



Texas Crab Festival Gumbo Cookoff  
Saturday, May 11, 2024  
Entry Form - One Per Team

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Each team receives an Official 2024 Texas Crab Festival Gumbo Cookoff T-Shirt. Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL  
Extra shirts are available for \$20 (must be ordered by August 15, 2024).

**\$25 Entry fee per gumbo team**

Registration must be received by **Monday, May 6, 2024**

(Registration will be limited to the first 10 teams)

**Mail this Registration Form and payment to:**

**Texas Crab Festival Charities,  
P.O. Box 2002, Crystal Beach, TX 77650**



Please read the Rules and Regulations. The Team captain is responsible for ensuring that all team members read and adhere to all the guidelines during the Texas Crab Festival Cook-off. By signing below, the team captain agrees that all team members have read and understand the rules and regulations for the cook-off.

*The Texas Crab Festival Charities Gumbo Cook-off 2024, it's officers, agents, employees and other representatives shall not be held liable for, and they are hereby released from liability for, any damages, loss, harm or injury to the person or property of the cook-off, any of its officers, agents, volunteers or other representatives, resulting from theft, fire, water, weather, accident or other cause. Cook-off participants hold The Texas Crab Festival Charities Gumbo Cook-off 2024 harmless from any claims, demands, suits, liability, damages, loss costs, attorney fees and expenses of whatever kind or nature, which might result from or arise from any action or failure to act on the part of the cook-off participant or any of its officers, agents, employees or other representatives.*

Team Captain Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Official Rules and Regulations

**Team Captain:** Each team will designate a team captain, who is responsible for seeing that each assigned area is kept clean, that a judging sample is taken to the judging table and that all team members have read and understand these rules and regulations.

**Check-in:** Check in and set up begins at **7:00 am**. A Gumbo Cook-off representative will be at the appropriate gate to show teams to their cooking area. The team captain and two team members will be admitted to the Festival free of charge. Additional members may assist the team at the cookoff but will be required to pay admission if they want to enter the festival (15 yrs. and under are free). The park opens to the public at 10:00 am. All teams must be checked in by 9:30 am.

**Space:** The cookoff will be held on the concrete surface under the Pavilion. Each team will have a 10' x 10' space. Teams must provide their own tables, canopies are optional. All teams must bring all supplies necessary for cooking. The Texas Crab Festival Charities will not be responsible for supplying utensils, pots, pans, burners, etc. **Each Team will be provided a hand washing station consisting of a 5-gallon cooler with a continuous flow spout and a bucket to catch the wash water. A three-tub utensil washing station will also be provided.**

**Gumbo:** All fresh food cooking and preparation for the event must be done on premise the day of event, including roux and stock unless purchased commercially. In keeping with the Texas Crab Festival theme, each gumbo must include crab. All other ingredients are at the teams' discretion. Each team shall furnish 4 gallons of gumbo and provide sufficient rice. Teams will provide samples to the public. Those sampling the gumbo will be given a ticket to vote on their favorite gumbo. The public tasting will take place from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (or until the gumbo runs out).

**Supplied Items:** The Texas Crab Festival will provide sampling cups, utensils, napkins and judges' sampling cups.

**Judging:** Numbered containers for the judging will be provided by the Texas Crab Festival Charities at approximately **11:30 am**. A team captain is required to deliver the numbered sample to the judging area by 12:00 noon. The judging area will be communicated to each Team Captain the morning of the event. The winners of the cook-off will be announced at approximately 2:00 pm. All decisions by the judges are final. The judges will give each gumbo a score between **1 and 10**. The judging criteria are as follows:

- Appearance – has a good gumbo-roux color
- Aroma – must smell appetizing
- Consistency – stirs like a good gumbo – thickness of base, etc.
- Texture – balanced quantity of ingredients
- Flavor – tastes like a good gumbo, pleasing to the palate

Cooking conditions are subject to inspection. Failure to follow these rules will be grounds for disqualification. Any changes to these official rules and regulations will be communicated to Teams in advance of the event.

**Awards:** Awards will be given in the following categories:

- People's Choice – Trophy and Free Entry for the **2025** Texas Crab Festival Charity Gumbo Cook-off
- Judges Awards – 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies + cash awards.

**Alcoholic Beverages:** All alcoholic beverages must be purchased at the event. Each team will receive 5 beer tokens.

\*\*The Galveston County Temporary Food Establishment Permit must be completed and submitted to the Galveston County Health Department. *A link to the form is provided on the Texas Crab Festival website.* There is no additional fee for this permit. A Health Department representative will contact you in advance of the event to ensure you understand the health department guidelines. Get your permit early. Late entrants (within 2 days of the event) will have to pay a \$25 fee. Your permit must be displayed at the festival.

**Questions:** If you have questions about the registration form or the rules or regulations, please contact the cookoff representative, Bob Currie 254-718-8900 (text only, no calls)