



Fellow Gumbo Enthusiasts,

Thank you for participating in the Ninth Annual Dauphin Island Gumbo Cook off. This year's event will be sponsored by The Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce and held at the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo Headquarters. Our musical entertainment will be The Modern Eldorados.

This event will be a fundraiser for The Dauphin Island Volunteer Fire Department. Please help us raise money and awareness for this great group by sharing our Facebook event, helping sell tickets, and inviting your friends to the event.

This year's Gumbo Cook Off will be a **qualifying event** for the 2018 **World Food Championships** – the largest Food Sport event in the world with some 450 teams from 40+ states and 13 countries competing annually for a total prize purse of \$300,000 and the title of World Food Champion.

The Dauphin Island Gumbo Cook Off Grand Champion earns a spot on TEAM ALABAMA WFC and will represent Alabama in the Seafood Category at this year's competition, November 8-11 at the Wharf in Orange Beach. The winner receives a paid-for registration into the World Food Championships, a Team Alabama chef's jacket or patch, and inclusion in team promotions and events before and during this year's championships. (more info: [www.alabamacoasting.com/world-food-championships](http://www.alabamacoasting.com/world-food-championships) )

Please read the competition rules carefully, as several have changed from previous years.

Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale April 2<sup>nd</sup>. A full list of ticket outlets will be posted on [www.dauphinislandchamber.com](http://www.dauphinislandchamber.com). Children under 10 get in free.

We look forward to cooking with you!

## Gene Fox

Event Coordinator

# 2018 Dauphin Island Gumbo Cookoff

## Team Registration Form

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE

NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ MAILING

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

HEAD

CHEF: \_\_\_\_\_

CHEF

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

CHEF

#3 \_\_\_\_\_

CHEF

#4 \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* designate which team member holds a health dept. or serve-safe card\*\*

**Category:**

Traditional Gumbo \_\_\_\_\_ Wildcard Gumbo \_\_\_\_\_ What'evs Category \_\_\_\_\_

# 2018 Dauphin Island Gumbo Cook-off

PRESENTED BY THE DAUPHIN ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AT THE ALABAMA DEEP SEA FISHING RODEO HEADQUARTERS

SATURDAY April 21<sup>ST</sup> 2018- 11AM-2PM

Awards- 3pm

EVENT COORDINATOR: GENE FOX- 251-370-8150

## TEAM REQUIREMENTS & RULES

- **THERE IS NO TEAM REGISTRATION FEE**, but each team will receive 20 tickets to sell and agrees to be responsible for collecting and turning in the money owed. Checks should be made to the DICOC. All ticket money must be turned in before 10 am on the day of the event. Cooking teams will receive 4 chef's passes. Everyone else on your team must have a ticket.
- **Teams must cook a MINIMUM of 5 gallons of gumbo.** All gumbo prep and cooking **MUST** be done on- site. Pre chopped vegetables purchased from a food supplier, such as Monarch foods or Jimmy Lowes, are acceptable. Use of a pre-made Roux or gumbo base is discouraged, but allowed. NOTE: Some food items may be provided to teams at a reduced cost or free through requested sponsorships. We will keep you posted! You need to provide your own propane cooker and fuel source, pot, ingredients, etc. Please use a 1.5-2oz ladle so the gumbo lasts. **Teams should also plan to bring separate ice chests for food storage and drinks. PLEASE BRING ICE.** We will provide serving bowls, spoons, serving gloves & paper towels. BRING EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED. Teams must provide their own tent. If you are unable to, please contact me and we will find a way to assist you.
- **Health Department Requirements:** Each team must have ONE member with a Mobile County food handler's card or a serve-safe card. You can take the test online, but must pick the card up at the health dept. For Health department information contact Janice Spangler- 251-690-8149. **The Health department wants to see separate ice chests for food storage and drinks, a thermometer to keep the gumbo at holding temperature and will not allow WOODEN stirring paddles.**

- **CATEGORIES**

The gumbo cook-off categories are: Seafood Gumbo (May contain sausage), Wildcard Gumbo (Chicken, vegetarian, alligator) and What'evs (Whatever the heck you want to cook any edible food item you wish to present) Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in all three categories. A Grand Champion will be declared based on the highest scoring gumbo overall. Prizes will also be awarded for the best decorated tent and the People's choice award. The People's choice winner will be determined by the team that collects the most "People's choice" vote tickets stubs in each category from the crowd. **The People's Choice awards DO NOT add points towards the Grand Champion.**

- **Teams may compete in one or both categories.** Teams competing in more than one category must cook 5 gallons in each category. Non- soup entries should prepare at least 300 servings. Teams are encouraged to cook more than 5 gallons or 300 entries. The more you cook, the better chance you have of winning the people's choice award!

- **Team Meeting**

- The team meeting will be held on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 630 pm. We will meet at the Little Red School House Building/ Welcome Center. We will review the rules, answer questions, and sign up teams.

- **Prizes/ Awards**

- Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> places & people's choice in all three cooking categories, best decorated tent, and the most coveted "Trash Talking Award". A really gaudy trophy will be awarded for the Best Gumbo on the Gulf/ Grand Champion.
  - Most important!! HAVE FUN, cook good food and don't make anyone sick!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- We are working on a discount or donation for seafood or other ingredients. We will announce this at or before the team meetings.
- Good sportsmanship- You must serve any visitor. Teams requiring the contribution of a people's choice vote to receive a food sample will be immediately disqualified. Bribing event attendees with treats, trinkets or other goodies is allowed and encouraged.