



September 7, 2023

Re: Acadian Festival, Plaquemine, LA

Dear Gumbo Cook-Off Participant,

The International Acadian Festival will be held on October 27th, 28th & 29th 2023. The event will be held at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park, Plaquemine, LA. There is not a rain out event date.

I have enclosed an application form to be filled out and returned to me, along with the Rules. Fill out attached application and mail to address, or e-mail listed. Be sure to fill out the entire application for consideration.

If you have been here in the past, please do not assume you will automatically be accepted and be in the same place as years before.

Thanks, you for your consideration of participating in the International Acadian Festival, we continue to grow the event to enhance the culture of Iberville Parish, and to provide monies for many good causes within our communities.

Gumbo Cook-Off Chairman: Joe Richard

Telephone: 225-326-8715

Email: jnrichard1557@yahoo.com

Enclosures: Application
 Park Rules

RETURN TO:
International Acadian Festival Inc.
P.O. Box 452
Plaquemine, LA 70765
Ph : (225) 326-8715
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ACADIAN FESTIVAL GUMBO COOK-OFF
APPLICATION

MARK A. "TONY" GULOTTA BAYOU PLAQUEMINE WATERFRONT PARK
578945 Foundry Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764-2403



Application date: _____ 20 ____ Event Applying For: **ANNUAL ACADIAN FESTIVAL**
GUMBO COOK-OFF APPLICATION
OCTOBER 28th, 2023

Primary Contact Person Name: _____
NAME MAILING ADDRESS

(check here if same as Mailing Address) _____
PHYSICAL ADDRESS

TELEPHONE # FAX CELL E-MAIL ADDRESS

Legal Business Name: _____
NAME MAILING ADDRESS

(check if same as Mailing Address) _____
PHYSICAL ADDRESS

TELEPHONE # FAX CELL E-MAIL ADDRESS

Name and telephone number/email address of other contact persons besides Primary Contact Person:

NAME PHONE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS

BOOTH INFORMATION:

Booth Description: (Select one of the descriptions): _____ In our Pavilion _____ Self-contained trailer _____ Tent.

Size of booth: Limited to 10'X10'

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Craft/Merchandise Vendor: Electricity required: _____ Yes _____ No Maximum of two 20 amp, 120 volt receptacles per competitor, will be provided if requested below.

Must use minimum of a #12 gauge electrical cord, UL Approved for outdoor use for 20 amp, 120 volt circuits.

Number of 120V, 20 Amp Receptacles, (more than two and additional fees apply): _____

Special Requirement to operate (if any) _____

Food Competitor: Method of Cooking: _____

RULES AND STANDARDS:

- Chicken & Sausage Gombo shall be cooked
- Preparation of ingredients can be done offsite.
- Set up 10:30 AM Cannot drive onto Festival Site after 11:00 AM
- Contestants are responsible for everything they need.
- Prepare 3 gallons gumbo, Festival will provide rice, 8 oz. bowls, spoons, and quart containers.
- Independent Judges will Taste, for tenderness, and quality of serving including rice. Judging at 5:00 PM
- Contestants shall serve their gumbo from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
- The public can buy a bowl for \$2.00 and a quart for \$10.00.
- Access by vehicle to the festival grounds during festival hours will not be allowed.
- Festival Chairman reserves the right to accept or reject competitor application.
- Food Competitor location to be set by Festival Chairman.

- All trash shall be disposed of in Festival Dumpster.
- Competitors agree to cooperate with all standards and procedures, insurance requirements, and all state and city laws and ordinances pertaining to food service.
- Competitors must provide all cooking / storage equipment, tables, chairs, etc. Competitor is responsible for the assembly and disassemble of all items. Prepare for the possibility of inclement weather conditions such as rain or wind.
- Competitors shall not utilize music, loud speakers, or megaphone devices.
- Smoking in booths and preparation areas is prohibited.
- All competitors shall have a garbage container in their area, to be covered when not in use. Before leaving all garbage must be removed and placed in Festival dumpster.
- All Competitors shall have 5 LB type ABC Fire Extinguisher, those competitors with grease shall also have 5 LB type K Fire Extinguisher.
- All LPG gas containers, cooking equipment, attachments, hoses, regulators, and connections used by the Competitors for open flames cooking are collectively referred to as "LPG Gas Equipment". The Competitor acknowledges and accepts the duty to obtain any and all necessary inspections, permits, and / or certificates of conformity with the operation of LPG Gas Equipment. Competitor declares that is assumes complete and total control of its LPG Gas Equipment, and further declares that The International Acadian Festival, Inc. is not the owner, provider, or supervisor for the LPG Gas Equipment. Competitor assumes all risk and liability in connection with the use and operation, as well as the supervision of the LPG Gas Equipment, their employees, agents or personnel operating the LPG Gas Equipment.
- All foods must be obtained and prepared from sources that comply with all health laws relating to food and food labeling.
- Potentially perishable food must be maintained at or below 41 deg F, or above 140 deg F at all times. Competitors must provide a food product thermometer that is metal, stem-type, and numerically scales indicating accuracy +/- 2 deg F.
- Competitors using fryers or other device which will leave a residue from the production of food shall provide a floor in the area of this equipment, so as to not damage or stain the surface upon which the equipment is placed.
- The International Acadian Festival, Inc., the City of Plaquemine, and the officers, agents, and employees of these entities have no control of the weather and will not be obligated to or responsible for any cost or loss by the Vendor.

