



40th Annual Medina Lake Cajun Festival

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: The 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 size is 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 09/01/2019. 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 wrist bands 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 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.



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CHECK-IN: Festival grounds open at 8:00 AM Saturday morning for gumbo cook-off contestants, arts and crafts vendors and delivery trucks. All vehicles must be off the grounds by 10:00 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. Actual check-in begins at the Gumbo Cook-Off Headquarters at 9:00 AM. This booth is located in the cook-off area and is where you will be issued 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!!

