



2016 [👑]Cash [👑]Saver [👑]Gumbo [👑]Cook-off

January 29, 2016

Dear Cook-Off Contestant,

Please find enclosed the Cash Saver Gumbo Cook-Off Entry Form for Rajun Cajun 2016. We hope you are as excited about the event as we are. Everyone had a great time last year!

Please send your completed entry and fee in as soon as possible. Tent spaces are assigned on a first-come basis and the number of teams is limited. The entry fee of \$250 includes an 8' x 10' under-tent space, one (1) eight-foot table, and five (5) badges. As in previous years, a badge is required if you are behind cooking table.

All teams registered before March 1st will be entered to win a \$50 Cash Saver gift card!

Upon receipt of your completed entry and fee, you will be assigned a team slot. As always, there is a maximum of 24 slots and spaces are filled on a first-come basis. Official rules are enclosed along with two acknowledgment/release forms which need to be signed and returned with your entry and check. **Note:** Memphis Fire Department requires each team to bring their own, individual fire extinguisher.

If you have any questions regarding this year's contest, please contact Angela Meekins at 901-577-2500 x 1119. We really appreciate your support as Porter-Leath continues to grow, now serving over 12,000 local children and their families. Your participation directly helps programs that empower children and families to achieve a healthy, optimal, and independent lifestyle.

Hope to see you Sunday, April 17th!

Sincerely,

Rob Hughes
Development Director

CONTEST:	Sunday, April 17, 2016
PLACE:	Riverside Drive, between Union & Beale
ARRIVAL:	8:30 a.m. NOT BEFORE! No later than 10:00 a.m.



Contestant No. _____

Cash Saver Gumbo Cook-off

TEAM REGISTRATION

Head Cook: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone #:() _____ Cell #: () _____

Team Name: _____

Entry Fee: Per Team (Non-Refundable) \$250.00

Extra Badges - \$10.00 each. Badges are your passes to the cooking area – No person is allowed behind cook's table without a badge!
Five [5] badges are included with the Entry Fee (1-Head Cook's badge and 4-assistant badges) \$ _____

Eight (8) foot tables - \$20.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL tendered with this Entry Form \$

A follow-up letter with event information, schedule of events and instructions/ rules/requirements will be mailed after receipt of this completed form and full entry fee check, money order, or credit card (call Angela Meekins at 901-577-2500 x 1119 for CC payments) [please do not mail cash].

The number of team spaces is LIMITED – ACT NOW TO ENSURE YOU WILL HAVE A SPACE IN THE 2016 Cash Saver Gumbo Cook-Off! YOU DO NOT HAVE A SPACE UNTIL YOUR ENTRY FEE IS RECEIVED! A cook space will be assigned as Entry form/check is received.

Mail fully-completed Entry form and check to:
Porter-Leath
ATTN: Angela Meekins
868 North Manassas
Memphis, TN 38107

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Team/Cook Release and Hold Harmless

Printed Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone #s: _____

The undersigned participant states that:

- I desire that my team participate in Porter-Leath's Rajun Cajun Gumbo Cook-Off.
- I acknowledge that I am the team captain/head cook.
- I acknowledge that our team's participation in this event is voluntary.
- I acknowledge and verify that I am of legal age.
- It is understood that the event may present some risk to participants.
- Our team and individual members participating on our team will hold harmless the sponsor and all associates/staff/vendors associated with the sponsor from and for any and all injuries, damages and/or costs that we may incur as a result of this event.
- I understand that I am responsible for the actions, attire and behavior of my team members during this event.
- We understand and agree that both still and video photography may be taken during the event including, but not limited to, the event in which we choose to participate.
- We understand and agree that all or any portion of such festival pictures/ videos are the sole property of the event organizers and sponsors and we authorize the use of such pictures and videos for any legal purpose as the organizers and/or sponsor may deem appropriate.
- We understand and agree that we will not receive any compensation for such event pictures or videos.
- We do not authorize any person or entity other than sponsor/organizers /media and/or their employees/ agents to release any event pictures or videos in which we may appear to any other persons/organizations.

