



**United Way of St. Charles  
2024 Jambalaya, Pastalaya & Gumbo Cook-off  
Thursday, October 3, 2024**

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## **\*\* NEW LOCATION\*\***

**Edward Dufresne Community Center  
224 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway  
Luling, LA 70070**

### **EVENT TIMELINE**

+ Set Up	6:00 am – 11:00 am
+ Contestants Begin Cooking	11:00 am
+ Gates open to Public	3:00 pm
+ Judges Arrive	3:30 pm
+ Judging Occurs	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
+ Serve Gumbo / Jambalaya/Pasta	3:00 pm - 7:30 pm
+ Live Music Begins	5:30 pm -7:30 pm
+ People's Choice voting ends	6:30 pm
+ Ceremony / Award Prizes/ People Choice	7:30 pm
+ Event Ends after awards are given out	7:30 pm
+ Clean Up	7:30 pm - until

### **AWARD INFORMATION**

- + People's Choice Award
- + 1<sup>st</sup> place team for Jambalaya, Pastalaya and Gumbo will take home a prize paddle. 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will receive a FREE entry into the following year's competition.
- + 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive a plaque for Jambalaya, pastalaya and gumbo.

### **BASIC INFORMATION**

- **Purpose:**  
To heighten awareness for the United Way Campaign. This fun 100% self-funded event mixes teams from businesses and industries in St. Charles Parish to compete for the title of Best Jambalaya, Pastalaya and Gumbo.
- **Registration and Participation Fee deadline:**  
Thursday, September 20, 2024 registration deadline

\$175 per team per category/dish.

LATE REGISTRATION (after September 20th, registration fee \$200)

For more information, please contact Tamara Plattsmier @ 985-331-9063 or [tamarap@uwaysc.org](mailto:tamarap@uwaysc.org)

## BASIC INFORMATION continued

- **Make Check Payable & Mail to:**  
United Way of St. Charles  
13207 River Road  
Luling, LA 70070
- **Event Date:**  
Thursday, October 3, 2024
- **Event Location:**  
Edward Dufresne Community Center  
274 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway  
Luling, LA 70070
- **Judges (TBD)**
- **Open to the Public:**  
\$10.00 entry fee.  
10 and under are free.
- **Booth Removal / Set up**
- Teams are allowed to set up tents on Wednesday, October 2nd beginning at 12:00pm, the day before the event.
- Overnight security will be provided on Wednesday, October 2nd and Thursday, October 3rd. Booth removal should be completed by Friday, at 12:00pm.
- Booth Removal will begin at 7:45 p.m.

**\*\*IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS AND THE PUBLIC, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY TEAM OR PERSONAL VEHICLE BE ALLOWED TO ENTER OR EXIT FESTIVAL BETWEEN 11:00 AM and 7:45 PM! NO EXCEPTIONS!\*\***

## JAMBALAYA & GUMBO COOK-OFF RULES

1. Teams must register and pay by **Thursday, September 20, 2024**, in order to receive the souvenir gift. **Any Teams registering after September 20, 2024, will pay a late registration fee. Please provide the contact information for the team captain.**
2. The team is allowed to have 4 members maximum. **If you choose to have more than 4 team members, they must pay the \$10 entry fee. You have the option to pre-purchase additional bracelets on the registration form; or, on the morning of the event at team check in.**
3. Participants must provide all cooking and cleaning supplies including water for cooking, serving utensils, **tents, tables, chairs, fire extinguishers**, etc., just as if you were tailgating.
4. Each tent/team must provide one (1) fire extinguisher per two (2) teams.
5. Bowls, spoons and napkins will be provided by the United Way.
6. Double pots are permitted: one pot for judging and one pot for extra food, if needed. **The judging pots must be a minimum of ten gallons.**
7. Jambalaya, Pastalaya and Gumbo meats are limited to a combination of beef, chicken, turkey, or pork only (any or all). **All meat must be boneless. No wild game or seafood.**
8. For the Gumbo, rice needs to be included for serving but **will not be judged**. The rice can be pre-cooked.
9. All cooking will take place at the Edward Dufresne Community Center in Luling.
10. There will be no pre-cooking of the ingredients, including roux. Exception is smoked meat and gumbo rice. Meat can be seasoned ahead of time.
11. Serving will begin at 3:00 PM, when the gates open to the public, and shall continue until the end of the event or your ten gallon pot is empty. In order for latecomers to have samples, please do not package food in bags prior to 7:30 pm. If you desire to begin cleaning up early, package your food in disposable aluminum pans (provided by you). Taking bags or containers of food from the event site before the event ends is strongly discouraged.
12. Judging will begin at 3:30 PM. An exact time for delivery to the judges will be provided to each team on the morning of the event during team check in.
13. Water, soft drinks and beer will be available for purchase after 3:00 PM. Participants should plan to provide their own beverages for their team members prior to 3:00 PM. **(No glass bottles please)**
14. A note to elected officials and candidates for public office: United Way of St Charles and this event are apolitical. As such, we ask that you do not distribute any promotional items to the public. However, business giveaways are allowed. Political candidates are welcome to register teams. In order to support their

participation, teams may wear shirts and hats promoting a candidate, and even sing a fight song at their tent. What we ask the teams NOT to do is give anything out.

## 2024 Battle for the Paddle Registration Form

All teams must submit one registration form per team.

Please make checks payable to United Way of St. Charles and mail to 13207 River Road, Luling, LA 70070 Or fax to (985)-331-9069.

For more information, please call Tamara Plattsmier at (985) 331-9063.

**Please select tent size. Frontage sizes will be limited to:**

- 10x20 Tent - 1 or 2 teams**
- 20x20 Tent- 3 or 4 teams**
- 30x30 Tent- 5 or more teams**

**TEAM REGISTRATION:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$175 per Team.**  
(gumbo, jambalaya, pastalaya)

Registration deadline September 20, 2024, to guarantee team prizes. There is a \$25.00 late registration fee per team after this date.

	Name		
Company/Organization Name	Name	Number	Email address
Address Street, City, State Zip			
Team Name (if different from			
Main team contact present at the event			

Please list additional bracelets needed. \$10 per bracelet. \_\_\_\_\_  
Bracelets will be given to teams on the morning of October 3rd at team check in.

		Name	Phone	
Team Member #1				
Team Member #2				
Team Member #3				
Team Member #4				