ***All Concessions must be set up by noon by Thursday, June 19, 2025, unless other arrangements are made.***

**SPACE SIZES:**

- Size limit --- Maximum of 30 feet. If more than 30 feet is 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 cook with bottled gas.

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However, no bottled or natural gas will be provided by the festival to 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, 2025.
- We will only accept business check, 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, 2025 via a link provided or the space reserved will be reassigned.**
- Please mail or email applications to: **Hampton County Watermelon Festival, Attn: Mysti Long** 120 First St. W., Hampton, SC 29924 or [longmysti621@gmail.com](mailto:longmysti621@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.