



Waveland Crawfish Cookoff SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

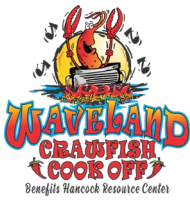
Coleman Avenue, Waveland

11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

VIP Entry 10:00am

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Contestants: The team is up to six members. The entry fee per group is \$200.00. Crawfish will be provided.
2. 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*. **Each group will be asked to provide seasoning for 8-12 sacks 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!
3. Hancock Resource Center will provide the paper products for serving crawfish to the public.
4. **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 (please let us know) 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 17, 2026. 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 17, 2026. Water attachments will be provided near each tent site.
**Security will be provided on Friday night. Due to the number of participants, no vehicles will be allowed in the area Saturday morning: this is STRICTLY ENFORCED. Entrants will have to carry everything in from the parking area after 7:30am on Saturday morning.*
5. **All participants must be ready to start boiling crawfish no later than 8:30 a.m.** Crawfish can be served to the VIP/Early entry beginning at 10:00 a.m.
6. **Teams choose their spot based on order of PAID registration- first paid picks first at the MANDATORY Team meeting on Wednesday, April 8 (this is one week earlier than previous years).** Additional sites are also assigned in order of PAID registration. Availability is limited; additional sites are prioritized by (1) VIP Crawfish Cookoff Sponsors, (2) Crawfish Banner Sponsors, (3) Boiling Pot Sponsors, (4) Team Registrations. 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 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2026.* The Fire Department hoses the streets at 5:30pm.
7. **Crawfish will be served to the public for a donation. Wrist bands will be provided to the public, please do not serve anyone without a wrist band.** Six wrist bands will be provided to each participating group so that they might sample the other crawfish. Discounted armbands for team family members will be available only at the Captain's meeting.
8. **No outside water, drinks, or alcohol.** One case of beer or soft drinks is included in the Team



Waveland Crawfish Cookoff Rules

Registration. Additional beer can be purchased at a discount from Hancock Resource Center as part of the fundraiser. We will also provide a case of water for each team. We ask that teams purchase all other beverages from HRC. We are keeping beer and beverage prices very reasonable, but this is a fundraiser, so we humbly ask for your help with this.

9. Teams may not set up additional tents or tables and chairs behind their cooking areas. This decision is due to safety concerns and complaints we have had from private landowners. We are expanding the Cook-off area and teams can purchase an additional space for cooking and guests (see # 6 above).

WINNERS

Judging will begin at 12:30pm. Buckets will be provided for judging. You must use the bucket provided and it **should only contain crawfish.** No liquid, sausage, vegetables, or anything else. **Please do not write your name anywhere on the bucket. This disqualifies your entry.** 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 stainless paddle trophy. 2nd place receives \$250 and a wooden paddle trophy. 3rd Place receives an entry for next year's cookoff and a paddle trophy.

Award for People's Choice: Tasters may vote on their favorite crawfish. Winner receives a Paddle Trophy.

Award for Hancock Champion: The Team that collects the most donations for HRC through creative ideas or activities at their booth. The public may vote by putting money in the voting bucket at each team booth and/or selling 50/50 Raffle tickets. A jar will be provided to each booth for cash donations to determine the winner of the Hancock Champion. 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 Unique Item Included in Crawfish Boil. Unique item should be ready between 1:00 pm and 2:00pm. Someone will come to your booth to pick it up. The most unique item with the best flavor, 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)
- If the same item is entered by two teams, then neither teams' item will be judged (because it's not unique if two teams have the same thing). Each team may only enter one item.

Award for Best Crawfish Dish: Your crawfish dish should be ready between 1:00 pm and 2:00pm. Someone will come to your booth to pick it up. 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 small wooden Paddle Trophy.

The decisions of our judges are final.

AWARDS, TROPHIES, AND PRIZES will be presented by 4:30.