

16th Annual World Famous Mardi Gras Gumbo Cook-Off

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Sponsored by Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

Gather your gumbo pots and propane tanks as Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. invites you to join us for the 16th annual World Famous Mardi Gras Gumbo Cook-Off to be held **Saturday, February 18, 2012**, in the **Exhibition Hall of the Lake Charles Civic Center**.

The Cook-Off will begin at **7:30 a.m.** sharp and judging will begin at **noon**. The entry fee is \$100 per team per category (chicken and sausage and wild game) with a maximum of four people per team. There will be three places awarded in the Cook-Off and we will be giving a prize for the team showing the most spirit (decorated tables, decorated area, shirts, etc).

Prizes

1st Place: \$150.00 and a plaque

2nd Place: \$100.00 and a plaque

3rd Place: \$50.00 and a plaque

This is always a not to miss event and we are really excited to bring it to you once again.

For more information, please contact the event chairman:

Katie C. Harrington

337-526-9009 (Cell phone)

katieharrington@suddenlink.net (e-mail)

Happy Mardi Gras!

Welcome to the 16th Annual World Famous Cajun Extravaganza and Gumbo Cook-Off!

The Details

(Anyone may participate)

1. Teams will consist of 2-4 cookers in your area...this means ***NO MORE THAN FOUR!***
2. There are two categories for teams to cook in, Chicken and Sausage and Wild Game (any kind) for judging.
3. The entry fee is \$100 per team, per category.
4. All entry must be paid prior to the start of cooking on February 18, 2012.
5. All cooking teams will keep their areas clean and sanitary. Bring garbage bags, etc for good housekeeping and soap and water to help keep the areas as clean as possible.
6. All cooking teams can report to the Civic Center Exhibition Hall to set up between the hours of 7:00-7:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2012.
7. Once your team is set up and checked in with event staff, you may start your preparation for cooking.
8. Every cooking team member will be given a special pass that must be worn during cooking. This is to establish who our cooking team members are and your cooperation is a must.
9. Live entertainment will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 2:30 p.m.
10. Clean up will begin at 2:00 p.m. and all teams and hall must be cleaned up and empty by 3:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to passing a good time!

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ENTRY FORM

1. Name of Cook-Off team:

2. Names of team members:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

3. Team Contact Person: _____

Address:

E-mail Address:

Phone numbers:

4. Entry Fee, \$100 per team, per category. Make checks payable to Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

5. Mail this form and entry fee to:

Katie Harrington
1810 South Bend Road
Lake Charles, LA 70605

Or drop it off at:

Meaux's Western Wear
3911 Common Street
Lake Charles, LA 70605

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RULES

1. All teams must report to the Civic Center Exhibition Hall between 7:00-7:30 a.m., February 18, 2012. The cooking will start promptly at 7:30 a.m.
2. What to bring:
 - a. Burners and tanks
 - b. 40 quart pot (10 gallons), five pounds of rice, cutting board, knives and cooking utensils, water, coolers for soft drinks and meat, paper towels, soap, matches and whatever else you may need for preparing your gumbo.
 - c. Meat (already cut), roux, spices and any other ingredients needed.
 - d. You must bring bowls and utensils for the gumbo to be served to the general public after the judging is complete.
3. Gumbo must be prepared from scratch in a sanitary manner. No pre-cooked gumbo is allowed.
4. All cooks must wear hair restraints (hats, bandanas, hairnets, etc)
5. All pots must be kept covered except when stirring or serving to minimize contamination.
6. All teams must keep their areas clean and only cooking team members are allowed in the area during the cooking process.
7. Pets are not allowed.
8. No smoking is allowed inside the Exhibition Hall.
9. All gumbo must be ready to start judging at noon. Your chairman is Katie Harrington and she will inform you of your judging number when it is time for judging.
10. Gumbo cooked will be given away to the public in attendance after your gumbo has been judged, not before.
11. Teams may bring a banner or sign with their team name to display in their station.
12. We will be judging for the best decorated Mardi Gras table as well. We will give the spirit stick for this event.
13. Winners for the cook-off will be announced at the cook-off and the winner of the Spirit Stick will be announced at the Royal Gala on Monday, February, 20, 2012.