



On Saturday, February 18, 2023, the 23rd Annual Mexico Beach Gumbo Cook-Off Gumbo King will be named! A panel of food connoisseurs will determine who will be the King of this Gumbo competition, so if you think you've got the best gumbo or stew, then ladle up. This year's Cook-Off will take place at Parker Park, located at 2500 Highway 98, Mexico Beach.

No application fee to enter. All entries must complete an entry form and are required to produce **five (5) gallons** or more of their specialty Gumbo and/or Brunswick stew. Chefs will be responsible for bringing containers/heating devices to keep your food nice and hot (crock pots & propane gas cookers are ideal & preferred). Your gumbo/stew should already be cooked when you arrive. We also request each team provide their own extension cords to power any crock pots or cookers that will require power. You will also be responsible for dishing out samples to the crowd and collecting their payment, in ticket format. All servers must wear gloves when serving food.

Personal Tent: Personal tent* (10x10 size only) will be permitted, with restrictions. If you'd like to bring your own tent you will NOT be able to receive power. Those who supply their own tent will still be supplied a table as well as the supplies needed for serving gumbo/stew.

Those competing may begin checking in no earlier than **7:30am** and all competitors are to be finished setting up by 9:00am. Judging will begin at 9:00am and you must have your item(s) cooked, hot and ready. All supplies needed for judging and selling will be provided by the Special Events for Mexico Beach committee. Each team will receive a/one 6ft. table. Tables will be assigned, so you must check in before setting up. A complete letter stating the rules will be sent out to all chefs/teams prior to the event.

Space is limited and applications will not be accepted after the cutoff date.

[Entry forms are due no later than Friday, February 10th, 2023.](#)

There is a **Gumbo Category** and a **Brunswick stew Category**. Awards will be as followed:

- Gumbo Division: \$500 First Place, \$250 Second Place & \$150 Third Place.
- Brunswick stew Division: \$500 First Place, \$250 Second Place & \$150 Third Place.
- Best Team Sprit (no cash)
- Best Decorated in theme Mardi Gras (no cash)

Special Events will provide the tent*, table, electricity, serving cups, napkins and utensils for consumption. All monies raised benefit the Special Events for Mexico Beach's July 4th Best Blast on the Beach firework show. Questions, please call (850) 648-8196 or Email specialeventsmexicobeach@gmail.com

ALL TIMES LISTED ARE CENTRAL TIME



Gumbo Cook-Off Entry Form

Entry form(s) are due no later than **Friday, February 10, 2023.**

Contact Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Category (circle one):

Gumbo

Brunswick stew

Will you be bringing a grill/gas cooker?

YES

NO

Do you need power? If stated No, power WILL NO be supplied.

YES

NO

Will you be bringing a personal tent (10x10 size only)?

YES

NO

By selecting yes, you understand that your tent will NOT receive power provided by the event.

Cook-Off Disclaimer

In consideration of this entry, I/we absolve any and all claims for myself/team and my heirs against Special Events for Mexico Beach, Inc., the City of Mexico Beach, Mexico Beach Community Development Council, INC, members, volunteers and employees of the above organizations as well as any and all sponsors of the Annual Mexico Beach Gumbo Cookoff from any injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation in the 2023 Annual Mexico Beach Gumbo Cookoff. I understand the rules and requirements listed and agree to adhere to them. I also give permission for the use of my name and photograph in any broadcast, telecast, or public account of this event, including any promotions in subsequent years.

Entrant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return Application To:

Special Events for Mexico Beach, Inc.

c/o Mexico Beach Welcome Center

102 Canal Parkway

Mexico Beach, FL 32456

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