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park Rules and Regulations. Applicant agrees to abide by the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Waterfront Park Rules, Federal, State and City of Plaquemine regulations. As well as the requirements herein this document. Applicant and their employees agrees to hold the City of Plaquemine, The International Acadian Festival, Inc. and/or Special Event Management, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless and free from any obligation and/or liability whatsoever and shall further release, discharge, for any cost and expenses of any type or kind, attorney fees, claims, liability, damages, personal or property, causes of actions, judgments, settlements incurred, suffered or otherwise that is a result of or in any manner connected, directly or indirectly with the use, maintenance, and/or operations of the demised premises for the Special Event, and from any personal injury or any type of damage whatsoever to persons and/or property occurring on or about the demised premises for the Special Event though the fault, negligence, omission and/or commission of applicant, applicant's agents, and/or assigns or otherwise. Applicant acknowledges that the Main Pavilion facility is smoke-free.

Signature of Competitor:

Position: _____ Date: _____

Signature of International Acadian Festival Representative: _____

For Office Use Only

Date Rec'd _____ Time Rec'd _____ Initials _____ Date Rejected _____ Date Accepted: _____

Park Rules/Ordinance Given: ___ Yes ___ No

MARK A. "TONY" GULOTTA BAYOU PLAQUEMINE WATERFRONT PARK
57845 Foundry St., Plaquemine, LA 70764-2403
COMPETITORS RULES AND REGULATIONS

APPLICATION PROCESS:

APPLICATION: Competitors who sign the application are responsible for the booth and contents. Competitors must provide their own display stands, tables, protective covering, bags, containers, changes, electric cords, and any other supplies needed. Applications shall be submitted only by persons acting on their own behalf or as an authorized agent of an individual or organization other than the applicant.

APPROVAL: Applications will be approved or denied in the Special Event Management's, (International Acadian Festival Chairman's), sole discretion based on event needs, space availability and/or amount of duplicated products. The submittal of an application does not guarantee Competitors acceptance into any event. The Park Management and/or Special Event Management have the right to deny an application or terminate approval of a Competitors application for failure to comply with the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Waterfront Park Special Event Competitors Rules, federal, state, parish or city laws and regulations. *The Special Event Management does not guarantee exclusivity* for vendors on a particular item. Special Event Management has the right to limit the type of merchandise to be sold.

DEADLINES: Applications must be fully completed, signed by Competitors, and Received by the International Acadian Festival by October 22, 2023

REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS: *The Park Management and/or Special Event Management have no control over the weather and will not be obligated to /or responsible for any cost or loss by the Competitors.*

COMPETITOR'S SPACE: Special Event Management, will assign Competitors spaces based on booth requirements and facility layout. Assignments shall be based on consideration deemed to be in the best interest of the Park. Electrical spaces for craft/merchandise vendors are minimal and shall be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Smoking is not allowed in the Main Pavilion facility.

COMPETITOR'S:

The Special Event Management and/or Park Management have the right to deny a competitor's application for failure to comply with the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Waterfront Park Special Event Competitors Rules, federal, state, parish and city laws and regulations. Competitors are responsible for their booth and contents.

COMPETITOR'S CONDUCT: Booth Competitors must conduct themselves and their employees/assistants in a professional manner. Loud playing of radio, television, or other noise producing items will be managed by the Special Event Management. No profane language, fighting, or verbally downgrading another Competitors/booth allowed. Loud outbursts directed at the Park Management, Special Event Management and assistants, fellow booth Competitors, customers or attendees will not be permitted.

BOOTH INFORMATION:

ACCOMMODATIONS: No overnight camping or RV camping within Park facilities.

BOOTH REQUIREMENTS: Park Management does not rent nor provide Competitors tent, tables, chairs, dollies, non-electrical lighting and other operational equipment. The Park provides electricity to Competitors, upon request. Extension cords for equipment shall be UL approved, listed for outdoor use and plugged into an approved receptacle. However, these spaces are limited and only available in certain areas. No pets allowed other than disabled assisting dogs. Competitors are required to keep site area litter free.

