

**2010 Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc.**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Seafood Cook-off**  
**Superintendent: Lew Benham (713) 898-9743**  
**Chairpersons: B.C. Brown & Brad Dillon (409) 770-7493**

**LOCATION:** Galveston County Fairgrounds, Jack Brooks Park, Hwy 6

**ENTRY FEE:** ALL EVENTS - \$100.00 per team, per spot NON-REFUNDABLE  
Entry in Gumbo Category is Mandatory. One entry in each division per spot.  
**ENTRIES MUST BE PAID BY March 5, 2010**

**CHECK-IN:** Friday, April 9, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**JUDGING:**

6:30 p.m.	GRILLED SHRIMP DIVISION --- Friday, April 9, 2010
8:45 p.m.	BOILED SHRIMP DIVISION --- Friday, April 9, 2010
11:15 a.m.	FISH DIVISION --- Saturday, April 10, 2010
1:30 p.m.	SEAFOOD RICE DIVISION --- Saturday, April 10, 2010
3:45 p.m.	GUMBO DIVISION --- Saturday, April 10, 2010

**AWARDS:** TROPHIES & PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in all divisions will receive Trophies & Prize Money

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$ 500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 300.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 200.00

**CHIEF COOK'S MEETING: SUNDAY, March 28, 2010, 1:00 P.M.**

1. **BBQ Cook-off Teams that would like to participate in the Seafood Cook-off will now be able to leave their spot setup for both events. Some restrictions will apply to BBQ teams.**
2. **Cook-off spot(s) for both events will be the previously assigned 2009 BBQ Cook-off Spot(s).**
3. **Seafood Cook-off Spot(s) will no longer be the previously assigned 2009 Seafood Cook-off Spot(s). Seafood only spots will be assigned into open spots at the Chief Cooks Meeting; based on availability.**
4. **If a Seafood Cook-off Team normally purchases multiple spots and the same number of spots is no longer available a refund will be given.**
5. **Cook-off teams must purchase all of their BBQ Cook-off Spots if they want to participate in both events and stay set up. Seafood entry is \$100 per spot.**
6. **Cook-off teams who don't want to buy the same number of spots for both events must tear down and move out on Sunday, April 11, 2010.**
7. **If you cooked in just the Seafood Cook-off in 2009, this does not mean you automatically get a BBQ Cook-off spot. The BBQ cook-off still has a waiting list.**
8. **Team Names on the Entry Form at the time of payment will be the official name of the team and WILL NOT change for the 2010 Seafood Cook-off, NO EXCEPTIONS**
9. **All teams renting a tent must read and complete Attachment "C" of the rules.**
10. **No tents will be set in any cook-off spots without the Chief Cook or representative being physically onsite during the tent placement to assure proper location. Phone calls to the Chief Cook or representative to determine proper location will not be allowed. If a tent is improperly placed it is the team's responsibility to have the tent placed in the appropriate spot. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
11. **No vehicles will be allowed to park in the designated Vendor/Sponsor and Committee Reserved parking areas at any time. This area is located directly outside the West Cook-off Gate. All vehicles parked in these areas are subject to tow without notice.**
12. **The Cook-off Committee will place the Cook-off Teams reserved port-a-cans in the teams spot within the space only. It is the Cook-off Teams responsibility to move the port-a-can to the desired area for your spot.**
13. **ONE ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR EACH SPOT.**
14. **There will be a Chief Cooks meeting on Sunday, March 28, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at the Galveston County Fairgrounds. The rules will be explained at this time. Any questions that you may have will be addressed at this meeting. Armbands and vehicle passes will be distributed to the chief cooks at this time.**

