

Our Lady of Lourdes Crawfish Cook-off Team Packet

The Event

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Lourdes Council No. 8442 (the host) is a Catholic service organization, supporting of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Violet, LA. This Crawfish Cook-off is a fund raiser to benefit various charities, including the church and its various projects.

Eligibility Requirements to Field a Team

Each team will be limited to 6 people, 18 years of age or older. The captain of each team will be provided six passes. The passes will allow the captain & team members entry on to the grounds and into the restricted boiling areas.

Entry Requirements for Contestants

Teams are to pay their non-refundable (except for an unavoidable event cancellation) \$400 registration fee which will guarantee entry into the cook-off. This includes space in the event, 200 pounds of crawfish, & admission for 6 team members.

Each team shall boil a minimum of 200 pounds of live crawfish, supplied by the host, for the competition on the day of the contest in their assigned boiling area.

We ask that each team bring extra supplies to boil more than 200 pounds of crawfish. You are not required to boil more, but you may be asked to, depending on the number of attendees entering the event.

There will be four categories: crawfish, potatoes, corn, and “lagniappe” for any other item. All items must be boiled in each team’s booth the day of the competition. All items must be handled in a sanitary manner and boiled on the day of the contest in the designated areas.

All judged items should be available for judging no later than 11:30am. The committee will supply the containers for bringing items to the judges. All teams must have two sacks of crawfish ready for sampling by 12:00pm when the gates open. All teams are asked to boil their crawfish on a demand only basis. **Please do not boil all 200 pounds at once.**

Team members shall remain in their service areas distributing crawfish to the attendees until their supply of crawfish is depleted. Teams will be encouraged to boil more than the minimum to ensure that an adequate supply of crawfish is available for all attendees. Additional crawfish will be supplied by the host.

Each team is responsible for:

- Maintaining clean and safe boiling and serving areas.
- Providing its own supplies, equipment, and utensils to both boil and serve its crawfish to the public. Examples of utensils and equipment include, but are not limited to, boiling pots, boiling baskets, ice chests, ice, burners, knives, chopping boards, tables, chairs, etc. Propane tanks shall be in good working order and within code as per federal and state standards and regulations.

- Transporting its own equipment, supplies, tables, etc. Each team is also responsible for bringing 2 tents, maximum size 10'x10', to act as team booth. If you bring anything larger than 2- 10'x10' tents you will be asked to take them down. All equipment must be stored within the area provided.
- Bringing plywood to put their burners on.
- Bringing a current and fully operational fire extinguisher, available for inspection by a Knights of Columbus member. **Any team without a fire extinguisher will not be allowed to compete.**

The host will supply water and drains for each boiling area. The water and drains will be shared among teams, so cooperation and good sportsmanship is expected and encouraged. No electrical power will be supplied.

The host will only supply serving containers for each team's serving area.

Teams are encouraged to display a reasonably sized banner or logo that identifies their team and sponsors.

Teams will be allowed to bring in alcoholic beverages for consumption by their team members only. Ice chests containing alcoholic beverages will only be allowed in the restricted boiling areas. Teams will be prohibited from distributing beer or other alcoholic beverages to the attendees. There will be reasonably priced beer and soft drinks sold to event attendees.

For safety purposes, please do not bring glass bottles.

The Competition

A panel selected by the host will conduct the judging in private. Awards will be given for first, second, and third place in each of the four categories: crawfish, potatoes, corn, and lagniappe. An overall award will be given to the team with the best overall score. There will also be a "People's Choice Award" for crawfish. For \$1 per vote, attendees can vote for their choice of best crawfish.

When submitting to the judges, each team captain will be given a container for each item, which they will mark the bottom with their team number.

For the People's Choice Award, each team is responsible for writing their team number on each crawfish tray to help the attendees track the crawfish they sample. This is very important for accuracy.

For the overall event champion category (best complete boil), a single award is given to the team that has the best combined score from all of the judged items. You **MUST** participate in all judged categories to be eligible for this award.

All decisions by the judges are final.

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