

Gumbo Cook-off Rules and Entry Form

GUMBO MUST:

- ✦ Be cooked on site the day of the cook-off
- ✦ Each team must cook and present a minimum of 5 gallons of gumbo
- ✦ Be prepared from scratch including roux (no commercial gumbo mixes) and all ingredients must be added on site and in raw form, but may be chopped and cut ahead of time. **All** ingredients must be inspected upon check-in by the Gumbo Coordinator (remember your roux must be cooked on site). The Gumbo Coordinator will continue to inspect each booth until the Judging is complete. Your team may begin cooking after the Head Cook has reported to the Gumbo Coordinator and has received a judging cup. The Head Cook is responsible for safeguarding the judging cup and matching number ticket. A matching number ticket must be presented to claim winning Gumbo. (Only one judging cup can be turned in per team)
- ✦ Be prepared in as sanitary a manner as possible.
 - 1). You must be willing to taste your own gumbo.
 - 2). Cooking conditions are subject to inspection.
- ✦ Be cooked in the open (no motor homes, closed tents, etc.)
- ✦ Be ready for Judging and tasting at 1 pm.
- ✦ The Head Cook is responsible for the conduct of their team members and guests. As well, the Head Cook shall be responsible for his/her team's compliance with the rules and regulations herein set forth. Any offensive conduct, nudity, lewdness, or any form of vulgarity will NOT be allowed, and will be grounds for disqualification from the cook-off event. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT! Texas Alcohol Laws will be enforced; everyone must be 21 years of age to consume alcoholic beverages. One case of beer per team can brought onto the grounds at check-in and one case of Karbach Beer will be given to each team as part of your entry fee package.
- ✦ The Head Cook will be responsible for insuring that the booth area is kept clean, both during and after the event. Teams are responsible for their own garbage.
- ✦ Failure to follow these rules will be grounds for disqualification. The Gumbo Coordinator, Representatives of Tin Hall reserves the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant. Decisions of this committee and Judges are final.

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. AROMA – should smell appetizing
2. CONSISTENCY – should be smooth combination meat/seafood or roux
3. COLOR – should look appetizing
4. TASTE – should taste good, pleasing to the palate
5. AFTERTASTE – should leave a pleasant taste after swallowing

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WHAT TO BRING

Propane stove and fuel, fire extinguisher, cooking pots, serving utensils, tent, ingredients and decorations. No ground fires or electricity will be provided. Food permits are not required. However, teams should follow all cleaning and sanitary rules provided by the Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services Department: www.hcphe.org

WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED

Each team will receive a space not less than 10x12, (1) one case of Karbach beer, (2) Two tables, (4) four chairs, access to water, (4) four passes, cooked rice, serving bowls and spoons

WHEN

January 31st, 2014. Teams may begin move-in at 6am. Doors open to the public at 12pm and Judging begins at 1pm.

WHERE

Tin Hall, 14800 Tin Hall Rd, Cypress, TX 77429 www.TinHall.com

PRIZES

- ✦ **\$1,000 FIRST PLACE**
- ✦ **\$500 SECOND PLACE**
- ✦ **\$250 THIRD PLACE**
- ✦ **Best Decorated Booth... TBD**

ENTRY FEE

There is a \$100 entry fee per team. All entries must be received by January 30th, 2015. Team member names do not need to be given until time of check-in. You can fax your entry with a credit card or sign up online: www.TinHall.com or www.OuthouseTickets.com



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TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN: _____

BILLING ADDRESS: _____

TEAM MEMBER: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TEAM MEMBER: _____

HOME OR CELL PHONE: _____

TEAM MEMBER: _____

Please register us in the Gumbo Cook-Off (Entry Fee \$100.00)

We need additional team badges. (4) come with entry. We need _____ more at \$10.00 each

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____

CCV Code _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Signature _____

ENTRY FEE AND COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY:

JANUARY 30TH, 2015

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE FOUND AND COMPLETE:

www.TinHall.com or www.OutHouseTickets.com

AND FAXED TO: 713-758-0149

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE MARIA 713-664-7450

E-MAIL TinHallCypressEvents@outlook.com

I HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROVIDED, AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE DWFD, INC. CAJUN FEST COMMITTEE. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES WILL SUBJECT MY TEAM TO DISQUALIFICATION.