BOOTH RELOCATION: All Competitors must utilize their assigned spaces. Trading/relocating assigned spaces is not permitted, unless approved by Special Event Management.

BOOTH SPACE: Competitors must have a canopy, tent or self-contained trailer that is set up on the Park grounds, unless otherwise approved.

DECORATIONS/ SIGNAGE: Competitors must have pre-approval of any advertisement, signage or decorations outside of assigned booth area or the Park from the Special Event Management and/or Park Management.

PARKING: Special Event Management will be responsible for assigned parking in designated areas. Parking in unauthorized areas will be subject to vehicles being towed. NO motorized vehicles are allowed in the Pavilion without the express permission of City Park Management in advance. Handicapped vehicles are permitted.

SET-UP DIRECTIONS: Day of Event: Competitors may set up their booth on the day of the event. Competitors requiring set up the day before event must have prior Special Event Management approval. All Competitors must check in with Special Event Management. All Competitors must be set up and all vehicles removed from the Park (unless prior approved by Special Event Management) no later than two (2) hours prior to the start of the Special Event. Set up dates and times are subject to change. Only approved motorized vehicles will be used on Park grounds to aide or assist event equipment.

TAKEDOWN DIRECTIONS: Competitors must remove all items and contents upon completion of the event, unless otherwise approved by Special Event Management or Park Management.

Early takedown: Competitors who leave before the official end of the event must dolly their equipment out of the Park to their vehicles.

Scheduled Takedown: Competitors will be allowed to bring their vehicles into the Park after the official end of the event as deemed by Special Event Management.

DECORATIONS/ SIGNAGE: Competitors shall be allowed one (1) banner with their company name. Competitors must have pre-approval from the Special Event Management of any advertisement, signage or decorations outside of the assigned booth area. No spray painting or painting or coloring of surfaces is allowed within the Park without prior approval.

BOOTH SALES ITEMS:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Competitors are prohibited from selling or bringing alcoholic beverages on Park property. Special Event Management reserves the right to sell sponsor-related beverages during the Special Event.

INSPECTION: The Special Event Management and/or Park Management reserve the right to inspect any Competitors booth space at any time to enforce all rules and regulations.

LIABILITY WAIVER: By submittal of Booth Competitors Application, all Competitors agree to comply with any and all applicable vendor rules. Booth Competitors agrees to hold the City of Plaquemine, and The International Acadian Festival, Inc. its Special Event Management, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless and free from any obligation and/or liability whatsoever and shall further release, discharge, and hold harmless for any cost and expenses of any type or kind, attorney fees, claims, liability, damages, personal or property, causes of actions, judgments, settlements incurred, suffered or otherwise that is a result of or in any manner connected, directly or indirectly with the use, maintenance, and/or operations of the demised premises for the Special Event, and from any personal injury or any type of damage whatsoever to persons and/or property occurring on or about the demised premises for the Special Event though the fault, negligence, omission and/or commission of applicant, applicant's agents, and/or assigns or otherwise. Booth Competitors and its employees/assistants agree to the terms and conditions for the rental use of the Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park. The Park Management reserves the right, at its sole discretion and without notice, to modify or revise Competitors rules.

ELECTRICITY / WATER: Electrical spaces for Competitors are minimal within the Park grounds, electrical 110V, 20 amp outlet requirements must be requested on application. Other outlet needs must be noted on the application, but are not guaranteed available. Generators are allowed on the Park grounds; no hard wiring in, and no service over 20 amps is provided. Power locations are limited within the Park site. All hard wiring will be performed by City's Electrical Department. Extension cords shall be UL approved, listed for outdoor use and plugged into an approved receptacle. **Must use minimum #12 gauge electrical cord.** Any damages done to the Park's electrical infrastructure and/or equipment as a result of Competitors act or omission will be the Competitors responsibility to reimburse the City of Plaquemine for the damages. The Competitors will be notified in five (5) working days of the problem.

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS: Food Competitors may not dispense any products in glass containers. All waste must be disposed of properly. grease or oil cannot be disposed into park drains, dumpster or bayou waterways. All Competitors trash must be disposed of in the International Acadian Festival dumpsters. Any trash left on the ground may result in cancellation of future participation and loss of deposit. Park site must remain litter-free.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES: The following activities shall not be permitted within the Park:

1. Discharge of firearms
2. Skateboarding, rollerblading, motorized vehicles or bicycles on sidewalks or boardwalks
3. Removal of landscape vegetation or materials
4. No spray paint, painting or coloring of any Park surface is allowed without prior approval
5. Littering

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

You must retain this sheet for important rules and set-up information.

Site Location: Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park: 57845 Foundry Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764-2403

For more information on any Park Rules, please contact City Park Management: Phone: 225-687 311.

Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park is owned and operated by the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana.