


Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce

GUMBO

COOK-OFF



The 19th Annual Gumbo Cook-Off is set for
Saturday, October 28th, Downtown Crowley.

Join us for delicious gumbo, kids activities, and live entertainment!

COME 'STIR THE POT' AND COMPETE FOR GUMBO CHAMPION

To become a challenger, you must agree to cook your gumbo using a butane burner and your own roux made from scratch on-site or using a jarred roux. Teams will compete in seafood and non-seafood categories, vying for the title of GUMBO CHAMPION!

Team fees are \$75 for any participating business and \$25 for non-profit organizations. The event is open to the public throughout the day, with delicious hot gumbo ready at 11:30 am. A \$10 gate fee will allow entrants to sample an unlimited amount of mouth-watering gumbos. We also hope you will add to the event by decorating your booth. Live music will begin at 11:00 am and will continue through the afternoon. Other events and attractions are planned for the day. A complete listing of the rules and guidelines are included, along with a participation form. Please join us for the 18th Annual Gumbo Cook-off, and support the Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce!

We encourage you to contact our office if you have any questions or input toward the success of our 19th Annual Gumbo Cook-Off. If you would like to volunteer on the day of the event or work with the planning committee, please contact us. We look forward to working with you on this venture, and we appreciate your support of the Chamber!

ACADIA PARISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

P.O. Box 2125 | Crowley, LA 70527 | Phone 337.788.0177 | Fax 337.783.9507 | AcadiaParishChamber.org



PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM & WAIVER

Return this form & payment to the Chamber before October 19, 2023.

Please contact Elizabeth Miller at the Chamber office if you have any questions, 337-788-0177.

Business Name: _____ Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address, City, State/Zip: _____

Business Phone No.: _____

Team Captain: _____ Cell Phone No.: _____

- Business or Restaurant, \$75** entry fee for first gumbo, **\$25** for additional gumbo entry
 Non-Profit Organizations [Schools, Churches, etc.] **\$25** entry fee for all entries

GUMBO CATEGORY (May choose more than one):

- SEAFOOD (Homemade Roux) NON-SEAFOOD (Homemade Roux)
 SEAFOOD (Jar Roux) NON-SEAFOOD (Jar Roux)

- I would like to purchase _____ additional bracelets at the cost of \$10 each.
Note: 2 complimentary given to each team. **Everyone** in your booth must have a bracelet!!

- I would like to purchase 2021 Gumbo Cook-Off T-Shirts at the cost of \$20/shirt.
Deadline to order t-shirts is October 18th. Please list quantity next to sizes:
SMALL _____ MEDIUM _____ LARGE _____ X-LARGE _____ 2X-LARGE _____ 3X-LARGE _____

- Please enter my team in the BEST Decorated Booth Contest.

- We are willing to volunteer at the Gumbo Cook-Off. Please contact us to schedule a time.

- The tent for my booth is larger than 12'x 12'. It is _____ x _____.
*Catering style trailers will not be permitted.

Checks should be made payable to:

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RELEASE AND WAIVER CLAIMS

In consideration of the Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce's (the "Chamber") acceptance of this entry and for other good and valuable consideration, the undersigned applicant, intending to be legally bound, does hereby waive release and forever discharge for himself, his heirs, successors, or assigns any and all rights and/or claims for damages to person or property, whether known or unknown or existing now or arising in the future, which applicant may have against the Chamber, the City of Crowley, event participants and sponsors, and/or any of their respective agents, employees, successors or assigns as a result of injuries or damages suffered by applicant arising out of or in any way appertaining to the subject event whether during the event, prior thereto, or following the conclusion thereof including damages suffered as a result of any defect in the event premises whether known or unknown, latent or hidden.

For the same consideration recited herein above applicant does hereby further agree to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the Chamber, the City of Crowley, event participants and sponsors, and/or any of their respective agents, employees successors or assigns from any and all claims made by any person as a result of the intentional acts, negligence or other fault of applicant, its employees, agents, assigns, fellow team members or any other person assisting applicant with the subject event; as a result of any defect in or malfunction of the equipment or booth used by applicant; and/or as a result of any person's consumption of food or beverages served by applicant at the subject event.

SIGNATURE OF TEAM CAPTAIN:

X _____

I HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROVIDED, AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE ACADIA PARISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES WILL SUBJECT MY TEAM TO DISQUALIFICATION.



PARTICIPANT RULES & GUIDELINES

ENTRY FEE & SUPPLIES

Entry fee is \$75 per gumbo entry for participating businesses and restaurants. A fee of \$25 will be charged for each additional entry. Non-profits will be offered an entry fee of \$25 and may prepare as many gumbos as they like. Be unique in your gumbo creations! Teams will be limited to a maximum of 6 people. Entry Fee must be turned in with the entry form. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Homemade Roux-seafood and non-seafood categories and Jar Roux Category-seafood and non-seafood. There will also be an award for People's Choice and Best Decorated Booth.

The Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce office will provide 8 oz. gumbo cups, spoons, napkins and lids. **Only the Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce supplies are to be used.**

A minimum of 8 gallons of gumbo is required to be prepared for the cook-off.

The Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce will have a \$10 gate entry fee which will include unlimited gumbo sampling. Everyone must purchase a bracelet to enter. Each team will be given two complimentary bracelets with their entry fee. Additional bracelets may be purchased in conjunction with entry or at the gate. **EVERYONE IN THE BOOTH MUST HAVE A BRACELET!** All other concessions will be sold separately by the Chamber, including aluminum bottle beer which will be sold.

SETTING UP & TAKING DOWN BOOTHS

Booth spaces will be 12' x 12'. Teams may begin preparing assigned areas on Saturday, October 28, 2023 between 6:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Because of the safety factors involved, booth space will be assigned by the Gumbo Cook-off Committee. However, we will do our best to accommodate each participant. You must set up and cook in the space assigned.

Participants may set-up tents or equipment on Friday, October 27, 2023 at their own risk. Security will NOT be provided until the start of the event on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

Participants will be responsible for providing booth and equipment, including cover, chairs, tables, etc. If a tent or framed booth is used, it must be free standing but anchored, i.e. - weighted.

No vehicles may access the Booth Area on Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
No generators allowed after 8:00 a.m.

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS

All cooking must be done on butane cookers, camping stoves, etc. No other open flames will be allowed due to safety issues. Also, limited outlets will be available for cooking rice. **You may cook your rice ahead of time, but it must be ready to serve by 11:30 a.m.** Rice will not be provided by the Chamber.

If you are participating in the **Homemade Roux Category**, your roux must be cooked from scratch on-site (no powdered or jar roux) and all ingredients added on site.

If you are participating in the **Jar Roux Category**, you may use whatever roux you would like. Teams will supply all ingredients. All ingredients must be in raw form, but may be chopped and cut. No canned, boxed or cubed stock/broth is allowed - you must make it on site if you wish to use. You may cook any type of gumbo you wish, excluding wild game. Domestic duck or Rabbit may be used with proof of purchase (store receipt).



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HOUSE KEEPING ITEMS

All teams must have ingredients displayed at 7:00 a.m. The Gumbo Police will be checking ingredients between 7:00 -7:15 a.m. (Remember your roux must be cooked on site.)

An announcement will be made to start your roux at 7:30 a.m. **COOKING MAY NOT BEGIN BEFORE 7:30 A.M.** The Gumbo Police will continue to inspect each booth until all judging is complete. You will be allowed to start boiling your water at 7:00 a.m.

Team Captains will be responsible for seeing that each assigned area is kept clean, both during and after the event. Teams are responsible for their own garbage. No dumping or cleaning of pots at the grounds of the Enterprise Center is allowed. (Recycling is strongly encouraged.)

To-go bags and lids will be available. Please do not allow the public to serve themselves. You must serve them using the containers we provide.

Ice chest are allowed, but may not be used for outside drinks. The Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce will be selling soft drinks and beer in an effort to raise money. (Advance tickets will be available at the Chamber office -532 SE Court Circle.)

Team captains are required to check-in and pick up serving supplies with Chamber Staff **prior to 10:00 a.m.**

Gumbo must be ready for 11:30 a.m. Judging of food and booths will begin at 12:00 p.m. Samples of gumbo **without rice** should be delivered to the designated judging area by 12:00 p.m. Gumbo may be served prior to judging, but use your own discretion.

Any questions should be forwarded to the Chamber office at 337-788-0177 prior to the event. Your signature on the entry form is proof that you are aware of the guidelines set forth by the Acadia Parish Chamber of Commerce, and you agree to follow these rules and regulations.

*******FAILURE TO ABIDE BY ALL OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION*******

BEST DECORATED BOOTH CONTEST RULES

- Contestants will be evaluated by a panel of judges.
- Judging will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.
- Entrants will be rated on a scale of 1-4 in each area of judging including: Unified Theme, Overall Appearance, Neatness of Booth Area & Originality.
- A First Place award will be given to the booth with the most points overall.

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