Medina Lake Cajun Festival

Gumbo Entry Form

Home of the Great Gumbo Cook-Off



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DIVISIONS (PLEASE CHECK):

AMATEUR DIVISION _____ PROFESSIONAL DIVISION _____CULINARY _____

GUMBO MEAT TYPE (PLEASE CIRCLE):

SEAFOOD SAUSAGE CHICKEN OTHER _____

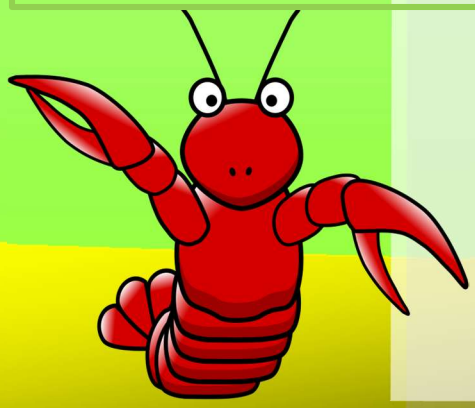
WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR GUMBO? _____

WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR BOOTH? _____

ENTRY FEE: $40 _____ CASH _____ CHECK _____MONEY ORDER

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : MLBA, INC. MAIL TO THE ATTENTION OF MICHELLE REICHLE AT THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

4th Saturday in September

10:00 AM until 9:00 PM

ENTRY FEE: $40 TO BE ENCLOSED WITH ENTRY FORM. ONE GUMBO ENTRY PER BOOTH.

AWARDS: The Gumbo Cook-Off awards will be divided into 3 categories: an amateur division, a professional division (includes restaurants, caterers, those who cook for a living or sell to the public), and a culinary division (schools). Trophies will be awarded in all three divisions, depending upon entry numbers. There will also be a showmanship trophy awarded to the booth that shows the most creativity, flair, and fun in their presentation. We strongly recommend that you participate in this portion of the competition.

SALES: Gumbo is to be sold to the public from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM or until sold out. Seafood gumbo will sell for $3.00 for a 8 oz cup, and non-seafood gumbo for $2.50 per 8 oz cup. There will also be a 4 oz sample cup for $2. Contestants will provide their own rice. The MLBA will provide you with all the cups, spoons, food service gloves, and napkins for your gumbo and a sign with the price of your gumbo.

The minimum amount of gumbo to bring is 5 gallons. Most contestants sell out of their gumbo to our large crowd before the festival closes, as gumbo is the 'hub' of our festival and is much in demand by our visitors. THE MORE GUMBO YOU BRING, THE MORE SALES YOU CAN EXPECT! Gumbo must be made on the festival grounds. The use of commercially prepared roux is permitted, and contestants may want to consider the use of minute rice to serve in the gumbo. These rules are required to meet state health requirements. All gumbo must be sold to the public and may NOT be given away or sampled. Gumbo sales are done on a ticket basis only. Contestants will not have to worry about handling cash. A ticket container will be provided to you and please be careful with it. Contestants may close their booths before 9:00 pm but vehicle entry is not allowed until after 9 pm. Contestants may donate all their proceeds to the Medina Lake Betterment Association, Inc (MLBA) or keep up to 70% to cover your expenses. At least 30% of your gumbo sales are required to be donated to the MLBA. Contestants will count their own tickets and bundle them in groups of 50. Checks will be mailed out the following week.



RULES AND REGULATIONS Cont.....

Contestants are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by Gumbo Cook-Off chairpersons and the state health department. Food service gloves should be worn as you sell your gumbo. Unsanitary conditions may be cause for team disqualification. Food must be kept at a safe temperature (140 degrees or more for hot food and 39 degrees or less for cold food) while serving, and ice will be available for purchase for $4.00 per 20# bag.

MLBA: T h e Medina Lake Betterment Association, Inc. is a non-profit, civic organization that hosts The Medina Lake Cajun Festival as its primary fund-raiser. All proceeds support the upkeep of the facilities and the community program of the MLBA, Inc.

Booth sizes are 15' x 15'. Contestants may use any kind of Cajun, Mardi Gras or Louisiana themed booth design, and are encouraged to decorate extensively and to have fun with the booth and the public. No vehicles or trailers (except cooking trailers) may be used to build your booth. Contestants must bring their own equipment, including tables, chairs, canopies, butane cookers, fire extinguishers, etc. electricity will not be available for contestants. You must clean up your booth site by the festival end, and return site to its original condition.

BOOTH SITE AREA: The gumbo cook-off area is located in the back of the property beneath many large trees. Last years participants will be given first option to retain existing space if notified by 09/01/2021 After this date, all booth spaces will be assigned by the committee.



Dumpsters will be provided but please bring your own trash bags. The floor of your booth must be covered with tarp, mats or other protective flooring. Music is allowed in your booths, but must be turned off while our bands are playing. Trinkets or promotional items may be handed out to festival goers, but again, NO food is to be given away. Booth set up will be Friday noon until 7:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 to 10:00 AM. There is no security Friday night, so we suggest supplies and cooking equipment be brought Saturday morning.

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION: Each team will be given 4 free wristbands which the team leader will pick up Saturday morning at the Gumbo Committee Booth. Wrist bands must be worn by staff at ALL times. Additional wrist bands may be purchased at the gate for $10.

JUDGING: The judging will be blind judging done by experts using numbered entries. Your sample for judging will be collected by committee members between 12:30 & 3:00 PM, and a numbered cup will be brought to you prior to turn in time. You will be given an appropriate turn in time for your entry. Please turn in a 1/2 cup sample with NO rice. Cups must be free of damage and no markings. The judges will base their decisions on taste, ingredients, roux (or other base), aroma and appearance. There will be no preference given by the judges to seafood or other types of gumbo. All will be judged equally. All cook off teams must be present at the Fais Do Do Pavilion stage by 5:30 PM For the awards ceremony. Please arrange for one of your team to remain at booth.



RULES AND REGULATIONS Cont.....

CHECK-IN: **Festival grounds open at 7:00 AM Saturday morning for gumbo cook-off contestants, arts and crafts vendors and delivery trucks. All vehicles must be off grounds by 9:00 AM. NONE ARE ALLOWED TO REMAIN ON FESTIVAL GROUNDS. Gumbo cook –off committee members will be present to help contestants get to their booth locations or give other help as needed. Please unload your supplies and equipment and move your vehicle to the parking area as quickly as possible. The Gumbo Cook-Off Headquarters is located in the cook-off area and will issue you your paper goods, ticket cans and rubber bands. Additional paper goods are available at this booth throughout the day.**

SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Medina Lake Cajun Festival and Great Gumbo Cook-Off will be held rain or shine. Contestants will be allowed to bring their own water and soda. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited and are a violation of festival rules. We must comply with all State liquor laws. Non-compliance may jeopardize the MLBA's liquor license and can disqualify you. Beer, wine coolers, and wine margaritas, are for sale on our grounds. TABC agents and county law enforcement agents will be on the grounds so it is essential for both you and the MLBA to comply. Contestants must follow Texas Health Dept. and MLBA rules and regulations.

NO food other than gumbo may be prepared, cooked or handed out from your booth. Please keep your booth clean and hands washed as you are selling food products to our public.

NO glass containers are allowed on the festival grounds.

NO animals, except service animals are allowed on the festival grounds.

The MLBA encourages a family friendly atmosphere!!

