

52nd Annual Grand Bay Watermelon Festival

July 3-4, 2026

ODD FELLOWS FESTIVAL PARK
10327 Taylor F. Harper Blvd., Grand Bay, AL 36541
Website: www.grandbaywatermelonfestival.org

Ride/Children's Entertainment Application

July 3rd – 3 pm to 7 pm, July 4th – 10 am to 5 pm

Gate will open for Vendors/Entertainment on July 3rd at 10 am, and at 8 am on July 4th

RULES

- The Grand Bay Watermelon Festival is a family event and **smoking is not allowed** in the Festival area. **Pets are also not allowed** in the Festival area. **No alcohol is allowed anywhere in the park.**
- Vendors may set up on July 3rd from 10 am to 2:30 pm.
- All vendors **must** have vehicles moved from festival area between the hours of **2:30 pm – 7 pm** on July 3rd; and **9:30 am – 5 pm** on July 4th. **ABSOLUTELY NO vehicles allowed** back to your booth outside of designated times. You **must** check in with the Event Coordinator before set-up.
- Reserved vendor parking is available on top of the hill, provided by Festival Committee. On site camping in Vendor parking is available, with prior notice, for tent camping or completely self-contained campers.
- **If you are a first-time vendor with us**, please provide at least 3 photos of your entertainment.
- The Grand Bay Watermelon Festival Committee reserves the right to refuse space to any vendor who does not comply with these rules. Any vendor not complying with rules and/or conducts themselves in an unprofessional manner will be asked to leave the grounds. **All decisions are FINAL.**
- Entertainment vendors are **required** to provide a Certificate of Insurance (COI) of \$2,000,000.00 listing Grand Bay Watermelon Festival as 'Certificate Holder' (Additionally Insured). Information for COI: Grand Bay Watermelon Festival, 10327 Taylor F. Harper Blvd., Grand Bay, AL., and can be e-mailed to: eventscoordinator@grandbaywatermelonfestival.org, or mailed with your application.
- Each Entertainment will be monitored for safety by vendor or vendor representative.
- All entertainment spaces will be assigned by Event Coordinator. Call for more information.
- FEES: Entertainment – 20% of proceeds per vendor. At this time, we do not have Sponsors for children's rides. If that changes, I will let you know. No fees will be charged for electricity.

Mail application to:

Grand Bay Watermelon Festival
P.O. Box 1022
Grand Bay, AL 36541

APPLICATIONS can be mailed or e-mailed and MUST BE received by June 12, 2026

For further information, please call Patty Tripp at 251-865-3456 or email us at:

eventscoordinator@grandbaywatermelonfestival.org

Also visit our website: www.grandbaywatermelonfestival.org

**2026 Grand Bay Watermelon Festival
Ride/Children's Entertainment Application**

Company: _____

Name of person(s) representing at the Festival: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

(Please check one or both) I will be attending the Festival on July 3__ I will be attending the Festival on July 4__

Best Phone Number, with area code, to reach you: _____ (C, H, or W)

Email Address: _____

Type(s) of entertainment: _____

Approximate Entertainment area size needed: _____

Type of Electricity needed (110/220) _____ # Outlets needed: _____; Water needed? _____

RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION:

I/We, the undersigned participants/exhibitors/entertainment, listed below, specifically assume any risk and release the GRAND BAY WATERMELON FESTIVAL (GBWF), INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS (IOOF) GRAND BAY LODGE #73, and MARTHA REBEKAH LODGE #29 from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, liability, or damages, and I/we agree to indemnify and hold them harmless from any and all costs of any kind whatsoever (including attorney's fees and court costs), causes of action, claims, demands, liability, or damages relating in any way to the GRAND BAY WATERMELON FESTIVAL's functions and/or events, whether caused by, or allegedly caused by any acts, intentional, negligent, contributory, or otherwise by the GRAND BAY WATERMELON FESTIVAL's agents, officers, or directors.

I/We understand GBWF, IOOF GRAND BAY LODGE #73, and MARTHA REBEKAH LODGE #29 are not responsible for any accidents, injuries, or lost articles during the Festival. I/We agree to abide by the rules as set forth in this application and understand that a failure to abide by these rules may result in our expulsion from the festival. No refunds. No exceptions.

Print name: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

FOR USE BY FESTIVAL DIRECTOR:

Application accepted by: _____

Date

Total revenue received by Vendor: \$ _____ X 20%= \$ _____ Total due \$ _____

COI Received: _____

A little history and information about us:

Who we are: The Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs

MOTTO: "Friendship, Love, Truth"

We are the family of Odd Fellowship, composed of Men, Women, and Youth, believing in a Supreme Being, Creator and Preserver of the Universe (God), who have come together in our local communities having the same beliefs and values as others, that Friendship, Love and Truth are the basic guidelines that we need to follow in our daily lives. Through working in our local Communities, States, Provinces, or Nationally we understand that we can make a difference in the lives of people in our World.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) began in 18th Century England; it was deemed *odd* to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need without recognition and pursuing projects for the benefits of all mankind. Our deep history in North America began with the United States and Canada in 1819, and is continually expanding throughout the World where we are a worldwide fraternity in 26 countries. Grand Bay Lodge #73 was formed in 1873. The Lodge Charter was at Freeland Lane in downtown Grand Bay. The Lodge Charter was renewed in 1984 and is now located at Grand Bay Odd Fellows Festival Park.

The Rebekah's are also a Fraternal Order of the IOOF, as well as a Service Organization. Grand Bay's Martha Rebekah Lodge #29 was chartered in 1984. Rebekah's exhibit the true principles of Odd Fellowship which are Friendship, Love, and Truth and are extended to rendering service to our communities – SERVICE IS OUR GOAL. Ideally, an Odd Fellows lodge is a place for fellowship in all its forms, from hanging out and just having fun, to discussion, to networking, to collaboration on creative and constructive projects, all with an eye not only on our own satisfaction but on what we might offer to the community at large.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are striving to make the world a better place in which to live, seeking:

To Improve and Elevate the Character of Mankind.

Do you believe that Friendship, Love and Truth should be the basic guidelines to live by?

Do you believe in a supreme being, the creator and preserver of the universe (God)?

Do you want to make a difference? **YES?** Then we need you! **Your community needs you! For information and meeting times call us at: 251-865-3456.**