

**UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL  
LOUISIANA 2019 WILD COOK-OFF  
COOKING TEAM REGISTRATION  
PACKET**



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# 2019 Wild Cook-Off Cooking Team General Information



**WILD COOK-OFF DATE: Thursday, October 17, 2019**

Thanks for your interest in being a part of our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual United Way Wild Cook-Off! Please read through this entire packet as some information has changed from previous years.

Inside this packet, you will find detailed rules and regulations, information on awards and judging, and a registration form with general contest guidelines and stipulations. If your company is interested in sponsoring a cooking team, please read through the entire packet before you submit your registration form.

If your company participates in the 2019 United Way Wild Cook-Off, each team will be sent a detailed email on October 8, 2019 with all the details of the cook-off. At this time, teams will also pick cooking team spots. In years past, we have had a team meeting, so if there are any questions or any details that are unclear in the email, please don't hesitate to ask.

**On October 8, 2019, each team will have a chance to select their cooking spots.  
Spots will be determined by the order we receive registration so get yours in today  
to reserve your spot first!**

Please contact Suzy Smart(318-443-7203 ext. 5 or [Suzy@uwcl.org](mailto:Suzy@uwcl.org)) with any questions about the 2019 United Way Wild Cook-Off.



# 2019 Wild Cook-Off

## Cooking Team

## Rules & Regulations



### Cooking Location

The Wild Cook-Off will take place in downtown Alexandria on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Desoto and Johnston Streets. Each team will be given an approximate 10x20 space on the street to set up, cook and serve. If you are cooking more than one dish and more space is required, please let us know, and we will try to accommodate your team. You are encouraged to bring a tent to set up in your space. Company logos and names may be displayed in your designated team spot. We are proud you are a supporter and want to recognize you and your efforts in our community! In addition, feel free to decorate your booth in a fun and tasteful manner.

### Set Up

You may begin set up as early as 7:00 AM, Thursday, October 17, 2019. All vehicles must be removed from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street as soon as you have unloaded. Cooking spots are assigned prior to the event. You may provide tents or cover for your space. The final site locations will be sent the week before the event. Each team receives 5 aprons at registration; additionally, t-shirts will be available for purchase on a limited basis. If you prefer your team receive t-shirts in lieu of aprons, please let us know when you submit registration.

### Cooking Teams

Teams are made up of one team captain and four assistants. The team captain for each team will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team, guests, and/or invitees. As well, the team captain will be responsible for his/her team's compliance with the rules and regulations. EXCESSIVE USE of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. You may bring an ice chest, cooler, etc. filled with your favorite drinks for your team only. Vendors will be selling soft drinks, water and alcoholic beverages.



# 2019 Wild Cook-Off Cooking Team Rules & Regulations



## Supplies

The United Way of Central Louisiana will provide each team with the following:

- 2 Tables
- 5 Chairs
- 5 Aprons per team (T-shirts will be available for sale or you can substitute shirts for aprons)
- 250 Sample tasting cups
- 250 Tasting sporks
- Limited number of napkins
- Water from faucet for cooking purposes
- Money Jar (People's Choice Award)

## Cook it Here

Any and all meat or main dishes that are entered into the judging must be cooked from scratch and within the constraints of the event. Pre-cooking, marinating, etc. will not be allowed prior to the start of the cook-off. **Sauce:** You may cook with sauce, but additional sauce may not be added once the meat is prepared for the judging.

## Keep it Clean and Safe

Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary a manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by judging committee. Precautions **MUST** be made to prevent fire threat.

## No Selling

No participants of the Cook-Off are allowed to sell their food due to health department regulations. United Way will provide sample containers and utensils for visitors to sample your work and vote for it in the People's Choice Award contest.





# 2019 Wild Cook-Off

## Cooking Team

## Judging & Awards



### Judging

Judging is scheduled to begin at **4:00 PM** (Time is subject to change. Teams will be notified the morning of event with the official judging time). Winners will be announced at **7:30 PM** before the end of the event, and you must be present to win. There will be four judges per category.

### Judging Criteria

There are four cooking categories: Barbeque, Ribs, Cajun, and Wild Game.

Your entry will be judged on:

- Flavor
- Freshness
- Seasoning
- Presentation & Creativity: You are welcome to be as creative as you would like and use decorative platters, dishes, bowls, etc. Be as creative as you would like for each entry. Your tables and booths may be decorated, too.
- Overall Satisfaction

BBQ (Roast, Brisket, Deer, etc.) – Four (4) full slices, approximately ¼ inch thick

Ribs – Four (4) cut ribs, ½ rack or full rack

Chicken, Duck, etc. – ½ full jointed, breast portions

Gumbo, Jambalaya, etc. – ½ cup minimum

### Wild Cook- Off Awards

First, second and third place taste awards are given for dishes in the *Wild Game, Ribs, Cajun* and *Barbecue* categories.

### People's Choice Award

The people have the final say in this category! Guests at the event are invited to sample dishes at each cooking station. Please prepare enough food samples for 250 visitors. **Your dish for the People's Choice does not have to be the same as what you prepare for judging.** Attendees can then vote for their favorite food by placing money in the jar located at each team station. Teams are allowed to vote for themselves! All proceeds go to United Way of Central Louisiana to help people in Cenla!

### Best Presentation

This award is presented to the team with the most visually appealing and creatively displayed dish.

### Spirit Award

This award is presented to the team with the most visually appealing and creatively displayed booth.

# 2019 Wild Cook-Off Cooking Team Registration Form



## General Contest Guidelines & Stipulations

- The event will take place rain or shine. However, in the event that the weather is simply too extreme for the Wild Cook-Off to take place, United Way will cancel the event, and it will not be rescheduled. If this occurs, refunds will be made on the cooking team registration fee.
- Cooking teams must read and adhere to the 2019 United Way Wild Cook-Off rules & regulations.
- The event will be capped at 25 cooking teams, and teams will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. All 2018 participants will have the first opportunity to register. Registration will then open to the public/other workplace campaigns. The final deadline for all entries will be Friday, October 4, 2019.
- United Way of Central Louisiana must receive a company's completed registration form and registration fee in order to be eligible to participate in the 2019 Cook-Off.

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**REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
[www.uwcl.org/2019-wild-cook-team-registration](http://www.uwcl.org/2019-wild-cook-team-registration)**

**Please return by Friday, October 4, 2019 to reserve your space!**  
**Entry Fee: \$100 for the first dish and \$75 for each additional dish (per team)**

Company/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the category you wish to enter. You may select more than one.

☐ Wild Game

☐ Cajun

☐ Barbeque

☐ Ribs

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby acknowledge to have read and will comply with the 2019 United Way Wild Cook-Off general contest guidelines & stipulations, rules & regulations.*

Please submit form via email or mail to:  
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