

June 25th 1:00 pm

**Watermelon Chunking Contest**

@ Georgia Veterans State Park  
Sponsor: Waste Management  
229-271-8718

June 25th 3:00 pm

**Watermelon Seed Spit Contest**

@ Georgia Veterans State Park  
Sponsor: Georgia Watermelon Association

June 25th 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm

**\$\$ Watermelon Express (1 hour long rides!)**

@ Georgia Vets Depot  
Sponsor: Historic SAM Shortline Excursion Train  
229-276-0755

June 25th 4:00 pm

**\$\$ Summer Shootout**

Outlaw, Pure, Stock, Enduro, Mini Stock,  
Legends, Bandoleros & Karts  
@ Crisp Motor Sports Park  
229-938-8814

June 25th 8:00 pm

**\$\$ Entertainment: Julie Allen**

@ Cypress Grill  
229-276-1004

July 3rd 9:30 pm

**\$\$ Fireworks on the Flint**

@ Georgia Veterans State Park

Parking Fee \$5



**Fireworks Sponsors:**

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Blackshear Veterinary Hospital

# 73rd Annual Watermelon Days Festival June 2022



**Cordele, Georgia**

**Watermelon Capital of the World**



**For more information:**

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**Note:**

**\$5 Parking Fee for events at Ga. Vets State Park  
\$\$ - Fee to attend or participate in the event**

May 21st 6:00pm

(Ages 0-24)

**\$\$ Watermelon Capital Queen Pageant**

@ Crisp Co. Middle School Auditorium

Sponsor: Kristen Smith

229-322-7001

May 26th-June 11th

**Glider Practice Days & Contests**

@ Crisp County Airport

Sponsor: Cordele-Crisp Tourism

229-273-1668

June 4th 4:00 pm

**\$\$ Watermelon Classic Races**

@ Crisp Motorsports Park

229-938-8814

June 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19

**\$\$ Day Out With Thomas**

@ Georgia Veterans Depot

Info Call: SAM Shortline

229-276-0755

June 8th 10:00 am

**Downtown Taste of Melon**

@ Cordele Main Street Office

229-276-2902

June 11th 8:00 am-10:00 am

**Billy Williams Memorial Kiwanis Fishing Rodeo**

@ Buford Pond on Kelly Road

Sponsor: Cordele Kiwanis Club

229-273-1668

June 14th 7:00 pm

**\$\$ Kiwanis Club Annual Talent Showcase**

@ Crisp Co. Middle School Auditorium

Sponsor: Cordele Kiwanis Club

229-273-1668

June 16th 6:30 pm

**\$\$ This Is Your Life**

**Honoring: Mary Beal**

@ Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club

Sponsor: Chamber

229-273-1668

June 17th 10:00 am

**\$\$ Crisp County 4-H Dog Show**

@ Community Clubhouse

Sponsor: Crisp Co. 4-H

229-276-2612

\$\$ Pre-registration required by June 10th

June 17th 7:00 pm

**Watermelon Gospel Sing**

@ Grace Baptist Church 1997 Royal Road

GoodBread & Company & More

Sponsor: Arlene & Charles Holmes

229-322-6333

June 20th 10:00 am

**WALB Noon Show (Filmed)**

@ Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club

**Aired:** June 23rd @ 12:30 pm

Sponsor: WALB, Tourism & Chamber

229-273-1668

June 20th-24th 11:00 am Daily

**Reading With The Queens**

@ Cordele Carnegie Library

229-276-1300

June 24th 7:30 am

**Watermelon Walk**

@ Perry G. Busbee Walking Track

Sponsor: Crisp Regional Health Services

229-276-3284

June 24th 4:00 pm-8:00 pm

**\$\$ Hot Air Balloon -Tether Rides Only**

Tethers will be booked on site

@ Georgia Veterans State Park

229-273-1668

June 24th, 25th & 26th 6:30 am

**\$\$ Hot Air Balloon Flights**

Sponsor: Cordele-Crisp Tourism

Call 229-322-2275 to make reservations

June 24th 8:00 pm

**\$\$ Live Entertainment**

@ Cypress Grill

June 25th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**\$\$ Watermelon Days Arts & Crafts  
& Food Booths/Trucks**

@ Georgia Vets State Park—Park Fee \$5  
Sponsor: Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club

Linda Hawkins 229-401-1205

June 25th 9:30 am

**\$\$ Watermelon Festival Parade**

Route: 15th Avenue from 6th St.- Owens St.  
Cordele-Crisp Chamber & Cordele Lions Club

Line Up 8:30 am @ Southgate Shopping Center  
229-273-1668

June 25th 10:00 am-2:00 pm

**Watermelon Days Car & Truck Display**

@ Georgia Veterans State Park

Sponsor: Cordele Cruisers Car Club

Gene Arnett 229-322-1621

June 25th 10:00 am-2:00 pm

**Crisp County 4-H Watermelon Slice Giveaway**

@ Georgia Veterans State Park

Sponsor: Crisp County 4-H

June 25th 11:00 am

**Jr. Watermelon Eating Contest**

@ Georgia Veterans State Park

Sponsor: Cordele Lions Club

June 25th 12 noon-5:00 pm

**Watermelon Days Entertainment**

@ Georgia Veterans State Park

Sponsor: Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club

Contact: Linda Hawkins

229-276-1004