

# *Salsa Contest for the "Best Salsa on the Coastal Bend"*

**ENTRY FEE:** \$40 for 1<sup>st</sup> salsa recipe  
\$35 for 2<sup>nd</sup> salsa recipe  
\$25 for 3<sup>rd</sup> salsa recipe  
**\*ALL SALES ARE FINAL\***

**No more than 3 entries per 10x10 booth space/team.  
Must Register before November 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE FOR CONTESTANTS**

**REGISTRATION – Salsas Set-Up Begins at 10am**      **Number of Recipes** \_\_\_\_\_

Team or Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **OFFICIAL RULES:**

All salsa preparations and vegetables must be assembled and mixed on site the day of the Salsa Fest Competition. No store-bought, pre-jarred salsa, pre-mixed salsas are allowed.

Salsa Fest WILL PROVIDE ALL SAMPLE CUPS VOTE BOX AND VOTE CUPS

NO OUTSIDE CHIPS WILL BE ALLOWED IN BOOTHS OR SOLD WITH SALSAS OR USED FOR SAMPLING AT CONTEST BOOTHS. Salsa Fest official chips will be sold separately at ticket booth for all salsa samples and purchases. If you use your own chips, you will be disqualified.

Each team will prepare at least 2 gallons of salsa for free samples to public, cups of salsa for "PEOPLE'S CHOICE" VOTE tickets and Blind Judging for 5 judges.

Must reserve 5 cups of salsa per recipe for the official Blind judging.

NO JARS OF SALSA OR ANY OTHER MERCHANDISE OR PRODUCTS WILL BE SOLD AT CONTESTANTS BOOTH UNLESS REGISTERED AS A VENDOR AS WELL. PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU CHOOSE TO DO SO.

### **BOOTH SPACES**

Each team will have a 10x10 space

All teams/individuals must provide your own tent, cooking equipment, tables, chairs, lights, hand washing station, etc

**Release and Waiver:**

- Each Salsa Contestant, Team and Vendor will be responsible for meeting health department regulations for sanitary policy at your booth.
- Proper hand washing, dish washing, hairnets, gloves, and food temperatures are maintained at all times.
- Leave all food and drinks at home.
- Clean your area before your team leaves and friendly sportsmanship is expected from all teams and vendors

DNA Productions in conjunction with the City of Aransas Pass has the right to accept or refuse any application. DNA Productions and the City of Aransas pass, its officers, agents, & volunteers 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 contestant or any of its officers, agents, staff or other representatives, resulting from theft, fire, water, weather, accident or other cause. The vendor and contestants shall indemnify, defend or protect DNA Productions against and hold and save DNA Productions harmless from any and all claims, demands, suits, liability, damages, loss costs, attorney fees and expenses of any 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, staff or representatives.

IN SIGNING, YOU AGREE TO ADHERE TO ALL GUIDELINES AND RULES AS STATED IN THE VENDOR AND CONTEST RULES, AND ADHIRE TO ALL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **JUDGING**

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD** – Judging begins as soon as we are open to the public.

All "VOTE" tickets sold at the ticket booth will go into a prize money purse for the winners. There is a guarantee of a starting \$400 prize money this year with a minimum of 10 competitors. The more "VOTE" tickets sold, the bigger the prize money purse.

All Vote boxes need to be turned in at 6pm for the tally and announcing of the winners at 6:30pm.

Each contestant is responsible for your booth appearance, energy, and drumming up business for "VOTE" tickets. The more cups of salsa sold for "VOTE" tickets, the bigger the prize money!

Each recipe will get its own ticket box for "Peoples Choice Vote Tickets". You will fill one cup (larger portion than samples) for each VOTE ticket. In other words: The public will purchase a cup & a VOTE ticket for their favorite salsa. They will hand you their "VOTE" in exchange for your salsa. Your VOTE will go into that recipe's VOTE box. The recipe with the most tickets, wins the Peoples Choice Award and will receive the money taken for those VOTES.

**BLIND JUDGING GRAND PRIZE**– Judging will begin at 3pm (one cup per salsa must be ready to be delivered to the judges table by 3pm).

