

WATERMELON Festival



Dear Vendors and Artisans,

Welcome to the 75th Annual Hampton County Watermelon Festival! Arts and Crafts are held Friday and Saturday, June 23rd and 24th, 2017. The arts and crafts will be located on the grounds of the Hampton County Courthouse.

Enclosed is an arts and crafts application. Submission of an application and payment of the fee does not guarantee acceptance. You will be notified whether or not your application is approved after it has been reviewed. Refunds will be sent to vendors whose applications are denied.

Due to the rising costs of clean-up, there will now be a \$25.00 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 after 5:00pm on Thursday, June 22nd, 2017 or on the morning of Friday, June 23rd. There will be no Saturday set-ups. You will need to be prepared to carry or handcart your merchandise from the unloading area beside the courthouse to your space, which will be shown to you upon arrival. Courthouse rules do not allow any vehicles or trailers on the courthouse grounds. After unloading, you must find a parking space away from the Arts and Crafts area.

All tents will need to be anchored with weights. No stakes will be allowed because of the irrigation system. Remember to bring lights and a long extension cord (either 100 or 200 feet) to reach the power pedestal because our street dance will keep potential customers in the area until after midnight.

Attached you will find the rules for governing the Arts and Crafts vendors. Submission of an application and fee(s) certifies that the applicant has read, understands, and agrees to abide by all festival rules.

You may contact the Arts and Crafts committee at scamccallister@gmail.com Return your completed application and fee(s) to

Stephanie McCallister
17340 Pocotaligo Rd.
Early Branch, SC 29916

Please make all checks payable to the Hampton County Watermelon Festival. No refunds will be issued after June 1st for cancellations or no-shows.

Sincerely,

Hampton County Watermelon Festival Arts and Crafts Committee

HAMPTON COUNTY WATERMELON FESTIVAL

RULES FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS VENDORS

1. Priority will be given to returning vendors who have a positive relationship with the festival. No trailers or vehicles are allowed on the courthouse grounds.
2. Priority is given to crafters who make their own wares. Items sold strictly by retail are discouraged and are given the lowest priority.
3. If your application is accepted, you may set up after 5:00pm on Thursday, June 23rd. Set-up will cease at 8:00pm on Thursday and will resume from 7:00-11:00am on Friday morning. No Saturday set-ups are allowed.
4. Each space is ten feet by ten feet (10x10). No anchors or stakes are permitted in the courthouse grounds due to the irrigation system. You may rent more than once space. All of your wares, booth equipment, and tie-downs must be within the space(s) you rented. No wares may be placed outside of your rented space. No loud music is permitted.
5. Each vendor is responsible for the security of their booth, wares, and vehicles. Officers from the Hampton Police Department patrol the area occasionally. Security is your own responsibility.
6. Returned checks will incur a \$25.00 processing fee in addition to the amount of the check. All fees returned after the deadline must be in the form of a money order. The deadline for submitting arts and crafts applications is June 20th, 2017.
7. You will be given a site number upon arrival. Do not call ahead asking for your space number.
8. The following items are strictly prohibited from sale as awards or prizes: any types of aerosols, silly string, stink bombs, alcohol, fireworks of any type, weapons, knives (except those that are hand made by the exhibitor and approved in advance of set-up by the chairman), toy cap pistols, caps for cap pistols, bows and/or arrows of any type, or any items deemed controversial, tasteless, or offensive by the festival staff. Any vendor selling these items will be closed down by the Hampton Police Department and no refunds of fees will be made.
9. The festival reserves the right to site and assign spaces to all vendors. We cannot accommodate special requests. For any organizations who are prohibited from having more than one vendor at a festival (i.e., Thirty-One, Scentsy, etc.) the festival is not responsible for monitoring the number of vendors per organization.
10. Violations of these rules may result in the removal from the Arts and Crafts show and denial of future participation in the event.
11. These rules will be strictly enforced in the interest of safety and to promote this event as a family festival. If you have a problem with any of these rules, consider another event in place of this one. No warnings will be issued for any infractions. Vendors violating any rules will be removed from the event. The festival enjoys the endorsement of the Hampton Town Council and the Hampton Police Department. They support and enforce our festival rules.

We welcome you as a visitor and vendor to the Hampton County Watermelon Festival. We trust that we will both enjoy a profitable relationship for years to come.



**Hampton County Watermelon Festival
Friday, June 23rd and Saturday, June 24th, 2017**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Returning Vendor? _____

EACH ARTS AND CRAFTS SPACE IS TEN FEET BY TEN FEET (10X10) Number of spaces requested _____

Registration fee: \$75.00 per space plus a clean-up fee of \$25.00 if postmarked by June 1st. After June 1st, the fee is \$100.00 per space plus the \$25.00 clean-up fee. Payment in full for registration fee(s) must accompany this application. Fees will be returned for unapproved applications. Make all checks payable to Hampton County Watermelon Festival. No refunds will be given after June 1st for cancellations or no-shows.

VENDORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ANY NECESSARY SOUTH CAROLINA TAX LICENSES.

The Festival reserves the right to site all vendors and concessions. Access to one 110-volt receptacle will be provided. Payment of registration fee certifies that the applicant has read, understands, and will abide by the rules of the festival. You will be notified when you are accepted.

Description of arts and crafts to be sold

Any special requests, remarks, or comments

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I have read and will abide by the festival rules

Applicant Signature