



9th Annual Arts & Crabs

Saturday, August 18th, 2018 | 5:00PM – 8:00PM
Burton Coliseum

EVENT GUIDELINES

SWLA's only crab-tasting event brings regional cuisine, culture, and art to the forefront each August. Attendees take part in an extensive tasting which features area chefs/restaurants offering a crab (or seafood) dish representative of their cuisine's style. Dishes are paired with Louisiana craft beers, plus an annual *Best Crab Dish* award goes to the chef with the most tips and votes. Arts & Crabs, the Arts Council of SWLA's primary fundraiser of the year, brings in locals, tourists, journalists, and travel writers, and has earned the coveted distinction of "Top 20 Event in the Southeast" for five years running. We want Lake Area cuisine to get the recognition it deserves.

Here is what you need to know:

- **Each chef must prepare to serve 900 guests. Each serving should be approximately 2 - 3 ounces in size.** This is a tasting, not a full meal.
- **Please make sure that you plan for keeping your food at the appropriate temperature.** Warming trays and chafing dishes are allowed.
- **Chefs must provide serving utensils, platters, trays, warmers, chafers, ice chest, etc.** The Arts Council will provide napkins, 3-ounce sampling cups, and sporks for guests. If another utensil is necessary for consuming your dish, please provide to guests.
- **Only light preparation may be done on-site.** You must be prepared to quickly serve samples to guests, and open flames or fryers are not allowed in the venue.
- **Chefs serving a crab dish will receive a stipend of \$350 and will compete in the Best Crab Dish competition.** Dishes not featuring crab offers \$250 towards the purchase of ingredients and supplies. Stipend checks will be delivered on the day of event.
- **You or a representative from your restaurant must be present during the event.**
- **You are responsible for set-up/take down, along with your own table decorations and promotional material.** We will be providing you with two 8-foot tables, along with standardized tablecloths and banners. We encourage you to otherwise decorate your space! Standardized signs with your name (*as indicated on next page*) and crab dish will also be provided.
- Water and cold drinks are available free of charge at the Coca-Cola table.
- **Food service begins at 5PM, and ends at 7PM.**
- **This is a 21 and up event.** Louisiana craft beers will be paired with the crab dishes for guests to sample, so no minors are allowed to enter the Coliseum.
- **There will only be space for 15 participating chefs/restaurants, so this is your time to shine!** Plan well and get creative!
- **The winning chef receives a unique piece of Louisiana art as this year's "Best Crab Dish" trophy.** Any displayable medium is accepted, and the winner will be chosen by popular vote on Facebook. We ask that the winning chef display this trophy in their restaurant for at least one year.

We want you to have your moment in the spotlight, so please return this application as soon as possible. Thank you for enriching Lake Area cuisine!



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CHEF/RESTAURANT REGISTRATION

Please fill out this form and return it to:
Arts Council of SWLA
809 Kirby St, Suite 202 / Lake Charles, LA 70601

Tel: (337) 439-2787; Fax: (337) 439-8009

Chef Name: _____

Restaurant Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **Evening Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Name/Description of Crab Dish: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For questions, please call 337-439-2787 or email ashliw@artscouncilswla.org

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