



Festival Rules and Guidelines

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1. FESTIVAL LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

Parc International in Downtown Lafayette, Louisiana

Address: 200 Garfield St., Lafayette, LA 70501

Schedule:

6:00 AM	Cook-Team / Vendor Load-In
9:00 AM	DPC Cook-Team Support and Inspection
9:30 AM	Cook-Team & Event Producer Meeting
10:00 AM	GATES Open
10:00 AM	Opening Ceremony Begins (15 mins)
10:15 AM	OFFICIAL JUDGING BEGINS
10:15 - 11:45 PM	First Live Band (90 mins)
11:45 - 12:15 PM	Wing Toss Tourney (30 mins)
12:15 - 1:45 PM	Second Live Band (90 mins)
1:45 - 2:00 PM	WWA Dance-off (15 mins)
2:00 - 2:15 PM	Queen of Wings 2026 Presentation
2:15 - 3:45 PM	Third Live Band (90 mins)
3:45 - 4:00 PM	Hub City STARS Talent Show (30 mins)
3:45 PM	ACADIANA'S CHOICE VOTING ENDS.
4:00	Awards Ceremony and Scholarship Giveaway
4:30 PM	Close of Festival / Cook-Team and Vendor Breakdown Begins
7:00PM	Festival Load-Out Complete

2. FESTIVAL THEME

This is an chicken wings festival and cook-off with a family and child-friendly atmosphere where children and children at heart are welcome. This event will highlight the community's great chicken wing cooks and charitable spirit. The Festivals theme takes on the likeness and fun nature of events and characters from WWE, Wrestlemania and MARVEL Superheroes. Cook-Teams and Vendors are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to theme and decorate their booths, dress-up in wrestling / superhero costume and name their wing / dish creations after wrestling moves or MARVEL characters, etc. The more creative, the more FUN!

3. INGREDIENTS & PREPARATION

- The term “Traditional Wing” is to be understood to mean the drumette and flat portion connected to the chicken breast. (PLEASE NOTE: Cook-Teams cannot prepare and serve a “whole wing”. It must be separated into individual pieces.)
- The term “Boneless Wing” is to be understood to mean a small chunk portion from the chicken breast or chicken thigh.
- The term “wing” is to be understood as either a single “drumette”, a “flat” or a “chunk”.
- Each Cook Team is required to serve a minimum of 500 servings of each category of chicken wings for the competition. Those participating in the Side Dish and Lagniappe Category are required to serve a minimum of 300 servings.
- It is preferred but not required that wings be cooked onsite.
- Wings are allowed to be pre-marinated, pre-injected, sauced and/or maintained in any way.
- According to USDA standards, all wing samples' internal temperatures must remain at a temperature of 40 degrees or lower before being cooked. Upon being cooked, they must reach up to at least 165 degrees. After being cooked, wings must be kept warm at 140 degrees or above.

- Any seasoning or ingredient necessary to create a unique taste is acceptable EXCEPT ingredients that are common allergens such as peanuts. NOTE: Peanut Oil IS ALLOWED as long as it is clearly STATED AND POSTED at your booth.
- If you have a restaurant, we understand that you may have a recipe and your own way of preparing your wings. We don't ask that you change any of that. All we ask is that you BRING YOUR BEST.
- Please note, all "wing's" purchased, prepared and served for the Wing Wars of Acadiana are a donation to the fundraiser for Gifting Grace Project, Inc. A receipt of donation is available upon request.

4. COOKING, FOOD SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

- Each Cook-Team and Vendor is expected to maintain a safe, clean and sanitary environment in their booth. Cook-Teams are to keep wings/food chilled and fresh before cooking and hot after cooking at industry standard, FDA regulated temperatures.
- Cook-Teams and Vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, cooking utensils, cooking equipment, chafing dishes, cooler with ice, paper towels, booth setup and display items and all other necessary equipment. The Festival Committee will provide serving cups for wings if the Cook-Team would like them.
- ABSOLUTELY NO alcoholic beverages may be sold or given out by a Cook-Team, their Team Members or Vendors.
- No smoking is allowed in the cooking area due to fire and health department regulations. These are major safety risks.
- Electricity will be limited so please plan to use propane gas, charcoal or as much as possible.
- Trash cans and Trash bags used by the Cook-Teams and Vendors must be provided by themselves. The Wing Wars of Acadiana will have trash cans throughout the park for attendees, however each Cook-Team and Vendor MUST have their own plan and supplies for their trash. A large dumpster will be on site for participants to place their bags of trash in. Absolutely no grease is to be placed in this dumpster.
- **BY REGISTERING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE WING WARS OF ACADIANA EVENT, EACH PARTICIPANT AGREES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR COOKING OIL/GREASE DISPOSAL. NO COOKING OIL/GREASE WILL BE ALLOWED IN TRASH CANS, DUMPSTERS, TREE BASES, STORM DRAINS, ETC.** PLEASE NOTE, the Festival Committee will provide commercial grease traps on site for Cook-Teams to properly dispose of their grease, however it is the Cook-Teams responsibility to be sure to keep the area around the grease traps clean and free of debris. . DO NOT pour cooking oil/grease on the curb or in the street. DO NOT pour cooking oil/grease in the trash dumpster or at the base of a tree. If it is discovered that cooking oil/grease or any other environmentally harmful substance is disposed of incorrectly, you will be responsible for all fees, fines and/or additional damages imposed upon Gifting Grace Project, Inc. or the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival **UP TO \$5000** and potentially risk all future involvement in this event.
- **Every Cook-Teams is REQUIRED to have a fire extinguisher specific to the cooking equipment you are using. Cook-Teams must provide all appropriate extinguishers.** Here is a guide to determine which one you need.
 - Teams using deep fryers must have a K-Class fire extinguisher.
 - Teams using Charcoal Grills or Wood Smokers; Propane or Gas Grills; Electric Grills / Griddles / Fryers must have an ABC fire extinguisher.
 - It is the Cook Team's responsibility to check and make sure they are charged and not expired. **You will not be allowed to cook if you do not have an appropriate extinguisher.**

5. CATEGORIES FOR COMPETITION

A. TRADITIONAL WINGS CATEGORY

- Registration Fee: \$75 per team, per tent. ***This is a Non-Refundable donation to Gifting Grace Project.***
- By registering your Cook-Team in the Traditional Wings Category, you will receive:
 - A reserved spot in the Wing Wars of Acadiana chicken wings cookoff.
 - Advertising and promotions of your Cook-Teams involvement and support.
 - 500qty - 3-4oz, disposable, paper souffle cups to serve their wings in to attendees.
 - 1 - 90" x 50" fire-retardant, grease-resistant, slip-proof mat for placing under your cooking equipment.
 - WWA Event swag bag.
- The term "Traditional Wing" is to be understood to mean the drumette, flat and flap portion connected to the chicken breast. (PLEASE NOTE: Teams cannot prepare and serve a "whole wing". It must be separated into individual split pieces of the drumette and flat with the flap discarded.)
- Each Cook-Team in the Traditional Wings Category is required to supply, prepare, cook and serve a minimum of 500 servings of bone-in chicken wings, drumette and flat pieces only. Most teams historically register to cook around 750 to 1000 servings of wings for the event. (NOTE: The more you cook, the more chances you have at receiving more votes for "Acadiana's Choice Award".)
- Cook-Teams are allowed to register to compete in multiple categories if they so choose.
- This Judge's scores given in this category will contribute to the overall score needed to win the WWA TOTAL KNOCKOUT CHAMPION title and Belt trophy.
- The Traditional Wings Category is the only category that requires a team to register in a Professional or Amateur Division. All other categories of competition are in the same Division.
- **TRADITIONAL WINGS DIVISIONS:**
 - **Professional Division** includes restaurants, food trucks, caterers, chefs or other persons with formal culinary business training or experience. The Professional Division also includes seasonings or sauce companies that have won 3 or more cook-off competitions in the past.
 - **Amateur Division** includes home cooks, seasonings company's, realty companies, sauce companies, church groups, civic clubs, oilfield companies, etc.
 - NOTE: The Division you compete in is subject to change by the Festival Committee after review of your application and historical experience and knowledge. If a Cook-Team has competed and won at least 3 awards in past competitions, no matter the food category, place or event, the Festival Committee considers this Cook-Team a Professional and they should register as such.
- Only (1) flavor/style of Traditional Wing is able to be entered into the Official Judging, however a Cook-Team can offer up to (2) additional flavors/styles to attendees at their tent.
- Every traditional wing served on the day of the event will be served to attendees in exchange for 1 RED ticket. (1 WING SERVING = 1 RED TICKET)
- All wings/food supplied, prepared, cooked and served for the event are the responsibility of each Cook-Team and are considered a donation to the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Gifting Grace Project, Inc. If a Cook-Team is in need of sourcing their chicken wings through a local distributor, please contact the Festival Organizer to discuss your needs.
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B. BONELESS WINGS CATEGORY

- Registration Fee: \$50 per team, per tent. Only \$25 if also competing in an additional Category. ***This is a Non-Refundable donation to Gifting Grace Project.***
- By registering your Cook-Team in the Boneless Wings Category, you will receive:
 - A reserved spot in the Wing Wars of Acadiana chicken wings cookoff.
 - Advertising and promotions of your Cook-Teams involvement and support.
 - 500qty - 3-4oz, disposable, paper souffle cups to serve their wings in to attendees.
 - 1 - 90" x 50" fire-retardant, grease-resistant, slip-proof mat for placing under your cooking equipment.
 - WWA Event swag bag.
- "Boneless Wings" are small, boneless chunks of the chicken breast or chicken thigh that are battered or naked, cooked and served with wet sauce, dry rub seasoning, both or neither.
- Each Cook-Team in the Boneless Wings Category is required to supply, prepare, cook and serve a minimum of 500 servings of boneless chicken wings. Most teams historically register to cook around 750 to 1000 servings of wings for the event. (NOTE: The more you cook, the more chances you have at receiving more votes for "Acadiana's Choice Award".)
- Cook-Teams are allowed to register to compete in multiple categories if they so choose.
- If a Cook-Team wishes to participate in the Side Dish category, the Cook-Team must be registered in another category as well.
- This Judge's scores given in this category will contribute to the overall score needed to win the WWA TOTAL KNOCKOUT CHAMPION title and Belt trophy.
- The Boneless Wings Category does not require a Cook-Team to register in a Professional or Amateur Division. All Teams are in the same Division for this category.
- Only (1) flavor/style, per category, is able to be entered into the Official Judging, however a Cook-Team can offer up to (2) additional flavors/styles to attendees at their tent.
- Every boneless wing served on the day of the event will be served to attendees in exchange for 1 RED ticket. (1 WING SERVING = 1 RED TICKET)
- All food cooked, prepared and served in this category is a donation to Gifting Grace Project and the fundraiser Wing Wars of Acadiana. There will be no reimbursement for participation in this category.

C. LAGNIAPPE "ANYTHING CHICKEN" CATEGORY *NEW*

- Registration Fee: \$50 per team, per tent. Only \$25 if also competing in an additional Category. ***This is a Non-Refundable donation to Gifting Grace Project.***
- By registering your Cook-Team in the Lagniappe "Anything Chicken" Category, you will receive:
 - A reserved spot in the Wing Wars of Acadiana chicken wings cookoff.
 - Advertising and promotions of your Cook-Teams involvement and support.
 - 500qty - 3-4oz, disposable, paper souffle cups to serve their dish in to attendees.
 - 1 - 90" x 50" fire-retardant, grease-resistant, slip-proof mat for placing under your cooking equipment.
 - WWA Event swag bag.
- NO Traditional and/or Boneless Chicken Wings ALLOWED in this Category.
- Chicken strips, tenders, patty, cracklin, sausage, liver, full breast, full thigh, full leg, etc ARE allowed.
- Each Cook-Team in the Lagniappe Category is required to supply, prepare, cook and serve a minimum of 300 servings of your special chicken dish.

- Lagniappe “Anything Chicken” Dishes are special creations that can range from snacks, appetizers, entrées or brunch items. A few ideas that come to mind are chicken cracklin, Nashville Hot Chicken Tenders, chicken and sausage jambalaya, chopped chicken tenders loaded on french fries, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, and so much more. Please be creative and think outside the box to impress our Judges.
- *NOTE: LAGNIAPPE “ANYTHING CHICKEN” CATEGORY DISHES MUST CONTAIN CHICKEN / POULTRY IN SOME CAPACITY. IF IT DOES NOT, IT SHOULD BE ENTERED INTO THE SIDE DISH CATEGORY.*
- Cook-Teams are allowed to register to compete in multiple categories if they so choose.
- If a Cook-Team wishes to participate in the Side Dish category, the Cook-Team must be registered in another category as well.
- This Judge’s scores given in this category will contribute to the overall score needed to win the WWA TOTAL KNOCKOUT CHAMPION title and Belt trophy.
- The Lagniappe Category does not require a Cook-Team to register in a Professional or Amateur Division. All Teams are in the same Division for this category.
- Only (1) dish, per category, is able to be entered into the Official Judging, however a Cook-Team can offer up to (1) additional “Lagniappe” dish to attendees at their tent.
- Every Lagniappe Category dish served on the day of the event will be served to attendees in exchange for a predetermined number of RED tickets. RED Tickets are \$2 each so the number of RED Tickets should be reflected in the value of the food they are receiving.
- This is a sampling event so portion sizes MUST be kept SMALL (2oz to 4oz servings is preferred). Full plates of food are NOT ALLOWED.
- All food supplied, prepared and served in this category is a donation to Gifting Grace Project and the fundraiser Wing Wars of Acadiana. There will be no reimbursement for participation in this category.

