Bandera ProRodeo Cowboy Mardi Gras Gumbo Cook-off
Saturday, January 30, 2027
Rules & Regulations

Space: Each Gumbo teams' space is 10x10. Teams are encouraged to decorate their area. Teams must furnish ALL cooking equipment including tents, tables, chairs, propane cookers, water, & hand washing station etc. There is NO ELECTRICITY on 11th street. Your location on 11th street will be based on the date PAYMENT is received. No exceptions.
You will receive an email with slot placement the week before the cook-off.

Gumbo: Gumbo & Roux must be cooked on site the day of the cook-off. Roux must be homemade & cannot be prepared in advance. Your Gumbo may include meat, poultry, shellfish, alligator, venison, spices and your secret ingredients. Make sure you have enough to serve 700 + samples and a minimum of 1 quart for judging ~ no rice.

Check-In: Check in and set up begins at 6:00am. Please check in at Bandera ProRodeo Association tent (11th & Cedar Street) to let us know you have arrived. Your cooking area will need to be ready, and all vehicles removed as soon as possible, but no later than 9:00am NO EXCEPTIONS.

Team Meeting: 8am Review of Rules and Receive Supplies.

Tastings: Teams are required to give out tastings in a 4oz cup. Tasting supplies will be provided for you by the Bandera ProRodeo Association. Bring any necessary containers you would need for these supplies. Tastings for the public will begin at 11:00am.
Patrons will present your booth with one ticket per tasting. Green for tastings, Purple for People's Choice. Please keep all Peoples Choice tickets in the container provided to you as this will be part of the judging.

Judging: Containers for judging your gumbo will be provided by Bandera ProRodeo Association and delivered to your booth by 10:00am. There will be a 2 part ticket on the container, be sure your designated person keeps this when the final sample and ticket container are turned in. Final sample must be turned in **BY** 3:55pm to the Gumbo Cook-Off Chairperson, judging will begin at 4:00pm. The Winners will be announced January 30, 2027 on stage at 11th Street Cowboy Bar around 5:30pm.

Judging Criteria: There are 5 criteria that will need to be considered.
Appearance -Looks like a good gumbo roux, color.
Aroma - Should smell appetizing.
Consistency – Thickness of base.
Texture – Balanced quantity of ingredients.
Flavor – Pleasing to the palate.

Awards: There will be 8 awards.
1st Place will be awarded $1000 in each of the categories
2nd Place will be awarded $500 in each of the categories
3rd Place will receive a plaque
Showmanship Plaque -For the team with the best decorated space.
The Peoples' Choice Plaque -For the team with the most "Taster Choice" tickets.

Requirements and Safety:
Area must be kept clean and sanitary during cook-off. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection. Please no outside food or drinks (except for cooking supplies)
11th Street Cowboy Bar will provide all alcoholic and non/alcoholic beverages for sale during this event.
NO DRINKS OR MARDI GRAS SOUVENIRS TO BE SOLD FROM COOK TEAM LOCATIONS. Do Not Pass out Tasting Tickets from your collected tubs. This is a fundraising event & every Dollar counts.
Failure to follow these rules will be grounds for disqualification.

End Of Day: Please make sure that your area is clean & all trash has been removed from your site. If you bring it, you pack it! There is a trash trailer located on Cedar Street next to HYO Silver. All teams must be off 11th Street by 7pm, Saturday, February 7, 2026.

Bandera ProRodeo Association and/or Social Hill Music, LLC, DBA 11th Street Cowboy Bar has the right to refuse or accept any application.

Social Hill Music, LLC, DBA 11th Street Cowboy Bar, and Bandera ProRodeo Association and or its officers, agents, employees, and other representatives shall not be held liable for, and they are hereby released from liability for any damages, loss, harm or injury to the person or property of the cook-off and any of its officers, agents, employees, and other representatives, resulting from theft, fire, water, weather, accident or other cause. Cook-off participants hold Social Hill Music, LLC, DBA 11th Street Cowboy Bar, and Bandera ProRodeo Association harmless from any claims, demands, suits, liability damages, loss costs, attorney fees and expenses of whatever kind or nature, which might result from or arise from any action or failure to act on the part of the cook-off participant or any of its officers, agents, employees, or other representatives as applicable.

Received _____
Payment _____

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Pre-Registration until January 10, 2027
All Registration Closes January 20, 2027

NEW THIS YEAR: 2 CATEGORIES SEAFOOD / NON SEAFOOD

Entry Fee: $150 for 1st entry $75 for 2nd Gumbo entry if received by January 10, 2027.
$225 per Gumbo entry if received between January 11, 2027 and January 20, 2027
If your team needs 10x20 space, the cost is $225, limited spots available!

Pay Online at banderaprorodeo.org
Email Application to lisa@banderaprorodeo.org
Bandera ProRodeo Association is a 501(c)(3) and 100% of entry fee is donation.

Team Name_____

Team Contact and Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City_____ State _____ Zip _____

Please Circle Type of Entry

10x10 Space 1 Entry	$150	_____	Seafood	Non Seafood
10x10 Space 2 Entry's	$225	_____	Seafood	Non Seafood
*10x20 Space 1 Entry	$225	_____	Seafood	Non Seafood
*10x20 Space 2 Entry's	$300	_____	Seafood	Non Seafood

*(2 - 10x20 available at discounted rate)

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By signing, your team has read and agrees to adhere to all guidelines during the Gumbo Cook-Off. Each team is required to have its members sign and date.

Team Name _____

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Signature	Printed name	Date
_____	_____	
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Each registered team will receive 4 complimentary wristbands to
11th Street Cowboy Bar
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Valued at $140