



2023 Madisonville Gar Rodeo

Jambalaya Cook Off Rules

Payment

Must register by Wednesday, July 26, 2023. Registration fee is \$25. Payment can be made via cash, check (contact Casey) or by credit card at the registration link:

Team Membership

The team membership will have a 4-participant maximum (1 chief cook and 3 additional members).

Cooking Preparations

Each team is responsible for their own ingredients and cooking equipment. Each team must take care of their area (i.e. water, cleaning supplies, trashbags, tables, chairs and water for cooking purposes). Tents are recommended. 1-10x10 tent is allowed. Tent must be set-up in specified area. Teams are required to provide a sign describing what type of protein is used in their jambalaya (i.e. sausage, shrimp, wild game, etc.).

Cooking Area

All cooking must take place on the contest grounds. Each team should be prepared to feed a minimum of 50 people. It is the responsibility of the chief cook to maintain hospitable actions of their team members. Disorderly conduct may result in disqualification from jambalaya judges or rodeo staff. Vegetables, recipe ingredients, and proteins may be prewashed, pre-chopped and pre-peeled. Items must be cooked on site. You may bring pre-made stocks or broths. All cooking must be done within the time frame of the competition. Proteins may be marinated ahead of time but must remain in the marinade until the event cooking time begins.

Serving

Bowls, spoons and napkins for tasting portions provided to the public and judging will be provided by rodeo staff. Teams must be prepared to serve food to the public by 12:00 noon.

Judges

Judges will be local celebrities. This will be a blind judging where team members and their portions provided for judging will be anonymous. Teams must be prepared to serve food to the public by 12:00 noon. Judging portions will be picked up from your booth and delivered to the judging table promptly at 1:00PM.

People's Choice Judging

Each entered team will have a team ticket jar. Rodeo staff will provide tickets at \$10/per ticket. The public will drop their tickets in whichever jar they deem best tasting. At the end of the competition, the team with the most votes will be announced the winner of the People's Choice contest. People's Choice judging begins once open to the public at 12:00 noon and ends at 1:30pm. Winners will be announced at 3:30pm.

Vehicles

For safety purposes, under no circumstances will vehicles be allowed to enter or reenter cooking area between 7:30am to 5:15pm. EXCEPTIONS

Booth Setup

Booth setup time will begin at 7:00 am on the morning of the event. If electricity is necessary, it is the responsibility of the team to bring their own generator.

Each team will be allotted a 10x20 area for them to work in. Whatever your team can fit into that 10x20 area is permitted.

Booth Breakdown

Breakdown can begin no earlier than 5:00PM. In order for latecomers to have samples, please do not package food prior to 5:00PM.). Taking bags or containers of food from the event site before the event ends is strongly discouraged.

Event Timeline

7:30 am- 8:00 am- Team Setup

8:00 am- 12:00 pm- Cooking Time

12:00 pm- Event Opens to the public

1:00 pm- Judging Samples Delivered to Judge's Table

1:15 pm- Judging Begins

3:00 pm- People's Choice Voting Ends

3:30 pm- Awards Ceremony

5:00 pm- Clean Up