**Festival of the Bonfires**

# ANNUAL

# POTATO SALAD SHOWDOWN

# OFFICIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

# FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

The first annual potato salad showdown is open to all ages. The person who produces the first place potato salad will be crowned **Best Potato Salad of St. James Parish.** You are not required to be a citizen of St. James Parish to own this prestigious title.

#### Our Creed

*Rules and regulations are designed to be fair and equal to all competitors. Integrity of the cook, assistants, participants, spectators and the organizers is essential to a fair and impartial contest.*

The following rules and guidelines are to be followed by all potato salad cook-off participants and/or their assistants.

1. You must make at least 5 pounds of potato salad, meaning you must use at least 5 pounds of potatoes, plus the rest of your potato salad ingredients, eggs, mayonnaise, etc. (Please NOTE: An entrant using less than 5 pounds of potatoes is subject to disqualification.)
2. Entrants must purchase their potato salad ingredients or must obtain a sponsor to purchase the potato salad ingredients. Your potato salad will be considered a donation to the Festival of the Bonfires.
3. Entrants must supply their own potato salad bowl but serving utensils will be provided by the Festival of the Bonfires.
4. You must make your potato salad away from the festival grounds. (For example, your home, office or any other location you choose.)
5. You should make your potato salad on Friday, DECEMBER 14, 2018 but you may also choose to make your potato salad on Thursday, December 13, 2018 For food safety concerns, please do not make your potato salad before Thursday, December 13, 2018. (NOTE: Please follow food safety rules when preparing your potato salad.)
6. Bring your potato salad to the potato salad booth for 2 PM on Friday, DECEMBER 14, 2018. The potato salad booth will be located under the pavilion at the festival grounds. A representative from the Festival of the Bonfires will be available to accept your bowl of potato salad. At that time you will be issued an identification letter, such as the letter A, B, C, etc. From this point on, your potato salad will be identified and referred to by your assigned letter.
7. At this time, you will write your name next to your assigned identification letter found on a ballot. When all entrants have signed off next to their assigned identification letters, the ballot will be placed in a sealed envelope and this envelope will remained sealed until the judging is complete.
8. Meanwhile, your potato salad will be transferred to the judge’s tent. In the judge’s tent, your potato salad will be placed alongside the other potato salad entries. The judges will taste and re-taste the entries and scoring will be awarded. The top three entries will be decided by the three potato salads receiving the highest score. (NOTE: Judging is based on the best taste. Presentation, appearance, and texture may be encouraged, but we are looking for the potato salad that “Taste Great.”)
9. When the judging is complete, all potato salads will be returned to the potato salad booth to be sold to festival goers. You can pick up your empty bowl after 9 PM on Friday night or on Saturday, December 15, 2018.

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