



# 2011 Blessing of the Fleet

## Texas Shrimp Gumbo Cook Off

Sponsored by the Kemah Merchants Association

Saturday April 30, 2011

8 am until 8 pm

### Cooks Registration Form

Head Cooks Name \_\_\_\_\_ Kemah Restaurant? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Code

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone

Office

Home

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** Kemah Visitors Center, 6<sup>th</sup> @ Bradford.

**Entry Fee:** \$40.00 payable to Blessing of the Fleet: Mail checks to:

Sherry Austin / 2601 Orleans Dr. / Seabrook, TX 77586 or pay at set up time.

We would like to complete all registrations by April 29. Entry fee must be paid before set up.

**Set up Time:** Any time after 8 am. Turn in time 5 pm. Awards presentation at 7 pm.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place winners.

Cooks are to be self-sufficient. Gumbo must be cooked from scratch on site. Each entry will be provided with 5 lbs of headless Texas wild caught shrimp that must be used in the gumbo. We will also provide each entry with one official Blessing of the Fleet T-Shirt. Kemah restaurants will automatically be registered for Best in Kemah traveling trophy.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid Date \_\_\_\_\_

For information or questions contact, [sherry@houstontravelzone.com](mailto:sherry@houstontravelzone.com) or call 281 326-8050

We would like to thank you in advance for participating in the  
2011 Texas Shrimp Gumbo Cook Off...Good Luck!

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas Shrimp Gumbo Cook Off

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### Cooks Rules

- 1. Cooks should be self sufficient**, meaning; they are to bring all of their set up, table, canopy (6 X 10 or 10 X 10), cooking devise, chairs, ice chests and all ingredients for cooking. Any decorations or signage for your area is ok to use. No vulgar signs, this is a family event. Invite your family and friends to join your cook area.
- 2. Cooks will be furnished 5 lbs of Texas wild caught shrimp**, that is to be used in the gumbo. The shrimp is fresh, de headed with shell on. No other shrimp can go in the gumbo. We will have extra shrimp to purchase if more is needed. You can add anything to your gumbo that you like using. Crab, sausage, vegetables and so on. **Thank you to Tom Hults for furnishing the shrimp.**
- 3. Gumbo must be cooked on site** from scratch the day of the cook off. Chopping is OK to do at home; all other preparations will need to be done on site.
- 4. Protect the judging cup** – Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his or her judging cup. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the tickets on the outside of the cups. Any mark or altered cup must be replaced prior to turn-in or it will be disqualified. Fill gumbo almost to the top of the cup.
- 5. Cooks must sign number slips-** Gumbo cooks must sign their secret tickets, on the back in ink at the time the turn in cup is issued. **Note:** Cooks must present their signed secret ticket to win.
- 6. Turn in time is 5 pm sharp.** After 5 pm, no turn in cups will be allowed. Cooks must be present to win.
- 7. Sanitation** – Cooks are to prepare and cook gumbo in as sanitary manner as possible.
  - a. Inspection of cooking conditions – Cooking conditions is subject to inspection by the head judge or the Referee.
  - b. Cooks may have to taste their Gumbo – At the discretion of the head judge or the Referee, gumbo cooks may have to taste their gumbo before turning in for judging. (If a contestant refuses, his or her gumbo will be disqualified.)
- 8. One gumbo per cook-** Each head cook is responsible for preparing one pot of gumbo that he or she intends to be judged and turning in one judging cup from that pot. No more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot.
- 9. All unanswered questions are to be directed to the Referee only.**  
The Referee is Sherry Austin. She will be in the judging tent during the cook off event.
- 10. All restaurants are welcome to participate.** However, only restaurants in Kemah will be eligible for the Best in Kemah traveling trophy. It is understood that each year the trophy will be returned to a committee member so that it can be used again.
- 11. Peoples Choice Awards:** The judging tent will be selling gumbo-tasting cups to the public at 5 pm after turn in. The team with the most tickets will win the **Peoples Choice Award Trophy**. The money for the tasting tickets will go to the Blessing of the fleet.