



TAILGATE COOKOFF

RULES & REGULATIONS

EVENT:

- **St. Christopher Men's Club Tailgate Cookoff and Tailgate Party**
- Saturday, October 10, 2026
- Teams may begin entering the school yard as early as 9:00 AM and all vehicles must be out of the school yard by 11:30 AM.
- Gates open to the public at 5:00 PM, Teams will start serving

REGISTRATION:

Please submit the entry form and provide the following information about your team via email to mensclubscs@gmail.com:

- Team Name
- School/Business Name
- Team Leader Name, Phone Number, & Email
- Names of Team Members

Entry fee is \$150 and can be made payable by check to St. Christopher Men's Club.

WHAT WE PROVIDE:

Each team will be provided with the following by SCMC:

- One 10' x 10' cooking area
- Bowls, boats, utensils, and napkins
- Electricity is available
- Voting receptacle to collect tokens for the People's Choice Award

WHAT TO BRING:

FOOD-

Each team may enter one (1) "Tailgate" dish into the competition and (1) Lagniappe-Dessert. Each team is responsible for providing their own cooking and serving utensils.

Teams should submit a recipe card with their entry that states the name of the dish and a description of what was prepared. No identifying markings or brand names may be visible on the dish or include recipe card.

EQUIPMENT-

Teams must furnish their own cooking and serving equipment as well as any equipment needed to keep their dish warm, this includes propane.

DECOR-

Show off your team spirit! Items to consider bringing: pop-up tents (up to 10'x10'), signage, tablecloths, and other decor. If you are unsure about a particular item, please contact mensclubscs@gmail.com for approval.



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TEAMS:

- Each team can have 4-6 members; however, four (4) wristbands come with the \$150 entry fee. Additional wristbands will be available for purchase.
- Each Team member is required to wear a wrist band at all times.
- Each team is encouraged to bring a sign with their team's name written on it. We recommend poster board size (22"W x 28"L). The bigger, the better, we want attendees to know what team they're voting for!
- Have fun with it! Feel free to bring decor, wear costumes or team shirts, etc.

COOKOFF RULES:

- All food must be cooked onsite, in teams designated area. Team locations will be assigned by event coordinators on the day of the event.
- Team captains are responsible for maintaining proper sanitation and orderly conduct of team members. Violations could result in disqualification.
- Ingredients may be chopped offsite prior to arriving at St. Christopher. Teams will provide all ingredients to be cooked.
- Be prepared to provide at least 300 servings(~2-3oz) of your dish. Guests will be served in bowls/boats provided by SCMC.
- Depending on attendance, you may run out, and that's ok!
- Bowls, boats, utensils, paper towels, hand washing stations, will be provided by the SCMC. Please bring a waste container for any waste created during your prep and cooking process; and a working fire extinguisher in date.
- All portable heating elements and cookware must be provided by the chef(s). NO GENERATORS ALLOWED, electricity is available, bring your own extension cords. All heat must be portable heat.
- Dishes must be ready for serving at 5pm the day of the event.
- Teams are encouraged to bring their own 10'x10' pop-up tent, tables, cooking equipment and chairs if desired.
- In respect to St Christopher Church 4pm mass, we will have a quiet hour from 4-5pm. Any speakers will need to be either off or down to a reasonable volume to not disturb church parishioners.

JUDGING:



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- A panel of judges, selected by the event organizers, will judge the cook off entries; along with attendees voting for “People’s Choice”
- The judging will be blind; teams and their dishes will be anonymous to all judges. Teams must be prepared to submit their judging portions at the designated times of entry for Tailgate dish and Lagniappe. Late entries will have point deduction.
- Tailgate dish entry time will be from 4:30-4:45, Lagniappe (Dessert) entry will be from 5:00-5:15.
- People’s choice judging will end at 8pm and awards will be announced at 9pm.
- The categories below will be announced at awards ceremony;
 - 1st Place Tailgate Dish
 - 2nd Place Tailgate Dish
 - 1st Place Lagniappe (Dessert)
 - 2nd Place Lagniappe (Dessert)
 - People’s Choice Category
 - Best Decorated/Most Team Spirit
 - Best Men’s Club

We can’t wait to see you October 10th at St. Christopher School!!!

Visit www.stchristophermensclub.org/cookoff for more information