

*'53rd Annual Water Valley
Watermelon Carnival*

Dear Crafters:

Once again plans are underway for the 53rd Annual Water Valley Watermelon Carnival. We would like to take the time to thank all of the crafters for continuing to make our festival such a great event.

The Watermelon Carnival weekend will begin on Friday August 4, 2023 and continue through Saturday August 5th, 2023. A registration form, which provides confirmation information is enclosed. Return the form as soon as possible to reserve your booth space. The booth spaces are \$130.00 for 2 days, \$100.00 for Saturday only.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH PHOTOS BY JULY 10, 2023.

The Water Valley Area Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to working with you and welcome any questions or comments you might have. Please contact Zandra Walker at the Water Valley Area Chamber of Commerce at (662) 473-1122 between 9:00 am. and 3:00 p.m. You may also email Zandra Walker at wvchamber@bellsouth.net.

Sincerely,

Water Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

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Arts and Collectibles Application*

Dates: Friday, August 4, 2023 -- Saturday, August 5, 2023

Place: Old City Park, Water Valley, MS

Time: 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, 2023

8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 5, 2023

Events: Arts and Collectibles, Street Dance, 5K Walk/Run, Presentation of Watermelon Queen, Games, Concessions, Historical Events, and Entertainment.

PLEASE READ RULES FOR ALL ARTS AND COLLECTIBLES

1. **Crafts and Collectibles:** ALL exhibitors must send at least 1 photo of their crafts or collectibles to the above address. This includes repeat exhibitors. Only items shown in photos may be sold. We will only be selecting vendors with at least 85% handmade items. **There will be limitations on each category of exhibition (i.e., jewelry, woodcrafts, etc.)**

The following items are **PROHIBITED** from being sold in the park: stink bombs, Rebel flags, play cigarettes, silly string, bull whips and hair paint. You will be asked to remove these items (or similar items) if they are being sold from your booth. Chamber of Commerce retains the right to refuse any item from being sold in the park.

2. **Fees:** The cost of the 2-day booth space is \$130.00. The Saturday only fee is \$100.00. Make your check or money order payable to Water Valley Area Chamber of Commerce. Mail the fee with a **SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** to Post Office Box 726, Water Valley, MS 38965. Cash is not accepted.

The fee is not refundable after July 1, 2023.

3. **Electricity:** Electricity will be provided to the crafters. You will be sharing outlets with other vendors. You will need to provide your own cords and surge protectors.
4. **Parking:** Crafters will not be allowed to park any vehicles or trailers beside the park or the four corners of the park. Any vehicles not moved from beside the park will be towed at the owner's expense. **THERE WILL BE NO SELLING FROM CARS, TRUCKS OR TRAILERS.**

**NO MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE INTO
THE PARK FOR LOADING OR UNLOADING CRAFTS.
NO EXCEPTIONS.**

5. Booth spaces will be reserved on first come, first serve basis after the fee is received. NO reservations will be made until the fee is paid. The booth space is approximately 12 X 12. **Make sure your tent or awning does not exceed your booth space.**

6. **Booth setup will begin at 9:00, Thursday August 3, 2023. We respectfully request no vendors come to the park prior to this time.** Chamber of Commerce members will be available beginning Thursday at 9:00 am to direct vendors to booth spaces. Our tents will be located between the Gazebo and Tennis courts.

7. As promoter of this event, the Water Valley Chamber of Commerce is responsible for collecting 7% Mississippi Sales tax from **ALL vendors**. We have only 10 days after the event to file a sales tax return and get the money to the State of Mississippi without penalty. It is **imperative** that you report your gross sales and leave your 7% sales tax deposit **prior to leaving the park**. A drop box will be located at the Chamber of Commerce tent for your convenience. All checks for Sales Tax should be made payable to Water Valley Chamber of Commerce. Envelopes and instructions will be provided with your vendor packets at check-in.

Additional information

On Friday night, August 3, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce will host a Street Dance on Central Street adjacent to the park. In the past years, some vendors have chosen to remain open during this event. **THIS IS STRICTLY YOUR CHOICE.**

On Saturday, August 5, 2023 the Water Valley Area Chamber of Commerce will host a MBN Barbecue Cooking Contest.

**Please sign and return to:
Water Valley Area Chamber of Commerce
Watermelon Carnival
P. O. Box 726
Water Valley, MS 38965**

Name _____ **Date** _____

Email address _____

Name to be placed on Booth Poster

Address _____ **City** _____ **ST** _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone _____

Craft information _____

Number of Spaces _____

Number of Days _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Additional information _____

I have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this application.

Signature