



Cook-off Application Menudo Bowl XXV

Saturday, January 18, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Grounds

Open Division Entry Fee: **November \$200.00; December \$225; January \$250**

Sponsor / Media Division (see sponsorship levels)

\$100.00 Refundable Clean up fee (separate from team entry)

Team Name: _____

Sponsor (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: Day: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Team Members: (No more than five on a team)

Captain: _____

Team member #1: _____ Team member #2: _____

Team member #3: _____ Team member #4: _____

Application deadline is: **Thursday, January 2, 2020**
\$25.00 refund fee will apply on cancellations / NO REFUNDS after deadline.

Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any application. All rules and regulations are enforced and subject to change without prior notification. Participation in this event is at the risk of the participant. In case of bad weather, no refunds will be issued, it will be considered a donation to Laredo Crime Stoppers. Participants assume all responsibility for themselves and any minors under their supervision. Participants agree to hold harmless and indemnify Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc., its board of directors, L.I.F.E., Webb County and any other person or parties organizing and staffing the event. Participants/Team members, by signing this application agree to abide by all rules, safety regulations, agree to accept final decisions made by judges, allow inspections of ice chests, containers and all items inside booth. Failure to comply may result in your disqualification and/or removal from grounds. Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc. does NOT endorse any political candidates, campaigns or causes or at federal, state and local levels at any time or in any manner.

I have read and understand all rules. I agree to abide by them and have my team members abide by them as well.
Disqualification will result from non-adherence to rules.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Deliver application with full payment to
Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc. Administrative Office: 1003 Garfield - Laredo, TX 78040

For more information: Phone: (956) 724-1876
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Menudo Bowl XXV Cook-off Rules

Open Division

1st Place: \$300.00 and trophy
2nd Place: \$200.00 and trophy
3rd Place: \$100.00 and trophy
4th Place: Plaque
5th Place: Plaque

Sponsor/Media Division

1st Place: Trophy
2nd Place: Trophy
3rd Place: Trophy
4th Place: Plaque
5th Place: Plaque

People's Choice

1st Place: Trophy
2nd Place: Certificate
3rd Place: Certificate

Showmanship (Overall)

1st Place: Trophy and \$200.00
2nd Place: Trophy
3rd Place: Trophy

TEAM PRIZES

Disqualification will result from non-adherence to rules.

Failure to do so forfeits refundable fee

General Rules

1. All Menudo entries become property of the Laredo Crime Stoppers.
2. Location of team's space will be chosen by team upon submitting completed application & full payment of entry fee. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first paid basis only.
3. Space per team: 12 feet wide X 40 feet deep.
4. A three (3) feet Fire Lane must be maintained between each team booth. No items may be placed in this area. They must remain clear at all times for the safety of all teams. For Teams 1-16 a 10 feet clearance from Exhibit Barn must maintain cleared at all times. For Teams 17-50 a 30 feet clearance from fence must maintain cleared at all times.
5. No Team is allowed to have a portable toilet inside their space. Toilets are provided by Crime Stoppers in designated areas only.
6. No ATV, Golf Carts, Polaris, motorized vehicles to be used by teams unless authorized by LCS Staff.
7. Equipment & materials must fit into designated area. All Trailers must be parked in designated area away from booth.
8. Each team is to provide own table(s), chairs, trashcans and cooking equipment.
9. Team space must remain clean & presentable at all times and must be cleaned before leaving.
10. Five entry wristbands per team. Team's extra volunteers Must pay entry fee.
11. Each team will be allowed to bring in one ice chest (up to size: 48 qt.) of refreshments only for the consumption of the team. No glass containers. ONE additional cooler (up to size: 48 qt.) will be allowed at a \$50 charge.
12. The team will be disqualified if any refreshments from the ice chest are given out to the public.
13. Team may NOT sell any food or drinks. Water containers for cooking are permissible.
14. Team will be issued an "OFFICIAL MENUDO BOWL CUP" for menudo entry for judging.
All cups are identical and must not be marked or altered in any way, MARKED OR ALTERED CUPS WILL DISQUALIFY TEAM.
15. Amount of menudo to be cooked is at the discretion of the team.
16. No pre-cooked menudo may be brought in.
17. All preparations must be done on-site except menudo may be precut and cleaned in advance
18. All ingredients are subject to inspection by the Menudo Cook-off representatives.
19. Teams must provide own sampling bowls, cups and spoons for public menudo tasting to compete in People's Choice Award.
20. NO Menudo may be given to the public till 2:30p.m. doing so "Will Warrant Disqualification".
21. Teams are NOT ALLOWED to collect People's Choice Ballots from the public or ask for ballot in exchange for a sample of menudo.
22. Voting Ballots must be turned in by the public to designated box located at the Headquarters.
23. In case of a tie, tie breaking judges will make the decision.
24. Teams are NOT allowed to move picnic tables or green trashcans that are setup on grounds.
25. Do NOT throw oil, menudo or charcoal on ground. Clean up fee is refundable upon inspection of team's space.
26. Charcoal is to be watered down before disposing in dumpster.
27. Bring container to put waste products and dispose of it in the dumpster.
28. Political materials cannot be distributed on the grounds except from a candidate's sponsored team booth or paid booth.
29. Laredo Crime Stoppers reserves the right to refuse the use of any banner/sign displaying the name of any product in conflict with a current sponsor.
30. All participants are restricted to placing banners/signs in any area unless Laredo Crime Stoppers has given permission. Contact the Laredo Crime Stoppers office if you have questions about your banner/sign being in compliance.
31. Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc. does NOT endorse any political candidates, campaigns or causes at federal, state and local levels at any time or in any manner.