There will be 5 professional and celebrity judges that will do the blind judging of each recipe (numbered).

Recipes will be judged on a scale from 1-10:

Aroma / Color / Taste / After Taste / Texture / Heat

Once scores are tallied, the winners will be announced immediately afterwards.

### **AWARDS:**

**PEOPLES CHOICE** – trophy & vote ticket sales for that recipe

**GRAND PRIZE** – trophy & 100% of VOTE ticket sales (LESS Peoples' Choice Award VOTES)

### **CHECK-IN**

Check in begins on Saturday at 10am at the Rialto Theater. Please contact DNA Productions for any other arrangements that need to be made.

361-205-3981 or 361-759-5959

### **FOOD HANDLERS:**

Avoid food handling when you have the following symptoms.

- Diarrhea
  - Vomiting
  - Sore throat with fever
  - Persistent coughing, sneezing, or nasal discharge
  - Wound containing pus upon your fingers, hands, wrists
  - Yellowish eyes or skin with dark colored urine
- Report any of these problems with you manager immediately.*

Workers that handle food must wash their hands as frequently as necessary. Disposable gloves may be used but shall not substitute for hand washing.

The use of tobacco in all forms is prohibited within the food preparation or service areas.

Workers shall not eat or drink within the food preparation or service areas.

Hair restraints and clean clothing are required of persons doing food preparation. Food handlers are not permitted to wear jewelry.

Unauthorized personnel such as small children are not permitted in booths.

### **BARE HAND CONTACT:**

*Bare hand contact of ready to eat food by workers is not allowed.*

Ready-to-eat food includes any food, fruit or vegetable product that is edible without washing, cooking, or additional preparation by workers and is reasonably expected to be consumed in that form.

Avoid touching food with bare hands by using utensils, disposable gloves, deli tissue or other suitable methods.

### **CHECKLIST TO SETUP BOOTH:**

- Valid temporary or mobile food unit permit issued by San Patricio Environmental Health Department
- ***Hand wash station setup and ready to use:***

- 5 gal. container with non-self-closing spigot.
- Liquid soap in pump dispenser.
- Paper towels.
- Wastewater catch bucket.
- Food is from an approved source. Food invoices/receipts must be available at booth for inspector's audit.
- Adequate supply of portable water at booth for full days use.
- Waste water containers and proper disposal site.
- Booths with cleanable floor (grass and dirt covered with approved material) and overhead protection.
- BBQ and deep-frying cooking areas fenced off from public access.
- Adequate containers, covers, wrappings or other means to effectively protect food from insects and environmental contamination
- ***Utensil cleaning station setup & ready for use:***
  - 3 containers (sized to immerse all items)
  - Soapy water in 1<sup>st</sup> container.
  - Clean rinse water in 2<sup>nd</sup> container.
  - Sanitizing solution in 3<sup>rd</sup> container.
  - Sanitizer concentrate (bleach) & test strips.
- ***Enough equipment provided to hold ALL:***
  - Cold food at 41°F or below.
  - Hot food at 135°F or above.
  - Probe-type, metal stem food thermometer with proper range (0°F to 220°F).
  - Utensils and disposable gloves provided to minimize hand contact with food.
  - Workers are wearing clean clothing and hair is effectively restrained.
  - Condiments provided in single-service, pump-type or squeeze containers
  - Sneeze guards and barriers to protect exposed food and food work surfaces from customers.

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# Temporary Event Guide



## Environmental Health Department

### PERMIT INTENT & TERM:

A temporary food establishment permit allows food service operations under reduced requirements for not more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event, promotion or celebration.

### PERMIT REQUIRED:

Persons vending food, beverages, or offering samples of such products must secure a temporary event permit and post at booth.

Permits from other health authorities are not acceptable. *Illegal, unpermitted food vendors will be subject to immediate closure and fines.*

Vendors handling only unopened commercial pre-packaged, shelf stable, non-time/temperature control food products do not need a temporary permit.

