



**2017 Hampton County's 75th!! Watermelon Festival Pageant
June 10, 2017**

Varnville Recreation Center
361 Pine Street, Varnville, South Carolina 29944

Pageant begins promptly at 11:00am

Beauty, Melon wear, best hair, eyes, smile - \$60 - ***Line-up is first application in last out in each category!!***
We do not accept door entries. All applications, fees, and signature money must be turned in by **June 3rd**

Groups: Boys: 0-2, 3-5, 6-9 Girls: 0-11, 12-23, 2yr, 3, 4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-19, 20&up
Lineup is 1st in last out – Send in \$25 deposit with your application and hold your spot today!

Registration: Please arrive on time and be ready to go – we will not hold your place if you are a late arrival!

Division 1 (age's birth – 6 years) registration is at 10am the pageant will begin at 11am - **Division 2** (ages 7&up) registration is at 1pm! This year we will have entertainment during our intermission! *Everyone leaves with a participation gift!!*

Prizes & Winnings

Supreme Winners: Winner(s) with the highest beauty score – if you win this title you cannot win Queen or Princess in your group! We will have a Supreme Winner for ages (0-2, 3-6, 7-10, 11&up). Winners will receive a crown and title sash! This is also how we will be crowning each group!

Beauty Kings/Queens: There will be a winner per age group. Winners will receive a beautiful crown & sash. (Winner will be the contestant with the highest score of **beauty only** for each age division) Runners up will receive nice trophies. No one leaves empty handed!

Beauty Prince/Princess: There will be a winner per age group. Winners will receive a beautiful crown & sash. (Winner will be the contestant with the 2nd highest score of **beauty only** for each age division) Runners up will receive nice trophies. No one leaves empty handed!

Melon Wear: Melon wear can be hand- made or off the rack. Have fun with it show us your best outfit! Winners will receive a director's gift. Music will be provided – No CD's please.

Best hair, eyes, smile: We will have a winner per age group. Winners will receive a director's gift

Sportsmanship: We do not tolerate bad sportsmanship. Anyone showing bad sportsmanship OR Bad behavior will be disqualified without a refund!

Score Sheets: All judges' decisions are final! All score sheets are final! Please be sure to send a stamped envelope with your application if you want your score sheets after the pageant. Score sheets are held for 2 weeks after the pageant and are discarded thereafter. Score sheets will be mailed in your envelope and not given out after the pageant!

Door Admission: Each contestant will be allowed 1 chaperone back stage and receive 1 chaperone badge – there are no men allowed in the dressing rooms. **Pageant Admission:** \$5 for everyone – children 5 & under are free.

Parade: Winners will be asked to ride in the Festival parade. You must provide your own transportation and contact the parade director to reserve your spot in the parade line up. See Parade application details on the festival website.

Pageant rules: (these rules are given to the judges)

Boys: dress clothes can be suit, tux, or Sunday's best!

Girls 0-3: No make-up is allowed – looking for that natural beauty, Wear any dress of choice (short dresses) with white socks and white shoes. Instead of being judged on modeling – they will be judged on spirit and poise.

Ages 4-8: may wear any dress of choice short or long dresses. Light make-up (blush, mascara, lip gloss – light eye shadow) Dresses and makeup should be age-appropriate and not overpower the girls. Contestants will be judged on modeling, personality, beauty, and poise.

Girls 9 & up – Age appropriate make-up, may wear any dress of choice. Contestants will be judged on modeling, personality, beauty, and poise.

**If you are unclear on the pageant rules please feel free to call us or send a picture of the dress in question!
Judges will also be given these rules before the pageant when judging!**

EMCEE APPLICATION: (Melon pageant)

_____ **I am Male**

_____ **I am Female**

NAME: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ - Zip: _____

Phone: _____ - Email _____

Parents: _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Hobbies: _____

Ambition: _____

I hereby agree to hold Melissa Bonnette and her pageant system, staff & facility of where pageant is held, completely harmless for any events which occur before, during, or after the pageant, including but not limited to; theft, illness, injury, accident, etc. I understand that I enter this pageant at my own risk and assume full responsibility for my own property and person. I understand that the decision of the judges is final and unsportsmanlike conduct by me or any members of my family may be grounds for disqualification without refund! ***I understand that no refunds will be given once received for ANY circumstances- unless the Pageant Director cancels the event.*** I give permission for photos taken during and after this pageant to be used in promotion of the pageant system. By signing and submitting this application, I agree that I am the legal guardian or contestant. All information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my ability and I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the pageant. **We reserve the right to combine or delete age/gender divisions if less than 2 contestants per division.** Director also reserves the right to titles and prizes. Please read and sign the attached Rules and Regulations.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



**Please make checks payable to Melissa Bonnette c/o Melon Fest - P. O. Box 1801, Barnwell, SC 29812
Deadline for all applications, entry fees and signature money is June 3rd! No exceptions and no door entries!**

No Refunds are given unless the director cancels the pageant!



Signature Awards: you may pay for your entry fees by collecting signature or business ads. If you get an ad sponsor please be sure to get their business card, as we will advertise them on the program. Signature sheet will be on the back of this application. If you collect the following (not) going towards your entry fees you will receive the following awards:

\$75 – tiara

\$100 – tiara and gift

\$175 – tiara, gift, trophy

\$200 – tiara, gift, larger trophy

\$300 – Your entry fees paid to the pageant, large crown, directors gift, 3ft trophy with your name engraved on it, and will be crowned as our *Sweetheart*.

Top signature Winner: The contestant who raises the most money over \$400 will be crowned our Overall Signature Winner. Your entry fees paid to the pageant, large crown, director’s gift, 4 or 5ft trophy with your name engraved on it Signature awards **DO-NOT** have anything to do with the actual winners of the pageant! This is an extra way to raise money for the pageant and in return you win PRIZES!!!

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