INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL
RICE AND CREOLE COOKERY CONTEST
Acadia Parish LSU AgCenter, 157 Cherokee Drive, Crowley LA 70526
October 16, 2026

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ATTENTION: All dishes entered ***must*** be thoroughly ***cooked and chilled*** when brought to the AgCenter for judging. Failure to meet this standard will result in the dish being disqualified. It would be a good idea to transport the dish on ice in an ice chest to the contest. Microwaves will be available for judges to heat samples before tasting dishes.

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Categories in Each Division Will Be: **1) Rice and Meat** **2) Rice & Seafood** **3) Rice Salad or Vegetable** **4) Rice Dessert**

I. Children's Division
Boys & Girls 8-10 years old.
Premiums in each category:

1st - $25.00	6th - $10.00
2nd - $20.00	7th - $10.00
3rd - $15.00	8th - $10.00
4th - $15.00	9th - $10.00
5th - $15.00	10th - $10.00

II. Intermediate Division
Boys & Girls 11-12 years of age.
Premiums in each category:

1st - $30.00	6th - $10.00
2nd - $25.00	7th - $10.00
3rd - $20.00	8th - $10.00
4th - $20.00	9th - $10.00
5th - $20.00	10th - $10.00

II. Teen Division
Boys & Girls 13-18 years old still in school. Premiums in each category:

1st - $35.00	6th - $15.00
2nd - $30.00	7th - $15.00
3rd - $25.00	8th - $15.00
4th - $25.00	9th - $15.00
5th - $25.00	10th - $15.00

IV. Adult Division (Ladies-Men)
Must be 18 years & over. Premiums in each category:

1st - $50.00	6th - $15.00
2nd - $45.00	7th - $15.00
3rd - $40.00	8th - $15.00
4th - $40.00	9th - $15.00
5th - $40.00	10th - $15.00

V. CHEF DE RIZ

1. Chef de Riz will be selected from the first place winners in the eight categories in Adult and Teen Divisions in the Rice and Creole Cookery Contest. Winner will be named the International Rice Festival Chef de Riz for the year. Chef de Riz may be called on to represent the Rice Festival during the year. Winner will be awarded **$300.00** cash and an engraved plaque.

2. Chef de Riz will be selected based on rice dish score and an interview with judges on his or her knowledge of the nutritional value of rice, cooking qualities of rice and types and varieties of rice.

3. To be considered for the title of Chef de Riz, the contestant must be present at the **Acadia LSU AgCenter at 10:45 a.m**. to be interviewed.

VI. Junior Chef

1. Junior Chef will be selected from the Tri-Color winners in the Children & Intermediate Division in the Rice & Creole Cookery Contest. Winner will be named the Rice Festival Junior Chef for the year. Winner will be awarded **$75.00** cash and a plaque.

GENERAL RULES

- Contest will be held Friday, October 16, 2026 at the **Acadia LSU AgCenter** located at 157 Cherokee Drive, Crowley, Louisiana
- Dishes must be entered from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Only **chilled entries** will be accepted for judging. Judging will be held from 9:30a.m. until 12:00 noon. If needed, samples of each dish will be heated prior to judging.
- At least one (1) cup of cooked rice must be included in dish and listed in recipe. Wild rice is not cultivated rice in Louisiana and does not meet the recipe requirement of 1 cup of rice. Dishes containing rice products such as rice cereals, rice flour, etc. must also contain cooked rice. The exhibit must include the number of servings indicated on the recipe. **For example, if the recipe states that it serves six, then the entire six servings must be displayed.**
- **NEW RULE: Gumbos, soups, etoufees, stews and similar dishes must have one (1) cup of cooked rice mixed into the dish. Rice may not be served on the side, if rice is not mixed in, the dish will be disqualified.**
- Contestants are limited to one entry in each category in their division. Recipes become sole property of the International Rice Festival, to be published at the discretion of the International Rice Festival.
- Ribbons will be given for the top ten places in each category. Tri-Color ribbons and a **$40.00** cash award will be awarded the Best Overall dishes in the Adult, Teen, Intermediate and Children's Divisions.
- Division winners (First Place, Tri-Color, & Junior Chef) will be announced at 11:30 a.m.
- Judging for Chef de Riz will begin at 10:45 a.m. This will include interview and dish score. Chef de Riz winner will be announced as close to 12:00 noon as possible.
- Chef de Riz and Tri-Color winners should be present to receive awards on the Main Platform in front of the Acadia Parish Court House at 1:15 p.m. on the day of the contest.
- Covers and dishes must be labeled with exhibitor number to be obtained at registration. The International Rice Festival Association is not liable for dishes lost at the contest. **Dishes** – Pick up as soon as judging is complete and awards have been announced**. DISHES CANNOT BE PICKED UP UNTIL WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

ENTRY FORM

Complete information form below. Be sure to list correct "Division" and "Category". Include on form your **COMPLETE** recipe used in making this dish. **Type or print clearly**. Entry forms are available on the International Rice Festival website at www.ricefestival.com. You can also email Letha, at ricecookerycontest@gmail.com for more information and entry form.

Bring this form and **chilled dish** to the **Acadia LSU AgCenter at 157 Cherokee Drive** in Crowley on October 16, 2026 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

NAME _____PARISH_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER (_____) _____

CELL NUMBER (_____) _____

FOLD TOP OF SHEET DOWN TO DOTTED LINE AND TAPE

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Division _____ Category_____ Exhibitor#_____

(PRINT OR TYPE RECIPE CLEARLY as all Winners' recipes will be published in the POST SIGNAL'S Cookbook)

Name of Recipe:_____