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15. The Cook-off Superintendent and/or Cook-off Committee Members can inspect any cook-off area at any time, with or without cause, to determine rule compliance.
16. Cook-off Teams are responsible for providing their own trash cans and bags.
17. Any Cook-off Team who has had previous incidents involving personal injury or inappropriate behavior will not be invited to participate in future events.
18. Any Cook-off Team requiring assistance with unloading, moving, or placing equipment (i.e. air conditioners, generators, refrigeration units, trailers, etc.) must request assistance by signing up on the Equipment Movement list located at the Cook-off Committee Building. Equipment will be moved on a first come, first serve basis only per the placement on the list. Equipment will not be moved if this process is not followed.
19. A team will consist of a Chief Cook and up to four (4) assistants. All Team Member must be 21 or older.
20. ALL participants will be required to sign and return an Indemnity Form. Please make certain all team members have signed the Indemnity Form before the Chief Cook's meeting on March 28, 2010 or you will not be allowed to participate.
21. All Teams having Private Entertainment (i.e. D.J.'s, Bands, Karaoke, etc.) must read and complete Attachment "A" of the rules.
22. All Teams having Private Security must read and complete Attachment "B" of the rules.
23. Participants may not enter the contest area before **10:00 a.m., Friday April 9, 2010.**
24. Check-in will be from 10:00 am until 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the EAST Gate, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the WEST Gate. All participants must be set up before 6:00 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2010.
25. All teams on the West side (spots 1-110) of the cook-off area will be required to enter the cook-off through the commercial exhibit gate (West gate). If you are in these spots please line up on the Concrete Road on the West side of the fair grounds, follow the designated signs. Friday morning April 9, 2010 we will lead you on to the fairgrounds. If you are in this section you will be given a PINK vehicle pass, which is only good for the commercial exhibit gate (West gate). If you are in the other areas of the cook-off you will be given a GREY vehicle pass, which is only good at the cook-off gate (East gate). This pass must be displayed on the dash of your vehicle. Any vehicle without a pass will be towed from the cook-off area.
26. Arm Bands will be given to the Chief Cook and assistants (maximum of 5 arm bands) at the Chief Cooks meeting or at check-in. These arm bands will be your ticket to enter the Fairgrounds. The arm bands must be fastened to your wrist before entry will be allowed. Starting Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. April 9<sup>th</sup>, if you are without your armband, you will be required to pay admission. Please do not try to pass the arm bands, as this will be grounds for immediate disqualification.
27. All teams parking campers (travel trailers) outside of YOUR cook-off spot must park them in the designated camper parking area only. Contact the fair office to reserve your spot. If your camper is found to be parked in any area other than a designated spot it will be towed.
28. When the EXIT gates close on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. no further vehicle traffic will be allowed in the contest area until Sunday morning, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. Driving in the cook-off area after the gates close is prohibited and such action will result in disqualification from all events. All vehicles on the cook-off grounds after the gates close must be within their own cook-off spot and cannot be moved until gates open on Sunday morning, April 11<sup>th</sup>.
29. Check out on Saturday evening after the awards is not allowed. Check out is Sunday morning, April 11, 2010. All vehicles, pits, trailers, generators, tents, etc. will not be moved from check in until check out on Sunday morning. There will be no movement of vehicles until that time.
30. All persons without armbands will be required to leave the fairgrounds at 2:00 a.m. All persons with armbands are to be in their own spots. All loud music will be turned off at this time.
31. The Cook-off Committee will provide one (1) approximate 30 x 30 foot space for each cook-off spot, area permitting, for the cook-off. Props, trailers, motor homes, tents (including stakes), coverings, or any other equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the space provided. Spaces are not always back to back or perfectly square. Map is not drawn to scale.
32. Participants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. Cook-off Committee will provide space only.
33. An official cook-off clock will be at the Cook-Off Committee Office. All Grilled Shrimp Division samples will be requested at 6:15 p.m. and shall be delivered to the designated Cook-off area by 6:30 p.m. All Boiled Shrimp Division samples will be requested at 8:30 p.m. and shall be delivered to the designated Cook-off area by 8:45 p.m. All Fish Division samples will be requested at 11:00 a.m. and shall be delivered to the designated Cook-off area by 11:15 a.m. All Seafood Rice Division samples will be requested at 1:15 p.m. and shall be delivered to the designated Cook-off area by 1:30 p.m. All Gumbo Division samples will be requested at 3:30 p.m. and shall be delivered to the designated Cook-off area by 3:45 p.m. Judging in all categories may be in two (2) phases depending on the amount of entries.
34. GRILLED SHRIMP DIVISION – Entry Optional: HEADLESS
35. BOILED SHRIMP DIVISION – Entry Optional: MUST BE SHELL ON, HEADLESS
36. FISH DIVISION – Entry Optional: MUST BE Grilled, Baked, Broiled, etc. (NO FRYING)
37. SEAFOOD RICE DIVISION – Entry Optional: MUST BE 50% RICE (Etouffee, Jambalaya, Creole, Paelle, etc.)
38. GUMBO DIVISION – Entry Mandatory: MUST BE 51% SEAFOOD, (NO RICE ALLOWED), 2 Gallons. Recommended Each team must participate in at least the GUMBO division.

