



Abita Springs Battle for the Paddle Jambalaya Cookoff TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

A Citizen Driven Event

We invite you to join in the fun and help support our 2021 Abita Springs Battle for the Paddle Jambalaya Cookoff! All net proceeds will support improvements to the pedestrian crosswalks in Abita Springs with a portion dedicated to fund our 2022 Battle for the Paddle start-up costs and selected project.

EVENT DATE: July 3, 2021

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: June 22, 2021

EVENT LOCATION: Abita Springs Trailhead Park. Team areas will be marked.

EVENT TIME: Set up after 8:00 am. **Set up must be complete by 11:00 am.**

AWARDS: Best Jambalaya (blind judging) and Fan Favorite and Team Participation.

SERVING TIME: 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm, or until you run out of jambalaya.

TEAM REGISTRATION

Team Registration must be received by June 22, 2021. The cost to register your team is \$50. **Please register as soon as you are able.** Make checks payable to the Town of Abita Springs (TOAS). Drop off at the Abita Town Hall or mail to **PO Box 461, Abita Springs, Louisiana 70420.**

COOKING PREPARATIONS

- Jambalaya is a rice dish; pastalaya will not qualify for this cookoff.
- Each team will prepare a **minimum of 10 gallons** of jambalaya. Of course, we invite you to cook more. Teams must provide all ingredients to prepare the dish.
- You are not limited to the type of protein in your jambalaya, but your entry must be bonless when served. **Because of food allergies, the protein in their jambalaya (i.e., sausage, shrimp, alligator, wild game, etc.) must be posted.**

COOKING AREA

- Each Team is encouraged to **decorate their booth/area in red, white, and blue.**
- Jambalaya **must be cooked on-site.** You may bring pre-made stocks or broths if you choose, and vegetables can be prepared in advance. All cooking will be done within the time window of the competition with the few stated exceptions (protein marination, stock/broth preparation, ingredient washing/peeling). Proteins may be marinated ahead of time but must remain in the marinade until the event cooking time begins.
- All cooking will take place at the designated team location.
- You must provide water, cooking and cleaning supplies, trash bags, serving utensils, tables, chairs, **fire extinguisher**, etc., just as if you were tailgating. Tents (10 x 10) are encouraged.
- It is the responsibility of each team to maintain proper sanitation and food safety practices such as time and temperature control. Critical violations of sanitation or disorderly conduct may result in disqualification from jambalaya judging.
- It is the team's responsibility to care for their designated area.

SERVING

- Each team will be provided tasting bowls, sporks, and napkins. The tasting bowls are small (4 oz.) so that the public is not full before they get to your pot of jambalaya.
- Each team will also receive a container for Fan Favorite tickets.
- **You are to only serve jambalaya to those wearing a wristband.**
- Serving will begin at 1 pm and shall continue until the end of the event, or your pot is empty. For latecomers to have samples, please do not package food in bags before 4 pm. If you desire to begin to clean up early, provide and package your food in disposable aluminum pans.
- **Wrist bands for jambalaya tasting will be honored until 4:00 pm.** After 4:30 pm, you can either pack your jambalaya to take or give it away.

BOOTH SETUP AND REMOVAL AND CLEAN-UP

- Booth setup time will begin at 8:00 am on the morning of the event.
- **If electricity is necessary, YOU MUST CONTACT US IN ADVANCE so that we can reserve your spot where electricity is available.**
- Each team will be allotted a 15x15 area. Whatever your team can fit into the designated area is permitted.

EVENT TIMELINE

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Team Setup
12:00 am – 4:00 pm	Live Music
1:00 pm	Begin Serving Jambalaya and Competition Begins
4:00 pm	Awards Presented
4:30 pm	Booth/Area Clean Up

QUESTIONS?

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