D. SIDE DISH CATEGORY

- Registration Fee: \$25 if competing in an additional Category. ***This is a Non-Refundable donation to Gifting Grace Project.*** PLEASE NOTE: This Category is an ADD-ON and is only an option for those participating in another Category.
- Each Cook-Team in the Side Dish Category is required to supply, prepare, cook and serve a minimum of 300 servings of your special NON-chicken dish.
- All food cooked, prepared and served as a Side Dish is a donation to Gifting Grace Project and the fundraiser Wing Wars of Acadiana. There will be no reimbursement for Side Dish tickets.
- Cook-Teams are allowed to enter up to (2) “SIDE DISHES” of your choosing for a predetermined number of RED tickets sold at the WWA Ticket Booth at the event.
- Side Dishes are special creations that can range from snacks, appetizers, entrées or brunch items. A few ideas that are popular are jambalaya, french fries, mac-n-cheese, pickles, waffles, pasta, stuffed potato, boudin...be creative and let your imagination run free.
- *NOTE: SIDE DISHES CANNOT CONTAIN CHICKEN / POULTRY IN ANY CAPACITY. IF IT DOES, IT SHOULD BE ENTERED INTO THE LAGNIAPPE CATEGORY.*
- Tickets: 1 “SIDE DISH” = 1 or 2 RED TICKETS clearly posted at your booth by the WWA Committee upon Check-In.
- This is a sampling event so portion sizes MUST be kept SMALL (2oz to 4oz servings).
- Serving trays, boats or cups are NOT provided to Cook-Teams for side dishes.
- This Judge’s scores given in this category will contribute to the overall score needed to win the WWA TOTAL KNOCKOUT CHAMPION title and Belt trophy.

6. DESSERT VENDORS

- Registration Fee: \$150 per booth space. ***This is a Non-Refundable donation.***
- A TOTAL of 5 Dessert Vendors will be approved and allowed to participate in the WWA Event.
- Vendors will keep 100% of profits made at the event. (*As this is a fundraiser, we ask you to please find a way to help us increase our support in some capacity. Thank you!)
- Vendors are expected to promote the event and invite their followers, customers, family and friends to attend and participate.
- We will work diligently to not have duplicate items sold at the event by Vendors.
- Only 1 Vendor per booth is preferred. If 2 different Vendors desire to share a tent/space, both Vendors must register and pay separate registration fees.
- No refunds will be given due to failure to comply with Festival Rules and Guidelines.
- No refunds will be given for those who do not show up.
- Prices of items must be clearly stated.
- Vendors are responsible for all chairs, tables, tents, etc.
- Access to electricity will be limited. Vendors need to be prepared to be fully autonomous and self-sufficient.
- All monies and in-kind donations given to the event is considered a tax deductible charitable contribution. Receipts are available upon request. Please speak with your CPA and Tax Expert about your expenses.

7. JUDGING AND AWARDS

- CATEGORIES FOR COMPETITION
 - There are several ways to win this year. Here are the different areas.
 - ACADIANA'S CHOICE AWARD
 - TRADITIONAL WINGS CATEGORY (Professional and Amateur Divisions)
 - BONELESS WINGS CATEGORY
 - LAGNIAPPE "ANYTHING CHICKEN" CATEGORY
 - SIDE DISH CATEGORY
 - FUNDRAISING CHAMPION
 - SPIRIT AWARD
 - PRESENTATION AWARD
- JUDGING
 - The Judge's rulings are final.
 - The winners will be selected by a panel of random Judges. The judging will be anonymous with evaluations made of each Cook Team's entry.
 - Teams are expected to provide (1) sample of your BEST Creation per Category, per Judge.
 - A maximum of (1) flavor/style entry for judging is allowed per category, per cook-team.
 - Whatever food creation you provide to the Judges must be one of the same options you provide en masse to the attendees of the event.
 - The first Wing Entries will be judged starting around 11am.
 - The Committee will give each team a 10 - 15 minute heads up before their wing/food entry is picked up.
 - IF A TEAM ASKS TO BE SKIPPED BY THE COMMITTEE BECAUSE YOU ARE UNPREPARED AND NOT READY, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE CHANCE TO ENTER YOUR WING/FOOD INTO THE COMPETITION. We will not skip you and then come back to you.
 - EVENT PRODUCERS will give each wing/food entry an Entry Code upon pickup.
 - ALL WINGS/FOOD MUST BE FULLY COOKED. If a wing or food item is not fully cooked, the cook-team will be disqualified from the competition and will face penalties

determined by the WWA Festival Committee.

- Awards will be presented at the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival beginning around 4:00pm from Center Stage. Voting will go no later than 3:30pm.
- Violations of rules and regulations of the contest will result in an immediate inspection by the Damage Prevention Committee and potential disqualification on the day of the Festival and could result in disqualification from future participation in the Festival as well.

