

Boudin Cook-off Sponsored by **BoudinLink.com**

OCTOBER 22, 2016

Park Sans Souci, Downtown Lafayette

Please Note: We have made a number of important changes to the cook-off that are designed to benefit all of the cooking teams who participate. We want to make the day more of a showcase event than a competition and we want to allow you to recoup a much larger portion of the money you expend on the boudin.

1. **Less “Judged Entries”** – Instead of having judging in all three categories we have set things up so that there is only going to be judging in the “unlinked” category. This is the category where you can demonstrate your culinary creativity by creating an item that incorporates (but is not exclusively) boudin. Past winners have included boudin stuffed peppers, boudin stuffed quail, boudin burgers, and we even had a boudin dip. You are not required to enter this category, but it is available for you to show off your cooking skills.
2. **Showcase Event** – By taking the strict judging out of the event we’ve successfully made the whole day more of a showcase for boudin of all types and recipes. This allows you to more clearly see the event as an advertising and marketing opportunity and will make the day more about a “celebration of boudin.” After all, the thousands of people who show up are there because they love boudin and you can certainly capitalize on that by showing them your food products, hospitality, and variety.
3. **Certificates of Excellence** – Each participating team will receive a professionally designed and framed “Certificate of Excellence” for their boudin and the certificate will be endorsed by Boudinlink.com and other culinary officials. This is an item that you can hang in your store or your home and will be recognized as a sign of your achievement and boudin making prowess.
4. **More Money Back to Teams** – The first 100 lbs of boudin will be considered a donation and the event retains the money from the tickets used for those first 100 lbs. We have to do this as a way of offsetting the substantial costs associated with putting the event together. This year, we will return all of the money generated from sample ticket sales after that initial donation of boudin. We will collect all the tickets you generate, count them, and give you .50 per sample ticket. This gives you the opportunity to make approximately \$4.50 per pound of boudin (depending on the size of your samples). In the past, teams have sampled as much as 400 lbs of additional boudin and this amount would generate approximately \$1,800.
5. **You Can Sell Products/Food** – Additionally, you may sell whatever prepared sauces, spice blends, cracklin, or food you would like and keep all of the profits for yourself. You may not sell beverages or handicrafts.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

You must provide the following:	FACILITIES/EVENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10x10 tent with table(s) for booth.• Banner with team name prominently displayed.• 100 lbs. of Pork Boudin for sampling to attendees (in the Traditional category).• You are strongly encouraged to bring and be prepared to heat and sample enough boudin to satisfy the demands of the people who come out for the boudin cookoff.• Cooking apparatuses and fuel (propane in most cases)• Fire extinguisher.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contestants may begin setting up their booths on Saturday, October 22nd at 7:00 a.m. Teams will be provided with a 12 x12 space. Let us know if you need more space.• The event is free and open to the public. People who want to sample the boudin will purchase tickets which will entitle them to a sample portion of your boudin or specialty boudin (while supplies last).• Teams may sell other food items or other items such as T-shirts, spice blends, etc. (please let us know what else you will sell).• Teams may not sell beverages.• Sample cups and napkins will be provided to teams.• People who have purchased tickets will be entitled to sample the contestant’s boudin offerings and will be encouraged to vote in the <i>People’s Choice Award</i>.

ENTRY FORM

The entry fee is \$100 and 100 lbs. of boudin and an additional \$25 for each entry in the "Unlinked" category.

Boudin does not need to be made on-site, but it must be cooked/heated on site.

*This event is intended to feature boudin for people who attend, so each team must participate by bringing a minimum of 100 lbs of boudin. However, it is strongly advised that you bring a lot more boudin to sample and realize a profit. In past years, some teams have sampled up to 400 lbs. of boudin to the crowds.

TEAM NAME: _____

Traditional Cajun Pork Boudin - In this category the only meat in the boudin can be pork and the link should include some amount of rice. The link must be steamed or boiled (not grilled, not smoked) min. of 100 lbs (more is suggested) of boudin should be prepared. Teams must provide samples of their Traditional Pork Boudin to ticket holders.

Specialty Boudin - This includes whatever specialty boudin you may have (for example: seafood, smoked or grilled traditional boudin, chicken, shrimp, alligator, crawfish, duck, or even a dessert boudin). If you are sampling this item, you should do so by providing samples of your Specialty Boudin to ticket holders. You are NOT required to bring a specialty boudin item.

Unlinked – PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE ENTERING THIS CATEGORY. This category includes anything made with boudin as a primary ingredient such as boudin balls, stuffed peppers, boudin and pasta, boudin egg rolls, boudin stuffed pork chops. The key is that the boudin is used as a component in a dish/item. There is no minimum amount, but there must be enough for judging. Teams may directly sell samples of their "unlinked" boudin creation (suggested price is \$1-\$2).

NOTE ON SAMPLE SIZES

Boudin samples must fit into a provided small sample cup. By adhering to the sample cup rule, we can provide the public a decent sample, and maintain some control on the amount of boudin that you will sample. Remember, most people come to the cook-off for the purpose of sampling many different links and they don't want to fill up after just one or two stops.

Team contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #s _____

Email: _____

Items you would like to sell: _____

**Mail application along with check or money order to:
BoudinLink L.L.C.
133 Twin Oaks Blvd.
Lafayette, LA 70503**

Official Website: www.BoudinCookoff.com

Email: Linksters@boudinlink.com

If you need any specific assistance feel free to write what you need on the application itself or call Dawn or Bob Cariker at 337-993-2207 or email us at Linksters@boudinlink.com. We look forward to seeing you at the cook-off! **(Revised and updated: 9-10-16)**

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