

Boudin Cook-Off sponsored by **BoudinLink.com**

OCTOBER 20, 2018 – Downtown Lafayette in Parc Sans Souci

The Boudin Cook-Off is the state's premiere boudin event. We function as a showcase of boudin and your culinary skills. The event is family friendly and we have set things up so that you can benefit from both the media attention and the thousands of boudin loving people who attend each year. This is the **Boudin Cook-Off's 11th Anniversary**. Come join us, have fun, sell your products, and enjoy a day devoted to celebrating our unique culinary culture!!!!

JUDGED CATEROGIES – MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN!!!!

BEST OVERALL BOUDIN (First, Second, and Third Places) - Here you'll submit a link or two of your traditional boudin to be sampled by our panel of 6 impartial judges from around the state. They'll look for the most delicious and well executed link.

BEST UNLINKED/SPECIALTY BOUDIN (First, Second, and Third Places) This is the category where you can demonstrate your culinary creativity by creating an item that incorporates (but is not exclusively) boudin or by showing off a new take on boudin altogether. Past winners have included boudin stuffed peppers, boudin stuffed quail, boudin burgers, boudin dip, boudin scotch egg, and boudin pupusas, smoked boudin, and chicken boudin. We want you to enter this category as it is available for you to show off your cooking skills.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD – Everyone who attends will have the opportunity to cast their vote for the coveted People's Choice Award. The numbers are tallied and the first and second place winners are announced and presented with an award. Competition is fierce and there are frequently only 10-20 votes separating teams.

Awards for "EXCELLENCE IN BOUDIN" - Each participating team will receive a professionally designed and framed "Certificate of Excellence-in-Boudin" 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.

EARN \$ FROM BOUDIN AND MORE

1. **More Money Back to Teams** – The first 120 lbs. of boudin will be considered a donation and the event retains the money from the tickets used for those first 120 lbs. We have to do this as a way of offsetting the substantial costs associated with putting the event together. **We will return .50 cents per ticket collected for all boudin you sample after the initial 120 lbs.** 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 \$5.50 per pound of boudin (We strongly suggest that your samples fit in the provided sample cups and that you should aim for 11 samples per pound of boudin). In the past, teams have sampled as much as 300 lbs. of additional boudin.
2. **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. When it comes to selling other food we ask that you limit the cost of the items to no more than \$4. You may not sell beverages.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

You must provide: A10x10 tent with table(s) for booth. A banner with team name prominently displayed. 120 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.

Facilities: Contestants may begin setting up their booths on Saturday, October 20th 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). .Sample cups and napkins will be provided to teams.

ENTRY FORM

The entry fee is \$100 and 120 lbs. of boudin and an additional \$25 for each extra entry in the “Unlinked/Specialty” 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 120 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.

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- 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. You must bring a minimum of 120 lbs. (more is suggested) of boudin. Teams must provide samples of their Traditional Pork Boudin to ticket holders. One sample per ticket.
- Unlinked/Specialty Boudin** - This includes whatever specialty boudin you may have (for example: seafood, chicken, shrimp, alligator, crawfish, or whatever) OR 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 \$2-\$4 or they may take tickets (valued at .50 cents each) to be repaid after the event. – **PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE ENTERING THIS CATEGORY.**

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. They want small samples!!!!

TEAM NAME: _____

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 Carriker at 337-993-2207 or email us at Linksters@boudinlink.com. We look forward to seeing you at the cook-off! **(Revised and updated: 7-30-18)**

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