Ready to Get Your Gumbo On?

Do you want to be the next Gumbo King? Then break out that secret recipe, load up your cooker and servers and be ready to join the fierce culinary competition. On Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Sunset Park the 18th 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. This year we are also happy to be continuing our Brunswick stew category. If you think you've got the best stew, then ladle up!

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). You will also be responsible for dishing out samples to the crowd and collecting their payment, in ticket format.

Those competing may begin checking in no earlier than 7:30am and all competitors are to be finished setting up by 8:45am. Judging will begin at 9:00am and you must have your item(s) hot and ready. Tables will be assigned, so you must check in before setting up. Please note that all times are listed in CST.

Entry forms are due no later than Friday, February 12th, 2016. Space is limited to the first 25 entry forms received and applications will not be accepted after the cutoff date.

There are **2 Gumbo Categories** (Restaurant and Amateur) and **1 Brunswick stew Category.**

Awards will be as followed:

- Gumbo Amateur Division: $225 First Place, $175 Second Place & $150 Third Place.
- Gumbo Restaurant Division: $225 First Place, $175 Second Place & $150 Third Place.
- Brunswick stew Division: $150 First Place, $125 Second Place & $100 Third Place.

Special Events will provide the tent, table, electricity, serving cups, napkins and utensils for consumption. **No personal tents are allowed.** All monies raised benefit the Special Events for Mexico Beach's July 4th Best Blast on the Beach firework show.

You will need the following to insure Kinging Status:

- Your Gumbo and/or Stew
- Warming containers – crock-pots, gas cookers, grill, extension cords, etc.
- Ladles for serving
- Decorations – Mardi Gras theme (don't forget the table cloth for a 6 foot table)
- Chair(s)
- Your party shoes – we will have a lot of fun!

18th Annual Mexico Beach Gumbo Cook-Off
Located at Sunset Park
Saturday, February 20st, 2016
10:00am – till it all runs out

Entry forms are due no later than Friday, February 12th

Contact Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Category (circle one): Gumbo- Restaurant Gumbo-Amateur Brunswick stew

Will you be bringing a grill/gas cooker? YES NO

Do you need electricity? YES NO
(Please bring your own extension cords)

Cook-Off Disclaimer

In consideration of this entry, I absolve any and all claims for myself and my heirs against Special Events for Mexico Beach, Inc., the City of Mexico Beach, members, volunteers and employees of the above organizations as well as any and all sponsors of the 2016 18th Annual Mexico Beach Gumbo Cookoff from any injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation in the 2016 18th Annual Mexico Beach Gumbo Cookoff. 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.
P.O. Box 13923
Mexico Beach, FL 32410

Questions, please email specialeventsmexicobeach@gmail.com or call (850) 648-8196