

Waveland Crawfish Cookoff
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023
Coleman Avenue, Waveland
11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

BEST OVERALL CRAWFISH, PEOPLE'S CHOICE, LAGNIAPPE, AND BEST CRAWFISH DISH

ADMISSION

\$25 ADVANCE, \$30 GATE ADULTS (13 & older)
\$10 for children 9 - 12
8 AND UNDER ARE FREE

OFFICIAL RULES

1. **Contestants:** There must be at least two people, no more than four, in a group. The entry fee per group is \$150.00. Crawfish will be provided.

2. **Each group is responsible for setting up their own tent and must fit in the allotted space of 10x10. Spots are assigned. Teams may trade but you cannot set up in a spot that is not assigned.** Tents, boiling pots, and any additional equipment must be set up on Friday, April 21, 2023. Sponsor or group names are to be displayed clearly in front of the tent. All food supplies are to be brought the following morning, Saturday, April 22, 2023. Water attachments will be provided near each tent site.

**Security will be provided on Friday night. Due to the number of participants, no tents will be allowed to set up on Saturday morning: this is STRICTLY ENFORCED. Entrants will have to carry everything in from the parking area after 8:30am on Saturday morning.*

3. **All participants must be ready to start boiling crawfish no later than 9:30 a.m.** Crawfish can be served to the public beginning at 11:00 a.m. – do not serve any items prior to this time.

3. **Teams choose their spot based on order of PAID registration- first paid picks first at the MANDATORY Team meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.** Please have one team member present to represent your group. If you do not attend, a space will be drawn for you. *Tents must be down and removed NO LATER than 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2023.* The Fire Department hoses the streets at 5:30pm.

4. **All cooking utensils, burners, propane, trash containers, etc. must be supplied by the individual groups.** All seasoning, corn, and potatoes are also to be supplied by the cook off participants. The entry fee is inclusive of crawfish *only*.

5. **Hancock Resource Center will provide the paper products for serving crawfish to the public.**

6. **Each group will be asked to provide seasoning for and boil no less than 150lbs of crawfish, including 48 half ears of corn and approximately 10lbs of small potatoes.** Any other ingredients such as garlic, mushrooms, sausage, etc. is optional and certainly welcomed!

7. Crawfish will be served to the public for a fee of \$30.00 (\$25.00 in advance). Wrist bands will be provided to the public, please do not serve to anyone without a wrist band. Four wrist bands will be provided to each participating group so that they might sample the other crawfish. Any others in your group will be required to pay the \$25.00.

8. Teams can bring one 30-40 quart ice chest containing beer for their personal consumption. All beer must be in cans. Beer can be purchased from Hancock Resource Center as part of the fundraiser so please do not give beer to your guests!

WINNERS

Judging will begin at Noon. Buckets will be provided for judging. The People's Choice contest will end at 4:00 p.m. or when the crawfish runs out! Entry in any contest is not required.

Award for Best Overall: A panel of up to 10 judges will sample from the team buckets that are not identifiable and score based on taste only on a 1-10 scale with 10 being the best tasting crawfish. First Place receives \$500 and a trophy. 2nd place receives \$250 and a trophy. 3rd Place receives an entry for next year's cookoff and a trophy.

Award for People's Choice: Tasters may vote on their favorite crawfish by putting money in the voting bucket at each team booth. A bucket or jar will be provided to each booth for cash donations to determine the winner of the People's Choice Award. The booth with the most dollars in their bucket wins. All donations will go to The Hancock Resource Center. Winner receives a Paddle Trophy.

Award for Lagniappe: Most Interesting, Edible Lagniappe Item Included in Crawfish Boil. Judges will come to your booth to taste your Lagniappe item between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. The most unique item, as determined by the judges, wins. This contest is optional. Winner receives a Paddle Trophy.

- The item has to actually been cooked in the boil! Food items that are made with crawfish cooked in the boil are not eligible. The entire item must be cooked in the boil. (For example- pasta dishes, crawfish bread or pie would be eligible only under the Crawfish Dish category)
- Items are judged based on their uniqueness. Items that are commonly found in the boil are not eligible. (For example- sausage, pineapple, asparagus, potatoes, etc.)
- If the same item is entered by two teams, then neither teams' item will be judged. Each team may only enter one item.

Award for Best Crawfish Dish: Judges will come to your booth to taste your Crawfish Dish between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. This contest is optional. The best tasting crawfish dish, as determined by the judges, wins. The crawfish dish has to have an item that was cooked inside the boil on the day of the cookoff. This can include pasta dishes, crawfish bread, salad, drinks, crawfish pie, etc. Be creative, but best tasting dish wins! Winner receives a Trophy Apron.

The decisions of our judges are final.

AWARDS, TROPHIES, AND PRIZES will be presented at 4:00. People's Choice will be presented as soon as judging is complete.