Fire, Health and Safety Rules

1. By order of the Webb County Fire Department
 - a. A (10) ten feet Fire Lane must be maintained behind each team booth located by the Exhibit Barn.
 - b. A (30) thirty feet Fire Lane must be maintained behind each team booth located by the North fence line.
 - c. No items may be placed in the 10' or 30' Fire Lane. The space must remain clear at all time.
 - d. No hay or live animals (except for service animals) allowed in booth area.
2. Extension cords are not allowed to be used in public right of ways.
3. Contestants must fully prepare their menudo entry on-site at their assigned cook-off areas in a sanitary manner.
4. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the City/County Health Inspectors.
5. Conditions found to be unsanitary will be grounds for disqualification.
6. No wood cutting boards allowed due to requirements of the Health Department.
7. Fire Department Ordinance must be followed.
8. No ground fires permitted.
9. Every booth must have a 5lbs. "ABC" type fire extinguisher with a current inspection tag;
10. If frying with oil a "K" type extinguisher will be required along with the ABC type.
11. All booths are subject to inspection by the Webb County Fire Department.

Menudo Teams Timeline

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020

7:00 p.m.

L.I.F.E. Pavilion –COOKS & MEDIA EVENT (Sponsored by Ay Carbon)
(One team member must be in attendance to go over rules and accept packet)
not attending is subject to disqualification.

Friday, Jan. 17, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

BOOTH SET UP. SECURITY will be on premises Friday 9p.m. to Saturday 7p.m. only. Laredo Crime Stoppers is NOT responsible for accidents, thefts, and/or damage or injury to persons and/or equipment.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020

6:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

Gates Open
Finish BOOTH SET UP.

8:00 a.m.

Judging Center - COOKS' MEETING (Teams may not start cooking until after cook's meeting is completed.) Judging cups are handed out.

9:00 a.m.

All competitor's vehicles are to be removed from Menudo Bowl Grounds. After 9:00a.m. vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING.

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Judging Center – TURN IN OFFICIAL TASTING CUP (All Official Menudo Bowl entries must be in the cups furnished at the 8:00 a.m. cooks' meeting.)

2:30 p.m.

Judging Center – Official Tasting Begins

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Menudo may be given out to the public for PEOPLE'S CHOICE.

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Sideline Cook-off Turn in

5:00 p.m.

Voting for PEOPLE'S CHOICE ends.

6:00 p.m.

(approximately) Awards Ceremony - Winners announced on stage.

7:00 p.m.

(approximately) After Awards Ceremony vehicles allowed on grounds to load equipment.

9:00 p.m.

LIFE will lock gates (All items not cleared out at that time may be picked up the next day from 8 am – 12:00 noon. No security overnight.) Items left at owner's risk.