39. Judging for the Seafood Rice and Gumbo Division will be on the following:  
Aroma, b) Taste, c) After Taste, and d) Tenderness.
40. Judging for the Fish and Shrimp Divisions will be on the following:  
Aroma, b) Taste, c) After Taste, d) Appearance, and e) Tenderness.
41. Garnish will not be allowed in any divisions. Do not put onion, peppers, etc. on top of the Gumbo or Seafood Rice Divisions. Sauce and stuffing permitted in the FISH Division ONLY. Only meat is allowed in the containers in all other divisions; no stuffing, no tarter sauce, no cocktail sauce, any other condiment etc. and nothing poured on top which was not cooked with the sample; no foil inside and no markings on the outside. Bacon wrapping will be allowed in the GRILLED SHRIMP Division ONLY.
42. Judging Times:  
Grilled Shrimp Division Judging will begin at 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2010  
Boiled Shrimp Division Judging will begin at 8:45 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2010.  
Fish Division Judging will begin at 11:15 a.m., Saturday, April 10, 2010  
Seafood Rice Division Judging will begin at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, April 10, 2010.  
Gumbo Division Judging will begin at 3:45 p.m., Saturday, April 10, 2010.
43. There will be no inspections of any division. Pre-cooked, salted, or pre-marinated Fish or Shrimp is not allowed. Entries in ALL Divisions must be cooked on the Cook-off grounds.
44. A fire extinguisher will be required in each team area. Each team will be inspected for a fire extinguisher. If your team does not have a fire extinguisher by 8:00 p.m. Friday, you will be subject to disqualification.
45. *NO FRYING* will be allowed for ANY Division. Electric, Gas, or Wood Burning grills may be used. All pits may be inspected by the Cook-off Committee at anytime.
46. Holes or dug pits are not permitted.
47. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of the team and guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be considered grounds for disqualification.
48. All personal alcoholic beverages must remain in the cook-off area. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in disqualification! Alcoholic beverages and ice may be brought in until check-in closes on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. After that time, these items must be purchased from the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK! ANYONE GIVING ALCOHOL TO MINORS (UNDER 21) WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ON THE LAW!**
49. No food or beverages may be given to the general public. Only individuals who are invited guests of a team may be served food prepared by that team. All personal alcoholic beverages must remain in the cook-off area.
50. It is the responsibility of each team to see that the contest area is kept clean and the area is cleaned and policed after the contest. Any space left in disarray or with loose or bundled trash (this includes hay) will disqualify the team from future participation. If any oil product is used do not dispose of the substance within the cook-off area. Trash receptacles may be placed throughout the cook-off area for each team's use.
51. Protests of any team, equipment, or sample (any division) must be turned into the Cook-off Committee no later than one (1) hour prior to judging of that division with the \$100.00 non-refundable fee.
52. No dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds except those aiding the Handicapped.
53. *Firearms or Concealed Handguns are prohibited* on the Galveston County Fairgrounds during the Cook-off Event. Anyone found possessing Firearms or Concealed Handguns during the Cook-off will be *DISQUALIFIED* from this year's event and banned from all future Galveston County Fair & Rodeo Cook-offs.
54. Participants will not be permitted to bring any wheeled transportation, i.e. Golf Carts, Three Wheelers, Four Wheelers, Motorcycles, Bicycles, etc. into the contest area at any time.
55. All generators and sound systems must be turned OFF during announcements of rules, at judging time, and while winners are being announced.
56. All sound system speakers must be turned into your cook-off spot and not turned outward. Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. will not be responsible for theft, damage, or accidents.
57. The Cook-off Committee reserves the right to make additional rules as the situations warrant.
58. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE COOK-OFF COMMITTEE AND THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.**

## 2010 GCF&R SEAFOOD COOK-OFF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Sunday, March 28, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Chief Cooks Meeting to review rules

### Friday, April 9, 2010

10:00 a.m.

EAST and WEST Gates OPEN for cooker check-in and set-up

12:00 p.m.

WEST Gate CLOSED

4:00 p.m.

Chief Cooks meeting and Container Pick-up

4:00 p.m.

EAST Gate CLOSED, Check-in CLOSED

5:00 p.m.

EXIT Gate CLOSED, no further traffic in Cook-Off area

6:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Grilled Shrimp Division Turn-in

7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Grilled Shrimp Division Second Cut Numbers Called

7:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Grilled Shrimp Division Second Cut Turn-in

8:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Boiled Shrimp Division Turn-in

9:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Boiled Shrimp Division Second Cut Numbers Called

9:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

Boiled Shrimp Division Second Cut Turn-in

### Saturday, April 10, 2010

2:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.

All Persons without armbands must leave the park.

10:00 a.m.

Chief Cooks meeting and Container Pick-up

11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

FISH Division Turn-in

12:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m.

FISH Division Second Cut Numbers Called

12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

FISH Division Second Cut Turn-in

1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

SEAFOOD RICE Division Turn-in

2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

SEAFOOD RICE Second Cut Numbers Called

2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

SEAFOOD RICE Second Cut Turn-in

3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

GUMBO Division Turn-in

6:30 p.m.

**AWARDS PRESENTATION**

### Sunday, April 11, 2009

2:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.

All Persons without armbands must leave the park

8:00 a.m.

Gates Open for check-out & clean-up