

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Puttin' on the Roux Gumbo Cook-off

### Team instructions/application

1. Entry fee is \$50 for application until Aug. 20; \$75 for application between Aug. 21-Sept. 17; and \$100 for application from Sept. 20-Oct. 8. The fee is not refundable under any condition except cancellation of the event by Back Bay Mission. A maximum of 20 teams may participate.
2. Entry divisions are unrestricted. They may be: professional cooks; corporate teams (those representing a business or company) and independent teams (those representing themselves, i.e., friends and family, church groups, civic clubs, etc.) Each team may have a maximum of six people.
3. Anyone, except Back Bay Mission staff, may enter the competition as a team of up to six people.
4. Back Bay Mission will provide a letter of proof of its nonprofit status to any team wishing to try to get gumbo ingredients donated
5. Teams may begin setting up Friday, October 15, from 5-7 p.m., and resume at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, October 16. Each team **must provide a minimum of 10 gallons of gumbo for tasting purposes only**. Teams may sell as much gumbo by the bowl, quart, gallon, etc., as they want. Teams may set their own prices for gumbo sold. **Back Bay Mission asks that teams contribute 30% of their proceeds to support the Mission's work.**
6. Booth spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Please check in with the Gumbo Cops at the ticket booth in the center of the Town Green to pick up instructions and answers to any of your questions. Please do not ask to move once you have received your booth space assignment.
7. Contestant booths will be set up in the Town Green parking lot. Teams must provide all of their own equipment, i.e., tables, cooking equipment, tent etc. Several chairs may be set up in front of each booth to permit interested visitors to view the gumbo being prepared.
8. The interpretation of the Gumbo Cook-Off rules is at the discretion of Back Bay Mission.
9. Decision of the judge(s) is final.

### Team Information

1. Only propane may be used for cooking.
2. Each team must provide an appropriate fire extinguisher for its booth.
3. Teams are encouraged to name themselves and to name their gumbo
4. Teams are encouraged to decorate their booths and to costume so long as decorations/costumes do not create a fire hazard or an impediment to cooking.
5. Teams are responsible for maintaining clean cooking space at all times, and for thoroughly cleaning their space before shutting down their booth at the end of the day.
6. Teams are responsible for personal hygiene at all times when they are dealing with food.
7. Restrooms with hand-washing facilities will be provided. Any team member **MUST** wash his/her hands before returning to the cooking booth after using the restroom.
8. Teams will be provided a copy of and must comply with all rules and regulations for the use of the Biloxi Town Green.

### Judging/Prizes

1. Judging will take place between 11:30 a.m.-noon. Each team will submit a cup of gumbo from its main pot. Judging cups will be numbered and will be collected from each team by one of the Gumbo Cops and taken to the judge(s). Gumbo tasting and subsequent serving will begin at 12:15 p.m. Winners of the competition will be announced at 3 p.m. from the stage. Judging will be blind and the decision of the judge(s) will be final. Criteria for judging: aroma, appearance,

taste. Scoring will be from 1-10 with 10 being the maximum number of points possible and 1 being the minimum.

2. Prizes will be awarded to first and second places in the judging competition. Medals/trophies will be awarded to the winning team in each category. A People's Choice Award will also be given to the team receiving the most votes for best gumbo as chosen by visitors to the competition. Each member of the team winning the People's Choice Award will receive an appropriate memento of the occasion.
3. The Bright Idea Award will be given for the best-decorated booth.

#### Logistics

1. Parking is limited to one vehicle per team in the reserved section.
2. Booths must be open during all hours of Puttin' on the Roux, or from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, October 17.

Back Bay Mission  
Third Annual Puttin' on the Roux  
TEAM APPLICATION

Applicant/Team (team name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Before Aug. 20: **\$50** ( ) Aug. 21-Sept. 17: **\$75** ( ) Sept. 18-Oct. 8: **\$100**  
*(Please make checks payable to Back Bay Mission and notate Puttin' on the Roux team fee)*

Category: ( ) Professional ( ) Corporate ( ) Independent

Number of people on team \_\_\_\_\_

Team captain \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact information

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional team members

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Type of gumbo

Seafood     Chicken     Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

Send applications to:

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