

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

Fees are based on size of trailer,
type of electrical needed or use
of your own quiet generator.
Call 251-865-3455 for fee.

FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION

July 3rd – 3 to 7 pm; and July 4th – 10 am to 5 pm (or 7:00 pm)

PLEASE PRINT ENTIRE APPLICATION AND SIGN EACH PLACE INDICATED, Return Pages 1-3

Company Name _____

Contact Person _____

Mailing Address City/State/Zip _____

Day Phone/Night Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Check all that apply:

I will set up July 3rd between 10 am and 2:30 pm _____. If it is necessary for me to set up on the 2nd, I will contact Festival Director for an available time. I can restock on July 4th between 8 am and 9:30 am. _____

I will be open for business July 3rd from 3 to 7 pm ____; and July 4th from 10 am to 5 pm ____ **or** 7:00 pm ____ (before fireworks show starts). I will be open only on July 4th from 10 am to 5 pm ____ **or** 7:00 pm ____

Selling the following items is STRICTLY PROHIBITED: Watermelon, beer or other alcoholic beverages, items not approved by Event Coordinator.

I agree to only sell items listed and approved. If accepted into the Grand Bay Watermelon Festival (GBWF), NO item can be added to this list without the agreement of the Festival Director. Some items may not be sold due to product balance during the festival, i.e., another Vendor may already be selling the same items. Vendors will be informed of such incidents. This does not include soda or water. I understand, accept and agree to abide by all rules, regulations, and requirements set forth by the GBWF Director and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grand Bay Lodge #73. If I have to cancel 3 or more days prior to the Festival, I can request a refund.

My signature on the application confirms that I have read and agree to comply with Mobile County Health Department (MCHD) rules and regulations which are found on the web at: <http://mchd.org>, under Forms & Resources, Permits, Temporary Food Service, Special Event Vending Inspection Services, and can download the **TEMPORARY FOODS APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE. I agree and understand that I must apply and pay for my temporary permit to operate my food booth **prior** to June 12th, as required by **MCHD** for GBWF to submit Exemption for local vendors, to be approved, and that a valid permit shall be conspicuously posted in my booth. **MCHD** requires that food service workers have foodhandler cards. Temporary food service establishments must have at least one person per shift with a valid food handler card. (To receive more information regarding these requirements, please contact the Mobile County Health Department at (251) 690-8116.) **No food booth will be allowed to open or operate without passing and receiving the Mobile County Health Department inspection certificate, and Grand Bay Watermelon Festival Fees will not be refunded for failure to pass inspection.****

** SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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Contact Name _____ Phone _____

FOOD BOOTH FEE: CALL (251) 865-3456 FOR PRICING, AS IT DEPENDS ON SIZE OF BOOTH, AND THE TYPE OF ELECTRICITY YOU WILL NEED. APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 12th. FEE MUST BE PAID WITHIN ONE WEEK OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPLICATION. Acceptance, or rejection, by the Festival Board is FINAL. Please fill out all electricity information.

SPACE REQUIRED (with tongue if trailer) LENGTH _____ DEPTH _____

Electricity – VOLTS: 110 _____ 220 _____; AMPS _____ RV plug _____ I have my own quiet generator: _____

SPECIAL ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS (i.e. straight wired in, length of cord) _____

WATER IS REQUIRED AND AVAILABLE FOR ALL FOOD VENDORS!

If accepted into this festival you must provide a Certificate of Insurance (COI) to Grand Bay Watermelon Festival with a minimum of \$2,000,000 liability insurance. Information for COI: Grand Bay Watermelon Festival, 10327 Taylor F. Harper Blvd., Grand Bay, AL, and can be e-mailed to: ptripp524@yahoo.com.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME TO SELL AT THE GRAND BAY WATERMELON FESTIVAL PLEASE ATTACH (or email) PHOTO OF TRAILER, STAND OR BOOTH.

LIST OF ITEMS AND PRICES THAT ARE TO BE SOLD BY VENDOR (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEEDED) Prices MUST be displayed at your booth for the public to see. You will not be allowed to open until prices are displayed at your booth, and must be as listed in your application (or lower).

Price

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

**SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Grand Bay Watermelon Festival on the 3rd and 4th of July, 2026, I/we, as the Vendor/s, hereby agree to defend, hold harmless and indemnify officers, representatives and employees, from and against each and every claim, demand, or cause of action and any liability, cost and expense (including attorney’s fees) for damages or loss of connection therewith, which may be made or asserted by me/us, my/our employees or agents, or any third parties, on account of personal/bodily injury, including wrongful death, or property damages caused by, arising out of, or in any way incidental to or in connection with my/our participation in said festival, including the sale by me/us of any food/beverages, or the condition, maintenance or upkeep or any portable or stationary sale booth/trailer, whether or not said liability shall rise out of negligence, strict liability or a condition of any premises used or occupied by me.

I/We further agree to provide and maintain liability insurance, as indicated by **Certificate of Insurance (COI)**, throughout our participation in the GRAND BAY WATERMELON FESTIVAL, in an amount not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence, said liability, coverage for contractual liability assumed by me under the terms of this agreement.

****OWNER SIGNATURE:** _____

PRINT NAME: _____

****OPERATOR SIGNATURE (if different):** _____

PRINT NAME: _____

Company Name _____

Payment options: CashApp: \$GBWatermelonFestival
PayPal also accepted, **Add 4% PayPal fee**, at: <https://www.paypal.me/GBWatermelonFestival>
Or MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Grand Bay Watermelon Festival

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO (mailing address only):

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

Contact: Festival Director - Patty Tripp 251-865-3456

****Signature required**

THE GRAND BAY WATERMELON FESTIVAL BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY APPLICATION AND THEIR DECISION IS FINAL.

FOR FESTIVAL DIRECTOR USE

Application accepted by: _____
Date

Fee: \$ _____ Date Paid: _____ Date 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.