



# 15th Annual Gumbo Fest

Saturday, April 21, 2018  
Holiday Plaza Parking Lot  
Noon - 6 p.m.

7 a.m.-10 a.m. **Set-up** (cooking may begin morning of contest)  
**Judging**; Chicken Wings @ 1:30 p.m., Anything But @ 2:30 p.m., Gumbo @ 3:30 p.m.  
Results will be announced at 5:00 p.m. (breakdown begins at 5 p.m., no earlier!)

## Cooking Contest Application

Deadline for entries is Thursday April 19, 2018

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Head Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Team Entry Fee \$50

(includes: Head Cook, 4 team members & one cooking category)

\$10 for each additional category

Entry Fee for a Team of 5 Participating in Every Category \$80

### Circle Cooking Category:

Gumbo

Chicken Wings

Anything But

People's Choice

### Team Members

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Members

\$5.00 for each additional member

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**General Release**

The undersigned does hereby acknowledge the receipt of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
**(Name of Gumbo Fest entrant)**  
other good valuable consideration which is accepted in full compromise settlement and satisfaction of, and as sole consideration for, the release and discharge of all actions, rights, causes of action, claims and demands whatsoever that now exist or hereafter accrue against the West Memphis Chamber of Commerce (Sponsor) or Guaranty Loan & Real Estate Co. (Property Owner) and any all consequences flowing wherefrom as a result of the undersigned's participation in the Annual Gumbo Fest presented by the West Memphis Chamber of Commerce.

The undersigned warrants that no promise or inducement has been offered except as herein set forth, that this Release is executed without reliance upon any statement of representation by the person or parties released or their representatives; that the undersigned if of legal age, is competent to execute this Release, and accepts full responsibility thereof, and;

The undersigned agrees, as a further consideration and inducement for this compromise settlement that it shall apply to any accident, casualty, or event that may occur and/or in reference to said festival, regardless of any fault on the part of the Sponsor or Property Owner.

**(Please fill out completely)**

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRANT:**

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign and return this document with your entry fee and form. Without this document in our files, you and your organization will not be allowed to participate in the Annual Gumbo Fest presented by the West Memphis Chamber of Commerce.**

**Good Luck!!**

**Return form & make checks payable to WMCOC  
108 W. Broadway West Memphis, AR 72301  
Ph: 870-735-1134 fx: 870-735-6283  
wmcoc@westmemphischamber.com**

**Rules and Guidelines for the  
15<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.
3. **Teams are required to have a fire extinguisher and a trash can at their booth.**
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.**
6. **Teams will be allowed to bring alcohol into the area for their own use but no outside alcoholic beverages allowed through gate after 11a.m. 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. 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 **three** places, chicken wings **three** places, and anything but **three** places. People's choice **one** overall place.
8. Teams participating in People's Choice should have gumbo ready for sampling by 1:00 p.m. You must provide spoons and cups for samples.
9. 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 will be provided sampling cups and spoons for People's Choice.
10. **Gumbo must be cooked on site. Cooking begins morning of the contest after set-up is complete.**
11. **NO FILLERS are allowed in GUMBO! i.e. rice or beans**
12. No obscene signs, logos, or stickers are allowed.
13. There will be no tolerance for fighting. Offenders will be removed and placed under arrest.
14. **Teams will be judged blind at 1:30 p.m. for chicken wings, 2:30 p.m. for anything but and 3:30 p.m. for gumbo. People's Choice will be judged at 4:00p.m. Winners will be announced at 5:00 p.m.**
15. Team members **MUST** clean their area before leaving and bag their own garbage.
16. **Teams cannot use stakes to hold tents. Must use objects that will not damage parking lot.**
17. **Teams may not breakdown before 5:00 p.m.! Breakdown ONLY AFTER 5 p.m. or between 7 a.m.-10 a.m. the following day.**