

# Llano Crawfish Open

## *Gumbo Cook-off Rules*

To add to our celebration of Cajun cuisine, 2024 will be our second year to host a Gumbo Cookoff. The entry fee to participate April 20, 2024, in the Gumbo Cookoff is \$50 and for a donation, spectators are invited to taste participants' entries. The number of entries will be limited to 40 teams. Prizes will be awarded for First Place, Second Place and People's Choice Award in two categories, High School Competition Teams and Other Teams.

The Llano Crawfish Open will be held rain or shine. Contestants will be allowed to bring their own water and soda. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited and are a violation of festival rules. You must comply with all State liquor laws; non-compliance is cause for disqualification. Beer, wine coolers, and wine margaritas are for sale on our grounds. Texas Alcohol Laws will be enforced, everyone must be 21 years of age to consume alcoholic beverages. TABC agents and Llano City and County law enforcement officers as well as our Private Security Officers will be on the grounds, so your compliance is necessary.

Grounds open at 7:00 a.m. All vehicles must be off the grounds by 10:00 a.m. None are allowed to remain on festival grounds. Gumbo Cook-off committee members will be present to help contestants find booth locations. Please unload your supplies and equipment and move your vehicle to the parking area as quickly as possible. Please visit the Gumbo Cook-off Headquarters to pick up your paper goods, ticket cans, pricing signs and wristbands. Each team will receive 4 wristbands at the Gumbo Cook-off Committee Booth and they must be worn at all times. Additional wristbands may be purchased at the gate for \$25 each.

Each Gumbo contestant provides their own open tent - maximum tent size 12x12 (no motor homes, closed tents, etc.), propane stove and fuel, fire extinguisher, cooking pots, serving utensils, ingredients and decorations. No ground fires or electricity will be provided. Food permits are not required, but please keep your booth clean and hands washed as you are selling food products to our public. No food other than gumbo may be prepared or handed out from your booth. Contestants must follow Texas Health Dept. and these rules and regulations. The Head Cook will be responsible for insuring that the booth area is kept clean, both during and after the event, and return your site to its original condition. Teams are responsible for placing their own garbage in the proper receptacles.

The Head Cook is responsible for the conduct of their team members and guests and compliance with the rules and regulations. Any offensive conduct, nudity, lewdness, or any form of vulgarity will NOT be allowed. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT!

Gumbo Roux must be cooked on site the day of the cook-off beginning at 7:00 a.m. Gumbo and Roux MUST be prepared at the cook site and not prepared in advance. Please furnish your own water for cooking purposes. Water for cleaning purposes will be provided at several locations.

You must prepare 4 gallons of gumbo to serve. Gumbo is to be sold to the public from 11:00 a.m. until sold out. The more gumbo you bring, the more sales you can expect! Gumbo samples will sell for \$2 each and \$4 for a small cup. Contestants will provide their own rice. All gumbo must be sold to the public and may NOT be given away or sampled without charge.

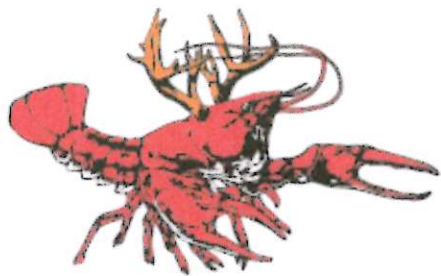
Sample cups, bowls, spoons, paper goods, ticket cans, and pricing signs will be provided as well as a covered styrofoam bowl for your sample. Gumbo sales are done on a ticket basis only. Contestants will not have to worry about handling cash. A ticket container will be provided to you and please be careful with it. Contestants will count their own tickets and bundle them in groups of 50. Checks will be mailed out the following week. Contestants may donate all of their proceeds to the Llano Crawfish Open or keep up to 70% to cover your expenses. At least 30% of your gumbo sales are required to be donated to the Llano Crawfish Open. The Llano Crawfish Open, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that hosts the Llano Crawfish Open festival as its primary fundraiser. All proceeds support Llano County Charities.

Judging - Gumbo samples submission time is 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be collected by Gumbo Cook-off Committee members. Please turn in a sample with NO rice and NO potato salad.. Your team number will be written on the side of the bowl. The judging will be blind judging done by experts using numbered entries.

Winners will be announced at 5:00 p.m. under the Robinson Park Pavilion. It is necessary that you attend the award ceremony, leaving one member of your team to remain in the booth.

Contact for entry information is Mike Methvin 325/247-6476 or the Office of the Llano Crawfish Open 325/247-2270. Entry form may be printed below and mailed to Llano Crawfish Open, 303 Hwy. 71 East, Llano, Texas 78643. All entries must be received by April 15, 2024.

Lodging information for this area is available elsewhere on this website or by contacting the Llano Chamber of Commerce 325/247-5354 or by email [llanochamberinfo@llanochamber.org](mailto:llanochamberinfo@llanochamber.org)



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## *Gumbo Cook-off Entry Form*

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

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

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

Home or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Competition Team \_\_\_\_\_ Other Teams

**Please register us in the Gumbo Cook-Off (Entry Fee \$50.00)  
to be held Saturday, April 20, 2024**

**We will need additional wristbands for entry into the festival. Four (4)  
come with entry. We will need \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25.00 each.**

**Payment should accompany this application. Please make check or money  
order payable to Llano Crawfish Open and mail to:**

**Llano Crawfish Open  
c/o Mike Methvin  
303 Hwy. 71 East  
Llano, Texas 78643**

**For more information, please contact:**

<b>Mike Methvin (Cell)</b>	<b>325/247-6476</b>
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