### FEE'S:

Fee is **\$35** per stand and is only valid for (14) Consecutive days. *Charitable Organization Fees are waived ONLY when a 501-C(3) tax exemption from the IRS is provided at the time of application*

### FOOD MANAGER CERTIFICATE:

Vendors participating in an event more than (2) days must have a Certified Food Manager on site.

### FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATES:

All temporary event food workers shall obtain a food handler's certificate before working at the event. A certified food manager's certificate may substitute for this requirement. Minimum age requirement to obtain a food handlers certificate is 12 years of age.

### CONSTRUCTION OF STAND:

All stands must have a suitable tight-fitting, water repellent roof or ceiling to provide for overhead protection of food preparation, cooking and serving areas. All stands must have approved flooring, which includes concrete, asphalt or tight-fitting plywood or other similar approved material. If full walls and screening are not provided, other suitable methods

in protecting food from contamination, such as containers, covers or wrappings must be used. Adequate covered receptacles for disposal of solid waste must be provided.

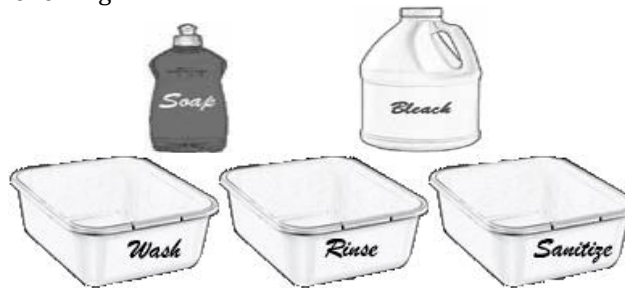
### WATER SUPPLY & WASTE WATER DISPOSAL:

Portable water shall be from an approved source and must be kept onsite in sufficient quantities for each day's use.

All waste water generated from the temporary food establishment (*from beverage dispensers, sinks, steam tables, ice melt, etc.*) shall be disposed into the sanitary sewer system or approved onsite sewage system.

### UTENSIL WASHING FACILITIES:

Those stands that do not have 3-compartment sinks with hot and cold running water must provide the following:



Three (3) sturdy plastic or stainless steel containers sized to immerse all items will be provided for utensil cleaning and sanitizing using the following three step process.

**Step 1.** One container shall be used to wash (soapy water);

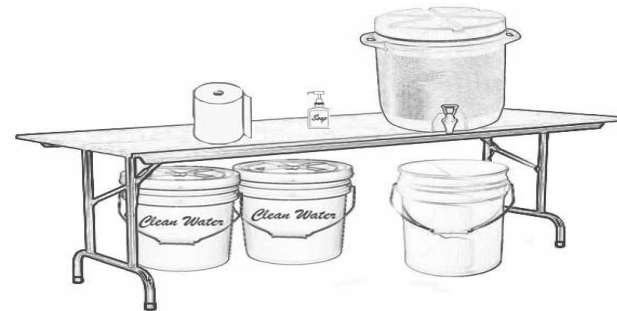
**Step 2.** One container shall be used to rinse (clean, clear water);

**Step 3.** One container shall be used to sanitize (liquid chlorine bleach/water solution). Use chlorine test strip to verify proper sanitizer solution strength of 50 to 100 ppm.

### HAND WASHING FACILITIES:

Soap, paper towels and a container (5 gallon minimum) with a spigot that remains open freeing both hands to be scrubbed together shall be provided for hand washing. Containers with self-closing spouts are not

acceptable. A bucket to catch waste water shall be provided.



### FOOD PREPARATION:

All food must be from an approved source and/or licensed facility or prepared in the temporary booth.

An approved source is an establishment that is under inspection and/or licensed by a health authority.

NO food prepared in a private home may be sold or served to the public.

Only single-service, disposable items are to be provided for customer use.

**ALL** food, food containers, utensils, napkins, beverage cups, straws and other single service items must be stored at least six inches above the floor and protected from insects and contamination.

All condiments, including onions, relish, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, etc., available for customer self-service must be available in single self-service packets or properly dispensed from sanitary dispensers.

All time/temperature control food products must be stored at 41°F or lower or at 135°F or above. A metal stem thermometer (0°F to 220°F) must be available at the stands that sell time/temperature control foods.