- **AWARDS AND JUDGING**

- **OVERALL WINNER - "TOTAL KNOCK-OUT CHAMPION"**

- 1st Place ONLY.
 - **Trophy:** WWA TOTAL KNOCK-OUT CHAMPION BELT
 - **Voting:** Mix of Judges, Attendees and Festival Committee
 - **Criteria:** The higher a Team scores with the Judges and Attendees on their dishes and the more a Team participates in all other areas of the event, the more of a chance they have in winning the overall champion award.
*When tallying the "Fundraising Champion" scores to add to the overall score, we will give 1 additional point for every \$250 raised.
*When tallying the "Acadiana's Choice Award" scores to add to the overall score, we will give 1 additional point for every 50 votes.
*All other scores will be tallied at a 1 to 1 rate.

- **"ACADIANA'S CHOICE AWARD"**

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place.
 - **Voting:** Festival Attendees
 - **Criteria:** Each festival attendee who purchases a wristband for entry will receive a WWA voting token that they are able to place in a bucket at the table of the team they think has the best wings/food. These tokens will be tallied midday and at the end of the day to decide who is the Acadiana's Choice Award winners.
 - This score will be used in the final tallying of its respective category as well as the OVERALL CHAMPION AWARD. We will give 1 additional point for every 50 votes.

- **"BEST TRADITIONAL WINGS" - PROFESSIONAL DIVISION**

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place.
 - **Voting:** Judge's Choice Award
 - **Criteria:** Open Judging. This process includes allowing only the Team Captain 2 minutes maximum to present their wings to the panel of Judges and tell them about their special creation. Please have what you will say prepared and rehearsed. 2 minutes goes by very quickly.
 - **Ballot:** Judge's will score the submitted entry in the following areas: PRESENTATION (1-7 points), AROMA (1-5 points), TASTE (1-10 points), TEMPERATURE (1-5 points), TEXTURE (1-7 points) and ORIGINALITY (1-10 points). A MAX HIGH SCORE of 44 points per judge. ALL categories are HIGHLY important. Please do not disregard one for the other.
 - **Wing Entry:** Teams are expected to provide 1 piece/serving per Judge. This entry can include a maximum of 2 pieces/servings per Judge.
 - This score will be used in the final tallying of its respective category as well as the OVERALL CHAMPION AWARD.

- **“BEST TRADITIONAL WINGS” - AMATEUR DIVISION**

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place.
- **Voting:** Judge’s Choice Award
- **Criteria:** Open Judging. This process includes allowing only the Team Captain 2 minutes maximum to present their wings to the panel of Judges and tell them about their special creation. Please have what you will say prepared and rehearsed. 2 minutes goes by very quickly.
- **Ballot:** Judge’s will score the submitted entry in the following areas: PRESENTATION (1-7 points), AROMA (1-5 points), TASTE (1-10 points), TEMPERATURE (1-5 points), TEXTURE (1-7 points) and ORIGINALITY (1-10 points). A MAX HIGH SCORE of 44 points per judge. ALL categories are HIGHLY important. Please do not disregard one for the other.
- **Wing Entry:** Teams are expected to provide 1 piece/serving per Judge. This entry can include a maximum of 2 pieces/servings per Judge.
- This score will be used in the final tallying of its respective category as well as the OVERALL CHAMPION AWARD.

- **“BEST BONELESS WINGS”**

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
- **Voting:** Judge’s Choice Award
- **Criteria:** Entries will be judged through a blind judging process where the food will be picked up at the Cook-Teams tent by the Festival Committee and brought to the judges.
- **Ballot:** Judge’s will score the submitted entry in the following areas: PRESENTATION (1-7 points), AROMA (1-5 points), TASTE (1-10 points), TEMPERATURE (1-5 points), TEXTURE (1-7 points) and ORIGINALITY (1-10 points). A MAX HIGH SCORE of 44 points per judge. ALL categories are HIGHLY important. Please do not disregard one for the other.
- **Wing Entry:** Teams are expected to provide 1 piece per Judge. This entry can include a maximum of 2 pieces per Judge.
- This score will be used in the final tallying of its respective category as well as the OVERALL CHAMPION AWARD.

- **“BEST LAGNIAPPE CHICKEN DISH”**

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
- **Voting:** Judge’s Choice Award
- **Criteria:** Open Judging. This process includes allowing only the Team Captain 2 minutes maximum to present their special creation to the panel of Judges and tell them about their “ANYTHING CHICKEN” Dish. Please have what you will say prepared and rehearsed. 2 minutes goes by very quickly. A live 2 minute presentation by the Team Captain is not required, however it is allowed.
- **Ballot:** Judge’s will score the submitted entry on the following: PRESENTATION (1-7 points), AROMA (1-5 points), TASTE (1-10 points), TEMPERATURE (1-5 points), TEXTURE (1-7 points) and ORIGINALITY (1-10 points). A MAX HIGH SCORE of 44 points per judge. ALL categories are HIGHLY important. Please do not disregard one for the other.
- **Dish Entry:** Teams are expected to provide 1 piece/serving per Judge. This entry can include a maximum of 2 pieces/servings per Judge. Must be a small sample.
- This score will be used in the final tallying of its respective category as well as the OVERALL CHAMPION AWARD.

