

WIREGRASS BLUES FESTIVAL – GUMBO COOK-OFF OFFICIAL RULES & ENTRY FORM

1. All teams must be registered by 10:00 AM. Samples will be collected for judging at 2:00 PM.
2. Only 1 gumbo entry per team is allowed. Gumbo must be cooked on site.
3. Two Gumbo Categories:
 - Chicken & Sausage Gumbo – poultry & sausage, no seafood
 - Seafood Gumbo – seafood as primary protein
4. Judges' samples must contain juice and meat only (NO RICE).
5. Two pint containers will be provided for judging.
6. Judging Criteria:
 - a. Appearance
 - b. Flavor
 - c. Meat (seasoning/tenderness)
 - d. Overall
7. Awards: 1st-\$300, 2nd-\$200, 3rd-\$100 + People's Choice Award.
8. Teams provide all cooking equipment. 10x10 tent recommended.
9. Public samples allowed only AFTER judges' samples are collected.
10. No alcohol may be sold.

ENTRY FORM

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Company Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Entry Category:

☐ Chicken & Sausage Gumbo

☐ Seafood Gumbo

Entry Fee: \$50. Must be registered by 10:00 AM day of Cook-Off.

Or register online at <https://form.jotform.com/253357624937063>

COOKING REQUIREMENTS

- No setup before 10:00 AM.
- Teams: max 4 people, one gumbo type (Chicken/Sausage OR Seafood).
- Minimum 10 gallons of gumbo.
- Gumbo cooked over propane burner.
- Teams supply ingredients.
- Broth may be prepared in advance; burners may be lit at 11:00 AM.
- Roux MUST be cooked on site.
- Judging sample cups picked up at 2:00 PM.
- NO RICE in judging samples.

ADDITIONAL RULES

- Public sampling begins after judges' samples are collected at 2:00 PM.
- All teams must sell Gumbo until 8 PM.
- Booth area must be cleaned; violations may affect 2026 eligibility.
- Festival provides sampling cups and spoons.
- Judging at 2:00 PM; awards at 5:30 PM.
- Official scores posted after winners are announced.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- No alcohol sales.
- All gumbo must be cooked on site.
- Safety and fire rules enforced.
- Festival committee instructions must be followed.
- Teams must complete application.
- Team members must be listed on application.

CHECK OUT SHEET

Employee Name: _____ Date: _____ Shift: ☐ AM ☐ PM

CHECKS & CASH

Checks: _____ 100s: _____ 50s: _____

20s: _____ 10s: _____ 5s: _____

1s: _____ Quarters: _____ Dimes: _____

Nickels: _____ Pennies: _____

Total Checks & Cash on Hand: _____

Less Beginning Bank: (_____)

Checks & Cash to Deposit: _____

Cash Receipts per Register: _____

Cash Over / Short: _____

CREDIT CARDS

Total Credit Card Charges: _____

Total Credit Card Tips: _____

Total Sales: _____

Total Declared Tips: _____

DEPOSIT

Checks & Cash to Deposit: _____

Less Credit Card Tips: (_____)

Deposit Amount: _____

Employee Signature: _____