

Hospice House

21th Annual Crawfish Cook-off

April 18, 2026

Cash prize \$600 first place, \$300 second place, \$200 third place

Award for the team that raises the most money for the Hospice House.

Award for the team that raises the most money day of for "People's Choice"

CRAWFISH COOK-OFF RULES

1. No team vehicles will be permitted into the park on Saturday morning, day of Cook-off. Anything needed for your booth will have to be brought in from the designated team parking area. We highly recommend hand trucks or wagons.
2. Set up is Friday, April 17 from 8am until 9pm. Each team must supply its own equipment needed to make the day successful. This includes but is not limited to: tables, tents, chairs, pots, hoses, decorations, produce, seasonings, etc. These items will not be provided by the Hospice House. Each team area will be at least 20 feet wide by 15 feet deep. Security will be provided overnight starting at 10pm.
3. Each team will be given ONE access pass for parking in the designated team parking area for Saturday and 4 wristbands to enter the park on day of the Cook-off. **Up to six additional wristbands** may be purchased for \$30 each. No team will be given more than six additional early entry wristbands. Communication about wristbands shall be had with Miranda only.
4. For safety reasons, no more than 10 people may be in a team space at any one time.
5. Raising money by ANY means for other causes or purposes at this event is not permitted. Teams may encourage donations to coincide with "People's Choice"
6. Only "backyard" teams may register to participate at the \$250 level. If any company name is incorporated in the backyard team name, displayed at the booth, or business materials are at the booth, your team will be considered a corporate sponsor at the \$1,000 level. If you have signed up at the backyard level for \$250 and any business is represented, payment will be expected at the time via credit card in the amount of \$750 plus applicable fees.
7. All teams must provide their own spices, equipment (burners, pots, propane, etc.) and hoses, plus any other items they feel necessary to boil their crawfish. **Platforms for level boiling surfaces are highly recommend but MUST be removed immediately following the end of the event.** This includes but is not limited to pallets, concrete blocks, and wooden platforms. **Trailers cannot be longer than the width of your team spot.**
8. No porta potties are allowed in team areas. Any team desiring to have a private porta potty brought to the event must notify the Hospice House in advance and coordinate for its appropriate placement.
9. Each team spot **MUST** have a cooking setup actively cooking and distributing crawfish for the entirety of the event. A single setup may not provide crawfish to more than one team spot. Party tents/spots are not permitted and cannot be purchased.
10. Each team will boil the number of sacks of crawfish indicated on its registration form attached, unless crowd demand does not warrant it. Please space your boils in a way that assures a constant supply of boiled product for the entire day, without waste. Commercial/Volume Boilers may be utilized to assure a constant and steady supply of crawfish to meet crowd demand if team volumes are anticipated to be insufficient. **Each team is required to boil a minimum of 10 sacks throughout the day. Do not boil all sacks at the start of the event.**
11. First batch of crawfish must be ready by 11:00 am as the gates open. Crawfish distribution will begin at 8:00 am. Crawfish must be ready for patrons, not just judging.
12. The crawfish judging by the officials will begin at 1:00 pm. Your "judging batch" must be delivered to the judging tent by 12:45 pm or your crawfish will not be judged. Special containers will be provided ahead of time. Each team is asked to provide a team member to participate in the judging process. Entries after 12:45 will not be accepted.
13. Teams may bring their own ice chests and beverages into the park for their OWN consumption only. No outside beverages will be allowed into the park once the festival has opened. **NO ONE IS TO GIVE AWAY OR SELL ALCOHOL!** No glass containers per city regulations. No containers to distribute crawfish to patrons are permitted,

including cardboard trays, etc. The Foundation will provide all containers. Crawfish is to be distributed in provided containers **ONLY**.

14. Each team is responsible for cleaning up their area AFTER the Cook-off is over. No items can be left in the park following the event. Teams MAY NOT begin pick up until the event is over. **Teams MUST stay at the park until your designated spot is completely clean.**
15. **Vehicles will not be permitted into the park until authorized by the event and Slidell Police Department, for road clearing and pedestrian safety reasons. A traffic flow pattern will be enforced for Friday and Saturday following the event **DO NOT MOVE BARRICADES**; to assist in setting up and breaking down team spots. This means roads will be one way. Please only park unloading/loading vehicles in front of the team spots and move them when unloading/loading is complete. This will allow for open traffic flow on all rows. Unload your vehicles then park outside in the parking area. After the event is over, before the committee clears access into the park, **DO NOT LINE UP AT THE ENTRANCE** after the event until the rows have been made clear. The buses are unable to empty the park if trucks are blocking the road. This will delay team access to the park for pickup.**
16. Any remaining sacks of crawfish in team spots at 4:00 must be returned, unless other arrangements are made with Hospice House officials. Teams may not boil crawfish to bring home with them. Remaining boiled crawfish after 5:00 may not be given to patrons. Crawfish is to be consumed on premises only.
17. Fuel generators are not permitted. Power is not available in the park where teams are located. Please plan accordingly.
18. Team captains or a designated team member at the event are responsible for their team members and all other persons within their team spot throughout the day of the event. ALL team members must sign a hold harmless with the Hospice House before participating in the event.
19. A team is not considered registered until both a completed liability waiver/team registration form (for all members) **AND** payment is received. This also determines the order in which team spots are chosen.
20. **TEAM MEETINGS ARE MANDATORY**. Each team must have their captain or a representative present, limited to 2 persons per team. The first meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2026. The second meeting will be at 9:00 am the morning of the Cook-off, April 18, 2026, in the gym parking lot. Team spot selection will occur at the first meeting on the 8th. Spot selection order is determined in the order of completed team forms and payment is received. Packet pickup will be at the Hospice House from April 13- 16, 2026. Please coordinate with Miranda for pickup.

Please remember this event is the main fundraiser to support the Hospice House. Please help us keep costs down through avoiding waste and unnecessary additional expenses. Help us keep the competition friendly and in the spirit in which it is intended.

For more information contact:

Miranda Lindsay, CEO
(985) 643-5470

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TEAM ENTRY FORM AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

\$250 per 4 man backyard team
Business teams according to sponsorship level

We, the undersigned persons of full age (18 or over) and a majority as participants in the Hospice House's Crawfish Cook-off, do hereby agree to hold the Hospice Foundation of the South, Hospice House, its board members, agents, and employees free and harmless from any and all liability, including, but not limited to, all claims, losses, actions, and judgements for damages or injury to persons or property which could or might arise as a result of or in connection with the Hospice Foundation of the South/Hospice House's Crawfish Cook-off to be held at Fritchie Park, Slidell, Louisiana on Saturday, April 18, 2026 including acts, conducts, things, commissions, or omission relating to our participation. We also agree to abide by the rules and regulations listed in the Crawfish Cook-off Rules which have been provided to us.

Team Name: _____

We request to be a cooking team and will be responsible for cooking _____ sacks of crawfish. We understand we are to space out the allotted crawfish to have an adequate supply available until the end of the event.

Team Captain

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Team Members

1. Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____

2. Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____

3. Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Please mail COMPLETED entry form and fee to: Hospice House
P.O. Box 5806
Slidell, LA 70469

March 30, 2026

Please make copies for additional team members. All team members must sign and fill information fully to be considered a registered team.