

On Saturday, February 15, 2025, the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Boat Ramp Park in 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 (propane gas cookers are ideal & preferred). Your gumbo/stew should already be cooked when you arrive. You will be responsible for dishing out samples to the crowd and collecting their payment, in ticket format.

If you will be requesting electricity you will only be allowed to plug in ONE heating device. Due to the sensitivity of the onsite power, and the wattage of different heating devices, you will only be given power for one unit. Pressure Cookers are not permitted. If you will be using power, please bring one extension cord as it may be needed.

**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.

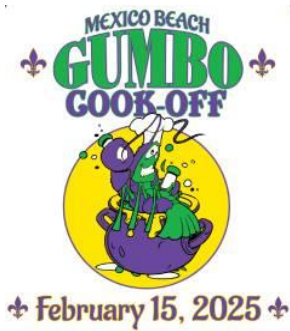
[Entry forms are due no later than Friday, February 5, 2025.](#)

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 Spirit (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 4<sup>th</sup> Best Blast on the Beach firework show. Questions, please email [specialeventsmexicobeach@gmail.com](mailto:specialeventsmexicobeach@gmail.com)

**ALL TIMES LISTED ARE CENTRAL TIME**



# Gumbo Entry Form

Due no later than **Friday, February 5, 2025.**

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? (circle one)                      YES                      NO

Do you need power? If stated No, power WILL NOT be supplied. (circle one)                      YES                      NO

Will you be bringing a personal tent (10x10 size only)? (circle one)                      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 2025 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Application To:  
**Special Events for Mexico Beach, Inc.**  
[specialeventsmexicobeach@gmail.com](mailto:specialeventsmexicobeach@gmail.com)