



# Port O'Connor Chamber of Commerce 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Crawfish Festival & Cook-off Saturday, April 25, 2020

**Crawfish Categories are Best Boiled Crawfish, Best Side Dish,  
Best Bloody Mary, and Best Decorated Booth  
Registration Deadline is April 1, 2020, or \$30 Late Fee, if space available**

## **Teams:**

Each cooking team will have one designated captain and will be permitted an additional 5 cooks/assistants in their cooking area. Each team will receive 6 paid wrist bands. Any additional wrist bands may be pre-purchased upon registration or purchased at the gate at \$5 each. Everyone should be wearing a wristband.

Each team will receive 1 free captains T-shirt at check-in. Additional T-shirts may be pre-purchased upon registration for \$15 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 closer to 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. **Each team shall be required to have a fire extinguisher. All vehicles should be out of the fenced area by 10:00 am. If you are bringing a vehicle in to unload, please do so quickly by unloading, exiting and returning to set up.** Traffic will be congested within the fenced area.

## **Contests:**

**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 to accept award.**

**Best Boiled Crawfish** All cookers must provide their own crawfish. Each team must cook a minimum of 1 sack of boiled crawfish, reserving at least 1 lb. for the cook off entry for Judge's tasting. As part of this fundraising event, Crawfish plates will be sold by the Chamber of Commerce for the public starting at 11:30 until sold out. 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 to accept award.**

**Best 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 to accept award.**

**People's Choice Award** – This people's choice contest will be open to the public from 12:00 am – 4:00 pm. Anyone can receive a wristband for a \$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 ready for participants to taste as early as 12:00 noon. Please only let them sample a small amount! As part of this fundraising event, Crawfish plates will be sold by the Chamber of Commerce for the public starting at 11:30 until sold out.

**Best Decorated Booth**- 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 end of the cook-off at 6:00 pm. Trash bags will be provided, and trash will be picked up periodically during the event by the cleanup crew. **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, Mary Jo Walker or Darla Parker at [crawfish@portoconnorchamber.com](mailto:crawfish@portoconnorchamber.com) with any questions concerning this event.