



“Battle for the Paddle”

Nereids Inaugural Gumbo Cook-off

Hosted during: Mermaids Arts & Craft Show

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Gumbo Cook-off Rules & Entry Form

- 7:00 a.m. – Registration
7:30 a.m.
- 7:30 a.m. Cooks’ meeting is **mandatory before**
your team will be allowed to start setting up
- 8:00 a.m. Cooking begins, *tentatively*
- 10:00 a.m. Gates and Vendors Open
- 12:00 p.m. The Saints kick-off against the Atlanta Falcons; viewing will be available
At the large pavilion.
- 12:00 p.m. Public sampling begins
- 3:00 p.m. Winners announced at pavilion
- 4:00 p.m. Event ends

Categories:

- **Chicken & Sausage Gumbo: 3 Gallon minimum**
It must be primarily poultry and sausage and must not contain any seafood. (chicken, duck, turkey, wild game, sausage, etc.)
- **Seafood Gumbo: 3 Gallon minimum**
It must contain seafood as the primary ingredient. Gumbo entries containing seafood of any kind will be judged in the seafood category and must be registered as such. (shrimp, crab, crawfish, oysters, etc.).

Gumbo must be cooked on-site:

- Gumbo must be cooked on the day of the cookoff.
- Your team may begin cooking after the Head Cooks' meeting, where they will receive a People's Choice judging box. (8:00 a.m.)
- Roux must be made "from scratch" on-site – no commercial roux mixes allowed.
- No roux is to be made until after the Cooks' meeting.
- Poultry, meat, seafood, vegetables, and seasoning ingredients for gumbo may be prepared in advance.
- Broth or stock may be prepared in advance, or canned broth may be used.
- Rice may be prepared in advance or on-site.
- All entries must be cooked outside as directed by cookoff officials, in the open, using propane gas or contained cooking fire. (no motorhomes, closed tents, food trucks, trailers, etc.)

Sanitation & Safety:

- Gumbo must be prepared in as sanitary a manner as possible.
- All food for consumption must be heated to a boil on-site.
- Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by cookoff officials.
- Participants must bring their own trash receptacles and trash bags.
- Teams must abide by temporary food safety regulations per Mississippi Health Department.
- No glass bottles, or bowls

Judging:

We will have a panel of judges, and a People's Choice Award for each category.

- Guests will purchase a \$20 wristband, which includes three tickets. If they would like more tickets, they can buy three more tickets for \$10.
- Once guests have tasted all desired gumbo, they will then place a ticket in each of their favorite gumbo.

Judging Criteria:

- Aroma - Should smell appetizing
- Appearance - color, consistency, the ration of ingredients; should look appetizing
- Flavor - should taste good with a pleasing finish on the palate
- Consistency - stirs like a good gumbo
- Texture - a balance of quantity of ingredients
- Aftertaste - should leave a pleasant taste after swallowing

Serving Requirements:

You will be provided with following measurements.

- Ladle for gumbo
- Spoon for rice
- Squat cups
- Three cups for the judges, which will be presented to the judges in 10 minute increments starting at 11:30 a.m.

Other Information:

- The Head Cook is responsible for the conduct of their team members and for their compliance with the rules. **THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT** – Any offensive conduct (nudity, lewdness, or any form of vulgarity) will not be tolerated! If you or your team violate these rules, you will be disqualified and immediately asked to leave.
- The Head Cook is responsible for keeping their area clean during and after the event. Teams are responsible for their garbage.
- The area size will be 10 x 10. Teams are encouraged to decorate their area.
- Teams must furnish **ALL** their cooking equipment, including tables, chairs, butane cookers, water etc.
- Electricity is **NOT** available.

Registration Form

Team Name or Company Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Contact Number _____ **Email Address** _____

Please register us in the Gumbo Cook-Off (entry fee \$100, non-refundable)

_____ **Seafood Gumbo** _____ **Chicken & Sausage Gumbo**

We need additional team badges. (4) come with entry. We need _____ more at \$10 each

List of Team Members:

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| 1. _____ | Team Captain | 5. _____ | extra |
| 2. _____ | Member | 6. _____ | extra |
| 3. _____ | Member | 7. _____ | extra |
| 4. _____ | Member | 8. _____ | extra |

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***Must receive signed registration form and payment by October 1, 2024**