



# 13th Annual Crawfish Festival & Cookoff

King Fisher Park, Port O'Connor, TX

Saturday, April 26, 2025

10:00 am – 6:00 pm

## TEAM REGISTRATION

**Deadline April 1, 2025, OR until spots are filled.**

Spot is not reserved until fee is received. \$100 late fee after April 1<sup>st</sup>, IF spots are still available.

**\$200 (20x20)    \$500 (20x40)    1 Team Per Spot    Teams are limited to these sizes only.**

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Captain Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Crawfish Event T- Shirts</b>	Shirt Sizes (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)	
<b>\$20 each</b> List quantity & size of each		\$
<b>Additional Wristbands</b> Team gets 6 free with registration	\$5 each	\$
<b>Bloody Mary Contest</b>	\$20 entry fee	\$
<b>Booth space</b>	\$200 (20x20)    \$500 (20x40)	\$
<b>Late Fee</b>	\$100 for any application, if accepted and received after April 1, 2025	\$

\*If paying by cash, check, or money order, please remit registration and fees to: **Port O'Connor Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Crawfish Fest & Cook Off, PO Box 701, Port O'Connor, TX 77982**

\*If paying with credit card, a 3.5% service fee will be included. Please email application to [Crawfish@portoconnorchamber.com](mailto:Crawfish@portoconnorchamber.com). Upon receipt, you will receive a phone call for credit card info.

**Team Captain Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this form, you agree that you understand and will abide by all rules and guidelines, as attached.**



# Port O'Connor Chamber of Commerce 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Crawfish Festival & Cook-off

## RULES AND GUIDELINES

Crawfish Categories: Best Boiled Crawfish, Best Side Dish, Best Tasting Bloody Mary, Best Bloody Mary Presentation, People's Choice, and Best Decorated Booth

### 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 wristbands. Any additional wristbands may be pre-purchased with registration, online, or at the gate. **Everyone** should be wearing a wristband. Teams agree to having event pictures shared in print and social media.

### Set Up:

Check in time will be from **3:00 – 8:00 pm on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** and **7:00-10:00 AM, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. All cooking teams will be permitted to set up their display, equipment, and decorations any time after checking in. Gates will be locked at 8 pm on Friday, and there will be overnight security on Friday night. 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, tables, and tents/canopies. **Each team shall be required to have a fire extinguisher. All vehicles, including golf carts or UTV's, should be out of the designated cooking area, including beach, 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** - \$20 registration fee and application must be made at time of registration. Entries will be judged on taste and presentation separately. An award will be presented to the Best Bloody Mary Presentation and Best Tasting Bloody Mary. Ingredients may be pre-mixed and drinks do not need to contain alcohol. Presentation drink may be in any container; however, no distinguishable marked containers will be permitted with the name of the team or team logo. A 32 fl. oz. cup will be provided for judges tasting. All entries must be turned in by 11:15 am. Participants will be responsible for picking up their presentation containers from the judging area by 12:30 pm. Please make sure that you retain your ticket, as winners will be announced by the winning ticket number.

**Best Boiled Crawfish** All cookers must provide their own crawfish. Each team must cook a minimum of 1 sack of boiled crawfish, reserving a minimum of 15 for the contest entry. All crawfish must be turned in by 12:45 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.

**Best Side Dish** can be any dish but **MUST** contain crawfish. All side dishes must be labeled with the name of the dish only and be turned in by 2:45 pm. 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.

**People's Choice Award** – The People's Choice contest will be open to the public from 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm. Anyone can receive a wristband for a \$25 donation and receive 5 tokens. The wristband will allow that person to sample crawfish at each booth. The donor will leave his token(s) at whatever team(s) they choose to vote on. The team with the most tokens wins this award. A labeled container 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 am until sold out. Each team shall turn in their token container by 4 pm to the People's Choice tent.

**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 between 12:00 and 4:00 pm. Winner will be announced at the Awards Ceremony.

**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.

**All decisions by the Judges are final and will be announced on stage.** Rankings in each category can be obtained after the cookoff. This is NOT a sanctioned cookoff for any other event. Please remember this is a FUNraiser with all proceeds going back into the Port O'Connor Community!

**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. Failure to comply with any rules will result in failure to participate in future events.**

- **NO BEER/ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE EVENT.**
- **NO BEER OR ALCOHOL MAY BE SOLD BY ANYONE OTHER THAN LICENSED VENDORS.**
- **ANYONE CAUGHT BRINGING IN THEIR OWN BEER OR LIQUOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND PROHIBITED FROM FUTURE ENTRY.**
- **GLASS BOTTLES ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN KING FISHER PARK.**

Please contact 361-983-2898 or email [crawfish@portoconnorchamber.com](mailto:crawfish@portoconnorchamber.com) with any questions concerning this event.