

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 Motorsports 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
229-276-2371 or 229-273-1668
Park Fee \$5

Fireworks Sponsors:
Platinum
Cordele-Crisp Tourism

Gold
City of Cordele
Crisp County Power Commission
Friends of GA Veterans State Park
Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club
Lake Blackshear Homeowners Association

Silver
Crisp County Board of Commissioners
Bronze
Blackshear Veterinary Hospital

Presenting Sponsors

Cordele-Crisp Tourism
Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club

Platinum Sponsors

Captain D's
Fairfield Inn & Suites
Flint Ag & Turf Division
Georgia Watermelon Association
Holiday Inn Express
Marvair, Inc.

Mike Browning-State Farm Insurance Agent
National Realty Company
Pepsi Bottling Company
Planters First Bank
PruittHealth Hospice & Palliative Care
South Georgia Banking Company
South Georgia TV
Sunbelt Ford of Cordele
Surcheros
WALB TV
Waste Management

Gold Sponsors

Ameris Bank
Colony Bank
Cordele Dispatch
Dairy Queen

Historic SAM Shortline Excursion Train
RMS Transit, Crisp & Dooly

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Ellanos Coffee
Friends of Georgia Veterans State Park
Leger & Son, Inc.
Regions Bank
West Fraser

Bronze

Chick-fil-A
Cook Industrial Electric
Downtown Cordele
Lawson, Reid & Dean, LLC
Wells Hardware & Supply Company

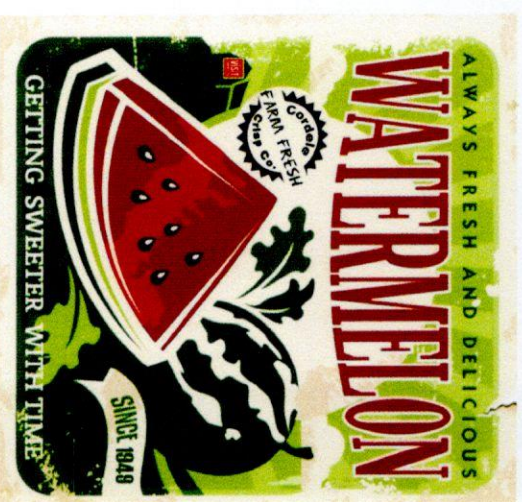
Supporting:

City of Arabi
Blackshear Veterinary Hospital

\$\$ Denotes Fee to attend or participate

73rd Annual Watermelon Days Festival

June 2022



Cordele, Georgia

Watermelon Capital of the World



For more information:

PO Box 158 Cordele, GA 31010
229.273.1668

Note:

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

May 21st 6:00 pm
(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 of Commerce
229-273-1668

June 17th 10:00 am

\$\$ Crisp County 4-H Dog Show

@ Community Clubhouse
Sponsor: Crisp Co. 4H
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. Busby Walking Track
Sponsor: Crisp Regional Health Services
229-276-3284

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

\$\$ Hot Air Balloon Flights

Sponsor: Cordele-Crisp Tourism
229-322-2275 to make reservations

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 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

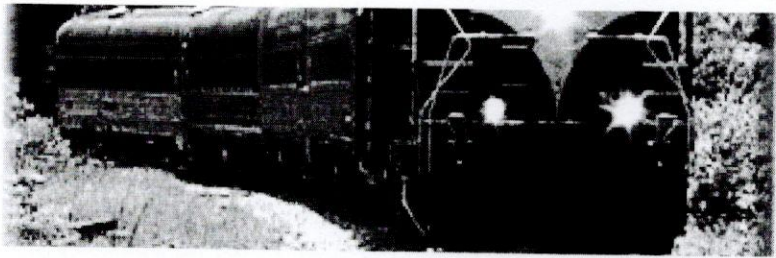
Jr. Watermelon Eating Contest

@ 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



1949 SAM Shortline Excursion Train

"Fresh From The Vine Since 1949"

June, 2022 will mark Cordele's 73rd year celebrating the bountiful summer harvest with the "Festival". A month chock full of good, clean, watermelon FUN! Visitors come from near and far to as the 4H Dog Show, Seed Spitting Contest, Watermelon Horseshoe Tournament, Fishing Rod Decorating Contest, "Wedding Game", Watermelon Chunking Contest, Gospel Singing and much, much more!

If you happen to be one of those visitors, be sure to take a ride on the [SAM shortline excursion train](#). 1949 air conditioned cars take you back in time to the very first year Cordele hosted the Watermelon Festival. Depending on which day you choose to take the 45 mile trip from Cordele to Archer, stops may include [Veteran's State Park](#) at Lake Blackshear, Leslie, Americus and/or Plains, home of President Jimmy Carter.

For a detailed schedule of all of the events of this year's Festival, including the grand finale celebration fireworks on the beautiful [Flint River](#), click on the link above. See you there!