- **“BEST SIDE DISH”**

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
- **Voting:** Judge’s Choice Award
- **Criteria:** will be judged through a blind judging process where the food will be picked up at the Cook-Teams tent by the Festival Committee and brought to the judges.
- **Ballot:** Judge’s will score the submitted entry in the following areas: PRESENTATION (1-7 points), AROMA (1-5 points), TASTE (1-10 points), TEMPERATURE (1-5 points), TEXTURE (1-7 points) and ORIGINALITY (1-10 points). A MAX HIGH SCORE of 44 points per judge. ALL categories are HIGHLY important. Please do not disregard one for the other.
- **Dish Entry:** Teams are expected to provide 1 piece/serving per Judge. This entry can include a maximum of 2 pieces/servings per Judge. Must be a small sample.
- This score will be used in the final tallying of its respective category as well as the OVERALL CHAMPION AWARD.

- **“FUNDRAISING CHAMPION AWARD”**

- 1st Place only (The Cook-Team who raises the most money for Gifting Grace Project through the Wing Wars of Acadiana Event fundraising page will win this award.)
- Each Cook-Team will have an individual fundraising page created by the committee upon acceptance of their application to participate in the cookoff. This page will have a unique link that can be shared with sponsors, employers, family, friends, coworkers, fans and others to encourage them to donate money to support your fundraising goals. The money raised through this page will be automatically credited to you and your Cook Team and for the team that raises the most money, they will be recognized and awarded a trophy for having done so.
- Monies raised will be tallied as 1 additional point for every \$250 raised. These points will be added to the competitors overall score and help them get closer to win the OVERALL CHAMPION AWARD and Belt.

- **“BEST PRESENTATION - JUDGE’S CHOICE AWARD”**

- 1st Place only
- This award is given for the team that scores the highest with the Judges in the PRESENTATION section of the ballot. The Festival Committee is aware the Teams have, not only spent a lot of time preparing a tasty dish, but also a visually appealing work of art for our Judges and we want to show you our appreciation for the additional effort and heart.

- **“SPIRIT AWARD - JUDGE’S CHOICE AWARD”**

- 1st Place only.
- This award is for the Cook Team with the best decorated or themed booth, costumes, physical energy, coordinated cheer, and team spirit at the event.
- Spirit award judging will begin promptly at 10:15am with the Judges walking from booth to booth to judge the team on their “SPIRIT”. We want to see, hear and FEEL the energy! Be sure to BRING IT.

8. COOK-TEAMS

MANDATORY MEETINGS:

- “Cook-Team Captains Meeting” two days prior to the Event at 9am at Parc International.

- “Cook-Team Captains Meeting” day of the Event at 9:30am at Parc International.

CHECK-IN:

- 6:00AM to 9:00AM the day of the Event.
- Cook-Teams can access their assigned spot by entering through Taylor Street gate. Please unload vehicles into space and then remove all vehicles immediately.
- Booth designations are assigned prior to the morning of the event and will be discussed at the Cook Teams Meeting earlier in the week.

TEAM MEMBERS:

- Max of 4 people under tent at one time.
- Booth should be manned by at least 1 person between the hours of 10am to 4pm.
- The Team’s Captain will be held responsible for the conduct of his Team and his guests.
- Under NO circumstances are wings, other food or beverages to be distributed (given away or sold) to the general public by any Team Member without the exchange of an appropriate ticket.
- We must emphasize that this is a “family-friendly” event and we expect the Cook-Team members to conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner.
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL WE TOLERATE ANY VULGARITY, PROFANITY, INEBRIATION, SEXUAL INNUENDO, HARASSMENT OR OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOR. Yes we will have fun but those kinds of actions are unacceptable.
- Under no circumstances will smoking be allowed within the tent area. Each Team should provide their own bucket of sand for cigarette butts disposal **outside of the gate of the park**. If cigarette butts are left on the grounds of the park at any time by any of your Team Members, the Festival Committee and Gifting Grace Project, Inc. reserves the right to impose additional fines.

TENT / BOOTH:

- A tent space of 10ft x 10ft will be reserved for each team. Usually, there is at least an extra 5 to 10 feet behind the actual footprint of the tent for flex space. This is not guaranteed.
- We REQUIRE at least a 25lb weight on each corner to anchor the tent.
- This is a rain or shine event. The Event will be held as scheduled, regardless of weather. Cook-teams and vendors should come prepared to protect themselves against the elements (i.e. sun, rain, wind, etc.).
- ONLY 1 COOK-TEAM PER BOOTH IS ALLOWED.
- We REQUIRE that all cooking equipment be placed on a protective fire-retardant and grease-resistant mat so as to protect the park grounds. This will be provided by the Festival Committee to each Cook-Team the morning of the event and is required for participation in this event. The cost of this protective mat is included in your registration fee. We ALL must work together to protect the park grounds from any damages. Therefore we have put together a team of individuals we have called the **Damage Prevention Committee to will help to ensure that every team is following these guidelines and to offer additional support during the event.** They are not there to get you into trouble, they are there to watch your back and help us all leave without incurring additional fees. Please work with them.

