



43rd Annual Franklin County Watermelon Festival, Russellville, Alabama

August 16 – 17, 2024

2024 FRANKLIN COUNTY WATERMELON FESTIVAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please Keep for Future Reference

August 16 & 17, 2024 | Festival Times: Friday 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Event Address: 103 Jackson Avenue North; Russellville, Alabama (look for the sign & balloons)

Be prepared for your assigned outlet to be at least 75 – 100 feet from your booth.

No FULL refunds will be issued once your application has been processed. A written request for cancellation received by July 15, 2024, will be accepted for a 50% refund. Exhibitors are responsible for any and all taxes and fees associated with their activities at the festival. This includes but is not limited to license fees, and federal, state, and local taxes. **The festival will go on RAIN OR SHINE. There will be no refunds of any kind for last-minute cancellations due to the weather. Please plan accordingly.**

No outside ice. All ice will be available to purchase from an onsite vendor (Parked near Grissom Cleaners).

PEPSI products are exclusively sold at the Festival. All PEPSI products will be purchased on site from a PEPSI representative. **No other colas/water/sports drinks will be allowed. Water may NOT be given away.**

FOOD vendors will be responsible for knowing and abiding by all local health department rules and regulations. Food application and fees are required from the Franklin County Health Department, 801 Highway 48, Russellville, AL 35654 (Phone 256-332-2700, speak with Riley Frederick | Riley.Frederick@adph.state.al.us). **Health Department application and fee must be obtained by July 15, 2024, to participate in the 2024 Watermelon Festival. Failure to obtain your application and pay fee by July 15, 2024, may result in forfeiting your booth space and booth money. AFTER you have been notified by the Franklin County Chamber of your acceptance as a food vendor for the Watermelon Festival, you will be mailed the appropriate documentation for Health Department approval.**

FOOD vendors will not be provided a water source and/or hose, adaptor, etc..

The Franklin County Chamber/The Franklin County Watermelon Festival will not grant permission or access to use any water source within festival parameters.

FOOD vendors must meet all state & local NFPA & International Fire codes! Call Alabama Fire Marshals at 334-241-4166 for more information or email Russellville Fire Marshal Justin Green at firemarshalrfd@gmail.com. Fire Marshal Green will inspect Friday & Saturday.

FOOD vendors must have a menu of all items sold with their price displayed prominently.

Vendors using gaseous tanks, of any kind, must have them secured properly.

Service animals are welcome. However, pets are not allowed. For the safety of your pet (extreme heat, loud music/noise, and crowds) and other Franklin County Watermelon Festival attendees, we ask that you leave your pets at home.

All vendors are to submit a detailed list of items to be sold. Therefore, the Franklin County Watermelon Festival/Franklin County Chamber of Commerce cannot guarantee/promise ONE sole vendor the right to sell specific brands/items from multiple, independent consultants and/or direct sales companies (i.e., Pampered Chef, Avon, Mary Kay, Paparazzi, etc.)

If the festival must be cancelled for reasons out of organizer's control (i.e., weather, government-imposed regulations, viruses, and pandemics, etc.), full refunds will not be issued due to already incurred expenses on organizer's behalf such as advertising and promotion, permits and licenses, venue rental fees, etc.

All vendors will be responsible for securing items that may be a tripping hazard on all pedestrian and traffic areas (electrical cords, extension cords, ropes/chains used to secure any items associated with your booth).

- **APPLICATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE IS MAY 10, 2024, FOR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT.** Payment in full is due with your application. Your cancelled check is your receipt. **Applications received after May 10, 2024, will not receive the discount.**
- Applications are reviewed and confirmation emailed according to the date received.
 - Applications received by May 10, 2024 | confirmation by May 24, 2024.
 - Applications received by June 14, 2024 | confirmation by June 28, 2024.
 - Applications received after June 14, 2024 will have a longer review time and be subject to a \$100.00 late submission fee.
- Vendors not accepted for the 2024 Franklin County Watermelon Festival will receive a full refund if payment was made with a check or money order. Payments made with a credit or debit card will be charged a fee according to the number of booth spaces and electrical outlets requested.
- Booth Number(s) are given at the time of your Check-In on Friday, August 16th at registration.
- *****NEW***Check-In/Setup Time: 10:00 a.m.**
Setup prior to these times only by request and approval of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.
- Food Vendors will be sent, upon Committee approval, Health Department and Fire Department information.
- No items of any sort with the Franklin County Watermelon Festival, Franklin County Chamber, or Watermelon Festival Entertainment (name/logo/artwork/images) are permitted.
- NO RAIN DATE – The festival is held rain or shine. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN DUE TO THE WEATHER.
- ALL VENDORS MUST BE IN THEIR DESIGNATED SPACE AND READY FOR THE FESTIVAL TO BEGIN AT 5:00 p.m. Friday and 9:00 a.m. Saturday. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL YOU BE PERMITTED TO DRIVE THROUGH THE FESTIVAL AFTER 4 P.M. ON FRIDAY.
- Vendors MUST NOT LEAVE until the end of the festival hours except in cases of emergency. Please notify the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce if you must leave before the end of festival hours. Vehicles inside of the festival barricades leaving before 10 p.m. on Friday or Saturday will be cited by the Russellville Police Department.
- You CANNOT change your assigned spot, transfer your booth space to another vendor, and/or have more than one business per application. Consult the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce on any issues.
- Absolutely NO ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, or OTHER NICOTINE PRODUCTS are permitted on the premises. The State of Alabama has a “no open container” law.
- The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to reject any application. Incomplete applications will be refused.
- The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce reserves the RIGHT OF PLACEMENT for all vendors to ensure the success of the Festival.
- Vehicles must be moved promptly after unloading. Due to safety regulations, the middle of the street must be open for emergency vehicles.
- Vendors are responsible for cleaning booth areas during and after the festival.
- The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to inspect any and all vendor items. If deemed inappropriate, items will be removed.
- The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce will not assume responsibility for damage, loss, or injury that may occur to the vendor or the vendor’s belongings.
- Prohibited items: Swords, knives, guns, nun chucks, brass knuckles, darts, throwing stars, spray string, firecrackers, snappers, etc. Items bearing inappropriate language/logos or symbols, etc.

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