**5th Annual Louisiana Pipeliners Scholarship Fundraiser Gumbo Cook off**

**Friday, February 2, 2024**

**General Rules**

1. BOOTH SPACE: Cook off will be set up in the far-right corner of campground. Please pass up main entrance gate and enter at Gate C. Teams will be allowed to set up a 10x10, 10x15 or 10x20 tent in the space provided beginning at 6:00 AM on Friday. Please make sure the 10’ is facing front with the longest portion going back. Banners identifying booth names/organizations are encouraged. **NO** cooking trailers will be allowed in designated cook-off area. If you would like to bring your cooking campers/trailers for advertisement purposes, you must contact Margaritaville and reserve a camper spot to put your trailer in.

2. All teams must provide ingredients for gumbo, cooking equipment, tables, chairs, tent, utensils, sanitation station (hand sanitizer/paper towels). Spoons and bowls will be provided, as well as trash boxes with liners. Each team will be responsible for cooking their own rice, if needed. Electricity and faucet water will be provided.

3. Gumbo must be cooked in the open (i.e. no motor homes, closed tents, etc.)

4. **ALL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.**

5. Teams are expected to feed the attendees as well as participate in the judging. Each team is required to cook a minimum of 3 to 4 gallons.

**GUMBO: 2 CATEGORIES: SURF or TURF**

1. Gumbo must be cooked on site the day of event. You may use pre-prepared roux, jar roux, chicken stock, etc. The cook off coordinator will continue to inspect each booth until the judging is complete.

2. The Cook off will take place between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM

3. Blind judging will begin around 12:00 pm, noon. Each team will be provided special containers for judging. We will announce when it is time to have your gumbo ready for pickup. Please DO NOT add rice to judge’s bowls.

4. Judging will be based on aroma, appearance, consistency and taste.

5. Awards will be presented to 1st place & runner up in each category as well as a People's Choice award made by the attendees.

6. Winners will be announced around 1:00 PM or as soon as judging is complete.

7. Teams can start tearing down at 2:00 pm and must be completed by 4:00 pm. Please haul all trash to designated area. No vehicles will be allowed inside the gate, until the announcement is made to do so.

By completing the registration, the participants shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Louisiana Pipeliners Association and any of its officers and members from and against, any and all liability, loss, injury, damages, and/or claims, of any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by a participant and/or property.