

## **Rules and Guidelines for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual West Memphis Gumbo Fest**

1. Wristbands will be provided for ages 21 and older. Only individuals wearing wristbands will be able to purchase beer. Teams will have different bands than public.
2. No cups, bottles, or cans will be allowed out of the festival area or brought in after festival begins. **(please see number 5)**
3. **Teams are required to have a small fire extinguisher.**
4. Teams must have everything in the area by 11:00 a.m. Saturday. Teams may begin setting up their booths on Friday from 4:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. or on Saturday between 7:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. **Security will be available Friday night.**
5. **Team members must have wristbands on at all times. Team members must have their wristbands on before entering the cooking area.** Teams will be allowed to bring alcohol into the area for their own use but no outside alcoholic beverages allowed through gate after NOON. Must be brought in during set up before festival opens to public. Beer for team use must be in the ice chests when brought into the festival area. **Beer will be available for purchase for the general public as well as 30 packs for teams, which can be purchased for \$30. Only TWO ice chests per team (100qt). Ice will also be available for Teams for \$3 a bag.**
6. **No beer distribution to the public by cooking teams. If it has been determined that this has occurred, your team will be disqualified.**
7. Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Gumbo **five** places, chicken wings **three** places, and exotic meats/things **three** places and overall for best booth.
8. Teams who are cooking gumbo are **strongly encouraged** to provide Gumbo samples to attendees, but must reserve at least three quarts of Gumbo for judging. Teams must provide cups and spoons.
9. **Gumbo must be cooked on site. Cooking begins morning of the contest.**
10. No obscene signs, logos, or stickers are allowed.
11. There will be no tolerance for fighting. Offenders will be removed and placed under arrest.
12. **Teams will be judged blind at 2:00 p.m. for chicken wings, 3:00 p.m. for exotic meats and 4:00 p.m. for gumbo. Best Booth will be judged at 1:00 p.m.**
13. Team members **MUST** clean their area before leaving and bag their own garbage.
14. **Teams cannot use stakes to hold tents. Must use objects that will not damage parking lot.**
15. **Teams may not breakdown before 9:00 p.m.! Breakdown AFTER 9 p.m. or between 7 a.m.-10 a.m. the following day.**
16. Please contact the West Memphis Chamber of Commerce at 870-735-1134 for any questions or concerns.