Entry Rules

Entry Requirements: This contest is $5.00 to enter. An Entry is considered to be a minimum of 1 gallon of Gumbo (enough for a 4 quart Slow Cooker). A 16 oz styrofoam container will be given to the Judging Panel for tasting, and the rest will be sold for public sampling.

Rules:

1. Gumbo must be cooked off site and prepared in a sanitary manner.
2. Gumbo must be made from scratch: cooking beginning with raw meats, vegetables and spices
   a. Canned beans and tomatoes are allowed provided they do not include other Gumbo flavorings or spices.
   b. Complete commercial gumbo mixes and roux are not permitted.
   c. Beans, pasta, rice, etc are approved ingredients for this competition.
3. Please provide a 3x5 index card with ingredients listed and serving utensils. Tasting cups and sampling utensils will be provided.
4. A minimum of 1 gallon of chili (4 quart Slow Cooker) must be prepared for distribution to the judges and public.
5. One pint (16 oz.) of gumbo is required to submit for judging.
6. The gumbo submitted to judging should be the same gumbo served to the public or YOUR TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
7. All entrants must be setup at the competition by 11a.m.
8. Judges will consist of facility and students, and must not be associated with any entrant or krewe participating in cook-off.
Judging:

1. Judging will begin at 11:30 am

2. Judges will be drawn from some of the facility and student (must not be associated with entrants or Krewes participating).

3. Judging will be based on a scale of 1-10, without consultation with other judges taking into account the following areas:
   a. Flavor & aftertaste: The gumbo should have good flavoring and taste with the aftertaste not unpleasant.
   b. Texture & consistency: The texture of the meat shall not be tough or mushy w/ a smooth combination of meat and roux – not too thin or too thick.
   c. Appearance: Color & aroma should be appetizing.

4. The Gumbo entries receiving the top 3 total numerical values will be considered 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners
   a. In the case of a tie, the judges will judge those submissions again.

5. The Decision of the judges is final. Judges will not know contestant names.

6. Winners will be announced after the judging is complete.

7. Participants must be present during the contest and judging.

Disposition of Gumbo:

1. Public Tasting will occur between 12pm and 1pm