

ROCKPORT-FULTON

SeaFair



## GUMBO ALLEY COOK-OFF

*Saturday, October 13, 2018*

### OFFICIAL RULES

- Gumbo **MUST** be assembled and prepared on site the day of competition. Pre-preparation of vegetables and stock is allowed.
- Gumbo **MUST** contain seafood as the main ingredient.
- Each team **MUST** prepare a minimum of 10 gallons for competition.
- Contestants will provide rice, crackers or any other accompaniment for their gumbo.
- All gumbo **MUST** be sold to the public, not given away.

### BOOTH SPACE

- One 10' X 10' covered area will be assigned to each team upon collection of an entry fee.
- No electricity is available.
- Potable water is available nearby. Please have containers to transport back to your area.
- All teams must provide their own cooking equipment including tables, chairs, sanitation station, hand washing and stove.

### JUDGING

- A double blind, three-judge system will award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Showmanship awards.
- One container will be given to each team the morning of competition.
- Remove the first number from the bottom of container and keep safe. Leave the 2<sup>nd</sup> number attached. This is the only way your gumbo will be identified as the winners are announced.
- A member of the Gumbo Committee will pick up each teams' container for the official judging at 12:30 p.m.
- No rice in judging container.
- Do not fill container to the top - judges need to stir the contents.
- Winners will remain anonymous until the numbers are announced at 3 p.m.
- How do the judges pick a winner? You just never know! We have heard it all - from delicious, savory gumbo to enthusiasm and cleanliness to customer service topped off with audience participation. Teams having fun seem to do well!
- Five awards will be given out in the main tent at approximately 3 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Showmanship (Showmanship is a free for all.)

### GUMBO SALES

- All gumbo must be sold to the public for the exchange for tickets. Tickets are \$2.
- The small 6 oz. container is 2 tickets or the large 32 oz. container is 10 tickets.
- No contestant is to except cash for gumbo.
- Ticket sales begin at 10 a.m. and end when the last of the gumbo is gone!

## **SEAFAIR SUPPORT**

- Seafair will provide serving cups, spoons, napkins, ticket container and trash bags.
- When you have finished selling gumbo, count your tickets to have an idea of what you sold.
- Please take tickets to the Gumbo Committee before packing up your booth.
- The Gumbo Committee will count your tickets and take them to the cash office to exchange at a rate of no less than 35 % benefitting the Rockport-Fulton Seafair, a non-profit organization.
- Each team may donate a larger percentage if they like to Rockport-Fulton Seafair.
- Counting tickets and exchanging for cash takes time. If you need to leave before the committee has finished, the cash will be available to you at a later date.

## **ADMISSIONS**

- Each team will be allowed 6 free admission ID armbands.
- These armbands will be mailed to you after receipt of your registration and fee.
- You must have these with you to enter the fairgrounds free.
- No admission armbands will be re-issued.

## **CHECK-IN**

- Check-in begins on Friday from 12 Noon until 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, the day of the competition, from 5 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. **WARNING:** This is the only time vehicles will be allowed on the grounds. Don't miss the easy and up-close chance to unload at your booth!
- Contact the Gumbo Committee if other arrangements need to be made.
- Event is located at the Rockport Fairgrounds just North of Downtown Rockport.
- Gumbo Alley is located on the south side of the fairgrounds.
- Use the entrance on Navigation Circle next to the Maritime Museum.

## **SAFETY & REQUIREMENTS**

- For the safety of your team and the general public, and because of insurance and state Regulations, bottles and/or glass containers will NOT be allowed on Seafair grounds.
- Each team will be responsible for meeting health department regulations for sanitary policy at your booth. Proper hand washing, dish washing and food temperature are to be maintained at all times.
- Leave all food and drink at home. There will be ample food/drink sold on premises.
- The sale of any items other than gumbo is not allowed.
- Clean your area before your team leaves. Bag all trash and place in large dumpster on Seafair grounds.
- The Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce has the right to accept or refuse any application.
- The Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, its officers and agents, employees, and other representatives shall not be held liable for, and they are hereby released from liability for any damages, loss, harm or injury to the person or property of the vendor or any of its officers, agents, employees or other representatives, resulting from theft, fire, water, weather, accident or other cause. The vendor shall indemnify, defend or protect the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce against and hold and save the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce harmless from any and all claims, demands, suits, liability, damages, loss costs, attorney fees and expenses of whatever kind or nature, which might result from or arise out of any action or failure to act on the part of the vendor or any of its officers, agents, employees or other representatives.

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## GUMBO ALLEY COOK-OFF REGISTRATION

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Please return this completed registration form and entry fee of \$35 to:  
Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce - 319 Broadway, Rockport, TX 78382

There are a limited number of Gumbo Alley spaces so please be sure to get your registration form to us as soon as possible. First come, first serve!

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you won before? If yes, what + when? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us a little about your team (who makes up the team, how long have you been cooking together, anything interesting really, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Would you be interested in media interviews relating to Seafair + Gumbo Alley? \_\_\_\_\_

For more information: Sandy Jumper [tourism@1rockport.org](mailto:tourism@1rockport.org)  
Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce (361) 729-6445

In signing, you agree to adhere to all guidelines as stated in the attached OFFICIAL RULES, SAFETY & REQUIREMENTS.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_