

FIRE OAK DISTILLERY 2024 GUMBO COOK OFF

Registration deadline is Thursday, March 20th, 2024, @ 5:00 p.m.

(Inclement weather may result in postponement in which if desired, entry fees will be refunded)

Spaces are limited to 15 teams. No trailers allowed as this is a pot boil competition.

Spaces will be cookers choice based on the order of applications/fees received.

Return the completed application to **Fire Oak Distillery via email to**

Guy@FireOakDistillery.com. Upon receipt, an invoice will be emailed to the Team Captain.

You may also complete registration in person at Fire Oak Distillery

Friday and Saturday's 1:00 – 6:00.

ALL FIELDS REQUIRED. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT.

Team Name (You pick the theme!):

Team Captain's Name:

Team Captain Contact Number:

Team Captain E-mail:

***E-mail will be the primary contact method. This person will be responsible for sharing info with the Team.**

Please check all that apply:

We will participate in the Gumbo Cook-Off competition (guidelines and required form attached).

PLEASE READ BEFORE CHECKING

Entry Fee: \$20

Team Captain's Signature (*digital signature acceptable*):

***Team Captain's signature indicates the Team is willing to comply with the attached rules and guidelines.**

Anyone requiring accommodations should contact Guy at Guy@FireOakDistillery.com by the cut off time.

EVENT GUIDELINES

TEAMS:

All teams must pay a refundable \$20 fee.

JUDGING:

1. Prizes will be given to first, second, and third-place winning gumbo entries as determined by official judges.

Judging Criteria:

1. Aroma – should smell appetizing.
 2. Consistency – should be smooth combination of ingredients and textures.
 3. Color – should look appetizing.
 4. Taste – should taste good, pleasing to the palate.
 5. Aftertaste – should leave a pleasant taste after swallowing.
2. "People's Choice Gumbo" based on popular votes by event attendees.
3. The Judge's choice is 100% pay out based on entry fees.
4. The "People's Choice Gumbo" will earn a \$50 Fire Oak Distillery gift card.

INGREDIENTS:

1. Ingredients can be pre-cooked.
2. You may use store-bought roux or precooked roux.
3. Teams are permitted to add alcohol if it is an ingredient in their gumbo.

SETUP:

1. Locations will be allocated based on your application's date and time (first-come, first-serve).
2. Teams may begin setting up as early as **9:30 a.m.** on the day of the event.
3. Teams must be set up no later than **11:00 a.m.**
4. Team banners and/or swag are allowed and encouraged.
5. It is recommended to bring **one tent** for your space, but **it cannot exceed 12'x12' in size**. NO larger Tents will be allowed. We do have limited tent space availability on a first come first serve basis.

PREPARATION & CLEANUP:

1. Teams must supply their own cooking utensils and pots.
2. Teams must supply their propane cookers and stoves. Teams are responsible for stove and cooker safety and operation.
3. Teams are responsible for booth/table cleanup.
4. No pressure cookers.

PROVISIONS:

1. Please be respectful to those around your space.
2. Music that is extremely loud or contains profane, explicit, or inappropriate lyrics are not permitted.
3. Teams must stop playing all music during live music performance.

OFFICIAL GUMBO COOK-OFF RULES

The Gumbo:

1. Gumbo cannot be defined. Whatever you call gumbo, we will call gumbo.
2. Only one recipe/submission per entry fee will be considered.
3. Side dishes and/or garnishes are encouraged, but are not judged (rice, etc.).
4. No rice in the judging cups.

Chili Cook-off Teams:

1. Teams are encouraged to cook enough gumbo to sell to attendees. As all teams may sell servings of their gumbo, but are responsible for their own cash drawer/payment collection. All supplies (bowls/spoons/etc.) for direct to consumer sales are the responsibility of the team.
2. Fire Oak Distillery will provide each Team with taste cups and spoons for judging as well as for the public.
3. Each Team is encouraged to be as creative as they want. Examples: decorate your area, have a team theme, wear team T-shirts (these items are at the expense of the Team and are not mandatory).
4. Teams are responsible for the setup and cleanup of the cooking area. Any team dumping grease will be immediately disqualified.
5. Please be respectful to those around your space.

Time Schedule:

1. Set up will start at **9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 23rd**.
2. Gumbo must be ready to turn in for judges by **2:00 p.m.**
3. Gumbo must be ready to serve to event attendees by **1:00 p.m.**
4. People's Choice collections at approximately **4:50 p.m.**
4. The presentation of the winners (Judge's and People's choice) will be announced approximately **5:00 p.m.**
5. Teardown complete by **7:00 p.m.**