

Red Beans  
& Rice  
**FESTIVAL**  
BENEFITTING STEWPOT

**RED BEANS AND RICE CONTESTANT RULES**

**General Rules**

- Gates for Contestants will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. day of event.
- Cooking may begin at 6:00 a.m. when the site opens.
- Beans may be soaked BUT NOT COOKED prior to the event. (Canned beans are allowed.)
- Each Contestant Team should cook at least 7 gallons of rice and 14 gallons of beans. *[These figures may be adjusted based on number of contestants.]*
- **Contestants must provide enough beans to serve beans until 4:00 p.m. when the winners will be announced.**
- All materials for booths and cooking, including heat source and utensils, should be provided by contestant.
- FRONT Gates will open at 11:00 a.m.
- Judging will begin at 12:30 on the day of the event.
- Contestants are responsible for taking all leftovers to Stewpot's tent at the end of the day. The Committee and Volunteers will be available to help you.

**Restaurant Rules**

**All of the above rules and times apply to restaurants as well, EXCEPT:**

- First, restaurants are allowed to bring their beans and rice to the event already cooked. Restaurants, of course, will be judged separately since we are making an exception to the on-site cooking rule.
- Second, we are going to provide two volunteers to assist you at your booth. This will allow you to keep more of your staff at your restaurant and/or rotate them in and out if needed.
- We also encourage restaurants to seek volunteers from your customers. Perhaps that could be done by offering a free meal(s) or discount – whatever would work for you the best. Being a fan of many different restaurants, I know this would be an attention-getter for me!

## Site Rules

**You must provide your own fire extinguishers for your tent. 10x10 tents must have 1 fire extinguisher and 10x20 tents 2 fire extinguishers.**

1. Electricity will not be available for contestants. You will need to make other arrangements for your cooking needs. Contestants are responsible for bringing their generators please and power sources.
2. Please make sure you have all material to stake your tent in the ground. Heavy sandbags or concrete blocks can also be used to secure tent lines.
3. **Absolutely no vehicles, hand trucks, carts, etc. are to be dragged or rolled on the field grass.** Carts and hand trucks are permitted and can be rolled on the grass. Other than that, all equipment, supplies, utensils, decorations, etc. must be hand carried to your tent.
4. We highly suggest: No “living” or “formerly living” decorations such as hay, flowers, grass, etc. can be used on the grass to decorate your tent. If you wish to use these types of decorations, you will be responsible for making sure it is cleaned up when you break down your area. **YOU CAN NOT LEAVE UNTIL IT HAS BEEN CHECKED! NO EXCEPTIONS.**
5. **Absolutely no water, grease, food, drinks, etc. can be poured on the grass!**
6. No tent equipment, or supplies can obstruct the flow of traffic on the grass.
7. BankPlus nor Stewpot **is not responsible** for items left at the conclusion of the event. **Any and all items left on the premises will be thrown away.**