

June 28th 11:30am

Jr. Watermelon Eating Contest
at Georgia Veterans State Park
Sponsor: Cordele Lions Club

June 28th 2pm

Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest
at Georgia Veterans State Park
Sponsor: Ga. Watermelon Association
229-273-1688

June 28th 7:30pm

\$\$ Live Entertainment
July Turner Band
at Cypress Grill
229-276-1004

June 28th

\$\$ 13th Annual Ga Summer Nationals
at Cordele Motor Speedway
229-938-8814

July 4th 9:30pm

\$\$ Fireworks on the Flint
(Food Trucks and Arts & Crafts will be on site)
at Georgia Veterans State Park
229-276-1004 or 229-273-1668
Parking fee \$5

Firework Sponsors:
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76th Annual
Watermelon
Days Festival

May/June 2025
(Main Day June 28th)
Cordele-Crisp County
Georgia



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Note:
**\$5 Parking Fee or Park Pass for events
at Georgia Veterans State Park**
**\$\$ - Fee to attend or participate in the
event**

May 1st - June 30th
Watermelon Geocaching
Sponsor: HARRIS AMERICAN
229-273-2500 Ext. 270

May 10th 6pm
\$\$ Watermelon Capital Queen Pageant
Ages 0-24
at Crisp County Middle School Auditorium
Sponsor: Kristen Smith
229-322-7001

May 20th - June 20th
Watermelon Window Decorating Contest
June 20th – Displays Judged
June 23rd - Winners Announced
Sponsors: Cordele-Crisp IDC & KCB
229-947-3350

May 23rd 10am - 6pm
Car Window Painting
at Harris American Parking Lot
Sponsor: HARRIS AMERICAN
229-273-2500 Ext. 270

May 31st 8am-10am
**Billy Williams Memorial Kiwanis
Fishing Rodeo**
at Cordele Motor Speedway
Sponsor: Cordele Kiwanis Club
229-947-2277

June 5th 6:30pm
\$\$ Kiwanis Club Talent Showcase
at Crisp County High School Cafetorium
Sponsor: Cordele Kiwanis Club
229-947-2277

June 7,8,14,15,21 & 22nd
\$\$ Day Out with Thomas
at Georgia Veterans Depot
Info Call: SAM Shortline
229-276-0755

June 12th 6:30pm
\$\$ “This is Your Life” - Frank Olson
at Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club
Sponsored by: Watermelon Festival Committee
229-273-1668

June 17th 10am
WALB Noon Show (Filmed)
at Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club
Will Air: June 27th at 12:30pm
Sponsor: WALB, Tourism, & Chamber
229-273-1668

June 18th 9am
\$\$ Crisp County 4-H Dog Show
at Community Clubhouse
Sponsor: Crisp County 4-H
229-276-2612
Pre-registration required by June 11th

June 18th 11am
Reading with the Watermelon Queens
at Cordele Carnegie Library
229-276-1300

June 21st 8am
Cordele Watermelon Road Race
5K @ 8 am & 1 Mile Fun Run @ 8:15 am
at Destiny Fitness
Sponsor: Destiny Fitness
229-513-3052

June 21st 10am - 4pm
Watermelon Scavenger Hunt
at Georgia Veterans State Park
Start @ Visitors Center
229-276-1004

June 27th 7:30am
Watermelon Walk
at Perry G. Busbee Walking Track
Sponsor: Crisp Regional Health Services
229-276-3284

June 27th 7pm
\$\$ Music Bingo
at Cypress Grill
229-276-1004

June 28th 8:30am
\$\$ Watermelon Festival Parade
Route: 15th Avenue from 6th St - Owens St
Sponsor: Cordele-Crisp Chamber
& Cordele Lions Club
Line up at 7:30am at Southgate Shopping Ctr
229-273-1668

June 28th 9am - 5pm
**Watermelon Days Arts, Crafts,
& Food Vendors**
at Georgia Veterans State Park
Sponsor: Lake Blackshear
Resort & Golf Club
Linda Hawkins 229-276-1004

June 28th 10am - 5pm
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at Georgia Veterans State Park
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June 28th 10am - 2pm
Watermelon Days Car & Truck Display
at Georgia Veterans State Park
Sponsor: Cordele Cruisers Car Club
Gene Arnett 229-322-1621

June 28th 10am - 2pm
**Crisp County 4-H
Watermelon Slice Giveaway**
at Georgia Veterans State Park
Sponsor: Crisp County 4-H