BOOTH TEARDOWN & CLEANUP

- Teardown and “load-out” will not be allowed until the Award Ceremony is finished at approximately 4:30PM.
- All “load-out” gates will be blocked off until final inspections are completed by the “Damage Prevention Committee” assisted by local Officers.
- **Trash cans and Trash bags must be supplied by each Cook Team and Vendor. A**

dumpster for all bagged trash will be on-site. Cook-Teams and Vendors will be responsible for cleaning up their area before, during and after the Festival. Trash MUST be placed in the dumpster, not next to it.

- **EVERY COOK-TEAM and VENDOR is responsible for making sure that your area is clean and damage free or you will incur additional clean-up fees or fines as imposed upon the Festival Committee.**
- Those that do not adhere to this regulation and leave trash in their respective areas are subject to a \$250 cleaning fee.
- Areas must be cleaned up at the end of the event. All equipment must be off the premises no later than 7:00PM.

OPERATIONS

- **Every Cook-Teams is REQUIRED to have a fire extinguisher specific to the cooking equipment you are using. Cook-Teams must provide all appropriate extinguishers.** Here is a guide to determine which one you need.
 - Teams using deep fryers must have a K-Class fire extinguisher.
 - Teams using Charcoal Grills or Wood Smokers; Propane or Gas Grills; Electric Grills / Griddles / Fryers must have an ABC fire extinguisher.
 - It is the Cook Team's responsibility to check and make sure they are charged and not expired. **You will not be allowed to cook if you do not have an appropriate extinguisher.**
- **NO glass containers!** Only plastic and aluminum are allowed inside of Parc International.
- If applicable, the Cook Team is responsible for reporting any and all state and local sales taxes.
- The price of all items for sale must be clearly posted on signs in close proximity to the Cook Team's space. The Festival Committee will help with this upon Check-In the morning of the event.
- Decorating your booth space is encouraged but not mandatory.
- No refunds or exchanges will be given due to a weather event.
- No refunds will be given due to failure to comply with the WWA Festival Rules and Guidelines.
- No refunds will be given due to failure to comply with Health Department codes.
- Violations of rules and regulations of the contest could result in disqualification and expulsion from future participation in the Festival and Cookoff.
- **COOK-TEAMS: By signing and submitting your application you are agreeing to a CANCELLATION AND/OR NO SHOW FEE OF \$500 unless otherwise agreed upon by the FESTIVAL PRODUCER AND FESTIVAL COMMITTEE.**
- Read and keep these rules of the Wing Wars of Acadiana. If there are any questions or concerns, contact the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival Committee for clarification.

9. FOOD TRUCKS AND COOK TRAILERS

- **No food will be served directly from any Food Truck or Cook Trailer. ALL FOOD MUST BE SERVED FROM YOUR TENT AT YOUR ASSIGNED BOOTH.**
- Food Trucks are NOT allowed inside of the gates of Parc International.
- If a Food Truck or Cook Trailer owner has the ability to place their cooking equipment at their booth, we highly encourage you to do so. Using a Food Truck should be a last resort for Cook-Teams or Vendors.
- You are allowed to use a Food Truck ONLY for the use of the cooking equipment and preparation space. No food will be served directly from the Food Truck or Cook Trailer.
- Cook-Teams and Vendors using a Food Truck, will be assigned parking on Taylor Street adjacent to the park, with monitored entry at that side gate.

- Space inside of Parc International will be assigned to ALL COOK-TEAMS and VENDORS using a Food Truck.
- All Food Trucks will be inspected for food safety and cleanliness prior to the start of the Festival. CLEANLINESS AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL IS A TOP PRIORITY.
- No additional entry fee is required for those utilizing a Food Truck.
- All Food Trucks and Cook-Teams ***must be self-sufficient*** and have their own water, propane, fuel, electricity/generator, etc.

