

**VC-Carmel May Festival
Open Cook-Off Tailgate Party
Sunday, January 29, 2012
VC-Carmel School Grounds
ABBEVILLE, LA**

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Each team will consist of a chief cook and as many assistants as necessary. Likewise, each team will provide cooking equipment to be used exclusively by that team within that team's assigned cooking space. The use of one team's equipment by more than one team is not permitted. All seasoning and cooking shall be done within the confines of the team's assigned cooking space.
2. This competition is considered **chef's choice** (ex. gumbo, jambalaya, bar-b-que etc.) and teams must prepare their dish to serve 200 two ounce portions. Your dish must be ready to serve to the public by 11:00 a.m.
3. Set up of cooking equipment will begin as early as midnight on Sunday, January 29^h. Each registered team will be given an assigned cooking space upon your arrival.
4. Tables will be provided. Tents, chairs equipment, supplies and extension cords for electricity **will not** be provided. Contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire and other codes whether city, parish, state or federal.
5. Equipment used by teams must not exceed the boundaries of the assigned cooking space of the team.
6. It is the responsibility of the contestants to see that the team's assigned cooking space is kept clean and policed during the contest.
7. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase upon your arrival and during the entire event. This is a **fundraiser** so please do not bring any outside beverages on the school grounds.
8. CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION
 - ◆ Excessive use of alcoholic beverages by a team, its members and/or guests
 - ◆ Distribution of alcoholic beverages to the public by a team, its members and/or guests
 - ◆ Use of controlled substances by a team, its members and/or guests
 - ◆ Foul, abusive or unacceptable language by a team, its members and/or guests
 - ◆ Excessive noise generated from speakers or public address systems
 - ◆ **Providing sampling to anyone without a wristband**
9. There will be no refunds of entry fees for any reason, except at the discretion of the cook-off organizers.

10. Each contestant will be supplied with cups in which the 2 ounces portions will be served. Utensils and napkins will also be provided.
11. Dishes will be judged by the public. Each person purchasing a \$10 wrist band will be given three voting tickets and will be able to sample all team dishes. Each person sampling dishes (kindergarten – adult) must purchase a \$10 wrist band. Children under kindergarten age will be allowed to eat for free.
12. Additional voting tickets can be purchased for \$1 each. The team with the most tickets will be declared the winner. The winner will be given the May Fest Open Tailgate Cook-Off Party trophy to keep for one year. The winner must bring the trophy back for next year's competition.
13. The following cleaning and safety rules apply
 - No use of tobacco products while handling food is allowed.
 - Cleanliness of the cook, assistant cooks, and team's assigned cooking space is required.
 - Sanitizing of work area should be implemented.
 - Each contestant will provide a separate container for washing, rinsing and sanitizing of utensils.

***In order for the event to be successful we need a minimum number of 20 teams participating. If by Friday, January 20 we do not have enough teams, you will be notified and if you wish your entry fee will be returned.**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Music, fun jump and face painting will be part of the day's events. Please bring the whole family as there will be no football games that Sunday.

Thank you Gulf Coast Chemical, Gulf Crown Seafood, and Jimmy & Paulette King for sponsoring our Open Cook-off Tailgate Party

Thanks for entering...Good Luck!