Team Captain / Head Cook

Date: _____, 2016

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Benefiting Porter-Leath
April 17, 2016

Cash Saver Gumbo Cook-off

RULES

1. True Gumbo is defined as any kind of seafood or shellfish or any combination thereof, cooked with various spices and vegetables and served similar to a soup/stew. We are judging seafood gumbo. You may add duck, sausage, etc. but the gumbo is judged as seafood.
2. No ingredient (including the roux) may be pre-cooked or treated in any way prior to arrival, check-in, receipt of team number and setup of team cook space. Exceptions are canned tomato products and frozen or canned vegetables.
3. Actual cooking period will be a minimum of two (2) hours and a maximum of four (4) hours. **TEAM MUST FURNISH and DISPLAY OPERABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER. [MFD]**
4. There will be a required Cook's Meeting [10:45 a.m. in Judging Tent] and attendance is mandatory for each team captain OR head cook. At that time, final instructions will be given by the Gumbo Contest Manager.
5. Cooks and assistants will be allowed to prep ingredients/gumbo prior to the Cook's Meeting at 10:45 a.m. and the contest officially begins at noon when the Festival opens to the public.
6. Teams must supply their own stoves, pots, utensils, ingredients, extra tables and any material for booths. **NO ELECTRICITY IS AVAILABLE. Per MFD, NO GAS TANKS OF ANY TYPE WILL BE ALLOWED UNDER THE TENTED AREAS** so bring sufficient tank hose to run/reach outside [behind] each cooking area.
7. Each team will be provided a space of approximately 8'x20' for their cooking area. Spaces will be assigned and teams will receive their space numbers at the Judges' Tent at check-in [8:30-10:00a.m.]. Each team will receive one 8-foot table for their space.
8. Teams will be permitted to set up their equipment, supplies, decorations, etc. anytime AFTER SIGN-IN at 8:30 a.m. or BEFORE 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. **ALL VEHICLES MUST BE REMOVED FROM TENT AREA IMMEDIATELY AFTER OFF-LOADING** and not later than 10:00 a.m.
9. Each team must cook a minimum of one (1) gallon of gumbo – once first Judges' tasting is completed, each team must **RESERVE** additional gumbo for finalists' judging.



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10. Each team will be permitted a maximum of eight (8) cooks/assistants in their cooking area. Each team receives five (5) badges (including the Captain's badge) at check-in time. Extra badges may be purchased ONLY at time Cook-Off Entry Form is filed an entry fee paid. **ONLY THOSE WITH OFFICIAL BADGES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE COOKING AREA [behind the table] AND TO PARTICIPATE IN TEAM ACTIVITES.**
11. Each team will be assigned a Team Number by the Contest Manager and be given officially numbered bowls for judging samples. All teams must ensure that the # on each bowl matches their team's secret judging #. **Keep your # confidential!**
12. The first place team's recipe shall become public domain - outside the realm of Copyright - and shall include all ingredients/techniques/methodology used in the competition. 1st Prize will **NOT** be awarded until a legible, printed and accurate copy of the recipe is submitted to Judy Rautine upon the announcement of the winners.
13. Decorations are permitted; however, all teams are instructed to respect spectators/visitors/other contestants and their walkway/views and tables must not be moved into walkway. There is no showmanship judging.
14. A minimum of five (5) bowls of each team's gumbo will be delivered to Judges' area at exact time listed on individual team's Judging Slip. **Hold enough gumbo back** for a second tasting, as there is a preliminary judging and a finalist judging.
15. The decision of the Judges is FINAL and will be announced from the Main Stage.
16. **NO misconduct will be tolerated. Disqualification from the Cook-Off and immediate expulsion from the Festival area is the penalty for teams failing to conform to general good sense, sportsmanship and proper behavior.**
17. Beer will be sold at the event. **HARD LIQUOR AND ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE NOT PERMITTED.** Teams may **NOT** bring beer onto Festival property. **NO PETS!**
18. Garbage bags and boxes will be furnished – please use them. **Each team is responsible for clean-up of their area and removal of everything brought onto the Festival property when the Cook-Off is closed at 6PM.**
19. Teams may **NOT** give away or sell product/food/beverages to spectators. This is a Health Department Rule!
20. The entry fee of \$250.00 is non-refundable and must be paid in full upon each team's completion and delivery of their Entry Application to Porter-Leath for valid entry into the Gumbo Cook-Off contest and assignment of cooking space and team number.
21. The head cook winning this year's event will automatically be a Judge next year.

DAY: SUNDAY
DATE: APRIL 17, 2016

ARRIVE: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Riverside Drive
at Union