10. WHAT WILL WWA PROVIDE TO COOK-TEAMS AND VENDORS

- A tax deductible receipt of your charitable contribution upon request.
- Promotional Advertisements as available.
- Exposure and advertisement to an estimated 3000 people in attendance the day of the Festival.
- Your company name or logo will receive prominent placement on our event website.
- You are allowed to actively promote your business through your booth on the day of the event. (NO OTHER Foundation or Nonprofit Organization is able to be advertised during this event other than Gifting Grace Project, Inc.)
- 10'x10' Booth Space
- Event Security.
- Social Media Recognition.
- Media Recognition to promote your involvement in the Festival as available.
- Print publications, radio and TV, etc as available.
- Cook Teams will receive 1 - 90x48 Extra Large fire-retardant, grease-resistant, mat.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Festival will take place at Parc International in Downtown Lafayette.
- Live bands and entertainment will be taking place during the Festival from 10:15AM – 3:30PM.
- Restrooms and Hand-washing stations will be available in the Park.
- Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.
- NO throwing of Frisbees, balls or any falling objects are allowed inside of Parc International during this event.
- **NO glass containers!** Only plastic and aluminum are allowed inside of Parc International.
- Violations of rules and regulations of the contest can result in disqualification, expulsion, and/or future disqualification from participation in the Festival.
- Read and keep these rules of the Wing Wars of Acadiana. If there are any questions or concerns, immediately contact the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival Committee for clarification.
- COOK-TEAMS: By signing and submitting your application you are agreeing to a CANCELLATION AND/OR NO SHOW FEE OF \$500 unless otherwise agreed upon by the FESTIVAL PRODUCER AND FESTIVAL COMMITTEE.

12. RESERVED RIGHTS

- Gifting Grace Project, Inc. reserves the right to reject any application for the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival. If your team's application is not accepted, your fees will be refunded 100%. Once your application has been accepted, registration fees are non-refundable whether your team participates or not.
- Space is guaranteed for the first 20 Cook-Team applications accepted by the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival Committee.
- Gifting Grace Project, Inc. and the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival Committee reserve the right to make additional policies and regulations as the situation warrants.
- Decisions of Gifting Grace Project, Inc., the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival Committee and all Judges are FINAL.

13. LIABILITY

- Each Cook-Team and Vendor agrees to protect, save and keep Gifting Grace Project, Inc., Wing Wars of Acadiana, all event sponsors and their representatives and agents forever harmless from any claims or charges imposed for violation of any law or ordinance whether occasioned by the negligence of the Cook-Team and Vendor, or those holding under or through the Cook-Team and Vendor, and Cook-Team and Vendor shall indemnify and hold them harmless, against any and all loss, costs, damage, liabilities, causes of action, debts or expenses arising from or by reason of any injury to Cook-Team and Vendors, their Team Members, agents or guests or property from any cause whatsoever prior, during or subsequent to the period covered by the Agreement. When acts of God, work stoppages or any other cause not within the control of the Festival make it impossible for Cook-Team and Vendor or any of his equipment or materials to occupy or function in the premises, the Cook-Team and Vendor shall waive any claim for damages or compensation. IN ADDITION, COOK-TEAM AND VENDOR FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT INSURANCE COVERING THE COOK-TEAM AND VENDOR AND HIS PROPERTY AGAINST DAMAGE, PROPERTY AND BUSINESS INTERRUPTION LOSSES ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COOK-TEAM AND VENDOR.
- Cook-Team and Vendor agrees to keep the required business and liability insurance coverage and licenses active during the duration of the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival.
- I hereby grant the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival and Gifting Grace Project, Inc. the irrevocable right and permission to use photographs and/or video recordings of me, my business or associates at the Festival and other websites and in publications, promotional flyers, educational materials, derivative works, or for any other similar purpose without compensation to me. I understand and agree that such photographs and/or video recordings of me may be placed on the Internet. I also understand and agree that I may be identified by name and/or title in printed, Internet or broadcast information that might accompany the photographs and/or video recordings of me. I waive the right to approve the final product. I agree that all such portraits, pictures, photographs, video and audio recordings, and any reproductions thereof, and all plates, negatives, recording tape and digital files are and shall remain the property of the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival and Gifting Grace Project, Inc.
- All persons, companies or organizations renting booth/concession space do so as independent contractors and not as employees or agents of Gifting Grace Project, Inc or Wing Wars of Acadiana or its management herein, and as such assume all responsibility for withholding taxes, Social Security, State taxes, Public liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance and also assume responsibility for insurance coverage to, from and during the Festival and for accident or injury to himself, his Team Members and/or his equipment.
- The Festival will run rain or shine. If severe weather persists, the Festival may close for a short period of time and then reopen. All cook-teams and vendors are expected to reopen once a decision has been made. If a cook-team and vendor leaves the festival and/or does not reopen at the time decided, the event producers reserve the right to dismiss the vendor without refunding any and all fees, etc.

14. SALES TAX

- All Cook-Teams and/or Vendors are required to pay tax their own taxes and the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival (Gifting Grace Project, Inc) is not responsible for reporting sales and/or paying sales tax on sales made at the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival for any cook-team or vendor.

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