



Port O'Connor Chamber of Commerce 6th Annual Crawfish Festival & Cook-off April 28, 2018

**Crawfish Categories are Best Boiled Crawfish, Best Side Dish,
Best Bloody Mary, and Best Decorated Booth
Registration Deadline is April 1, 2018, or \$30 Late Fee**

Teams:

Each cooking team should have one designated captain, and will be permitted a **maximum of 5 cooks/assistants** in their cooking area. **Each team will receive 1 free participant T-shirt at check-in. Up to 5 additional T-shirts may be purchased for \$12 each.** Shirts should be ordered at the time of application. Due to TABC rules, teams must purchase all beer from the Chamber. Prices and brands will be made available to team captains for pre-order at a later date.

Set Up:

Check in time will be from **7:00-10:00 AM**, on morning of event. All cooking teams will be permitted to set up their equipment, decorations and other facilities any time after checking in. Team space will be assigned by the Chamber and all tents should be contained to the designated marked area. Teams will be responsible for furnishing their own equipment, generators for electricity and or propane cookers, utensils, ingredients, tables, tents/canopies, and any material for booths or special decorations. Prices and brands will be made later for orders. **All vehicles should be out of the fenced area by 10:00am.**

Contests:

Crawfish - All cookers must provide their own crawfish. Each team must cook a minimum of 1 sack of boiled crawfish, reserving 1 lb. for the cook off entry for Judge tasting. A maximum of 3 total sacks is permitted for cooking by the team. As part of this fundraising event, Crawfish will be sold by the Chamber of Commerce. All crawfish samples must be ready for judging by 2:00 pm. Each team will be given a container with a matching ticket attached so that all entries are confidential. **Please make sure that you retain your ticket, as winners will be announced by the winning ticket number. Must have ticket and be present at awards to accept.**

Cajun Side Dish can be any dish, but **MUST** contain crawfish. All side dishes should be labeled with the name of the dish and ready for judging by 3:00 pm. Again, each participating team will be given a container with a matching ticket attached so that all entries are confidential. **Please make sure that you retain your ticket, as winners will be announced by the winning ticket number. Must have ticket and be present at awards to accept.**

Bloody Mary Contest - \$10 registration fee and application can be made at time of registration or check in. All entries will be judged on taste and presentation. Ingredients may be premixed and must contain Vodka as the only alcohol ingredient. Drinks do not need to contain alcohol; Virgin Mary's are allowed. Presentation drink may be in

any container; however, no distinguishable marked containers will be permitted with the name of the team or team logo. An additional 32 oz. must be submitted for judges tasting, and containers will be provided. All entries must be ready by 12:00 noon. Participants will be responsible for picking up their presentation containers from the judging area by 2 pm. **Please make sure that you retain your ticket, as winners will be announced by the winning ticket number. Must have ticket and be present at awards to accept.**

People's Choice Award – This people's choice contest will be open to the public from 12:00 am – 5:00 pm. Anyone can receive a wristband for \$20 donation, and receive 5 tokens. The wristband will allow that person to sample crawfish at each booth. The purchaser will leave his tokens at whatever team(s) they choose to vote on. The team with the most tokens wins that award. A ticketed cup for each entry will be provided to each team for the deposit of tokens. Cookers should ensure that they have crawfish for participants to taste as early as 12:00 noon. Please only let them sample a small amount

Decorating - Teams are encouraged to creatively decorate their booth! All teams are instructed to respect the spectators/visitors with tasteful decorations. An award will be given for the best decorated booth. Judging will be done at a random time between 12:00 and 4:00 pm.

All decisions by the Judges are final and will be announced on stage. Winners must be present with tickets to accept awards.

Misconduct will not be tolerated. Disqualification from the cook-off and immediate expulsion from the park is the penalty for teams failing to conform to general good sense, sportsmanship, proper behavior and park rules.

NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE EVENT; BEER MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE PAVILLION. PLEASE BE AWARE, GLASS BOTTLES ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN KING FISHER PARK.

Clean up:

Each team is responsible for cleaning up their area, including trash and removal of all items at the conclusion of the cook-off at 7:00 pm. **Please ensure that all food items are disposed of properly in trash containers. Failure to comply with clean up rules will result in failure to participate in future events.**

Please contact Chairpersons, Darla Parker at darla611@aol.com or Mary Jo Walker at shrimper@tisd.net with any questions concerning this event.