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CONTESTANT INFORMATION

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General Event Information

- The hours of the event are 7:00pm–10:00pm, with sponsors and judges arriving early at 6:30pm.
- All restaurants are asked to **prepare 2,000 (4oz) servings**. Last year, we had 1,300 guests attend the event. You must be prepared to stay for the event's duration.
- Set-up is from 3:00–6:00 p.m. on April 8th. Please be ready to start serving at 6:30 p.m. when sponsors and judges arrive.
- You will receive **(4) event passes** for the staff working the night of the event that will be given to you when you arrive to set up. Please let us know if you need additional passes for your staff by emailing ceason@stewpot.org.

Supplies

Stewpot will provide you with the following supplies below. Volunteers will be visiting your table throughout the event to restock any needed items.

- 1 8 ft. table
- 1 8 ft black tablecloth
- 2 Chairs
- Plasticware
- Bowls and/or plates
- Napkins
- 1 trash can
- Trash bags

*Please note: you are welcome to bring additional supplies (i.e. extra table, chairs) if you need more than what is provided

Safety Measures & Restricted Items

- The use of glass is not permitted.
- If you require electricity, please be prepared to bring your own portable generator.
- Please bring a fire extinguisher if you plan to use any heating elements.

Awards

- A team of judges will vote on the following categories: Best Appetizer, Best Entrée, Best Dessert, and Best Presentation. There will also be a People's Choice Award that will be chosen by the guests at the event.
- Judging will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please look for and greet the judges. They will be wearing badges. Kindly explain to our guests that they will need to move to the front of your table's line.
- Voting closes at 8:00 p.m. and the winners will be announced at 9:00 p.m.

Event participation

If for any reason your company is no longer able to participate in Taste of Mississippi on April 8, 2024, it is very important that you let us know by March 1, 2024 at the latest. We spend lots of time and money on advertising, and attendee feedback previous events revealed that guests were disappointed that some advertised vendors did not show up. While we understand that unfortunate circumstances happen last minute, we want to be mindful of the guests who pay to attend the event and provide the full experience that was advertised. Taste of Mississippi could not happen without your participation, and we are SO excited and grateful that you have decided to join us!

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BEVERAGE VENDOR INFORMATION

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General Event Information

- The hours of the event are 6:30 p.m. (Early Sponsor Admission) and 7:00pm to 10:00pm (General Admission).
- **1,200-1,500 attendees are expected at Taste of Mississippi.** You must be prepared to stay for the event's duration.
- Set-up is from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on April 3rd at The District at Eastover. Please be ready to start serving at 6:30 p.m. when Early Sponsor Admission begins
- An event site map with your table's location will be sent to you one week prior to the event
- You will receive **(4) event passes** for the staff working the night of the event that will be given to you when you arrive to set up. Please let me know if you need additional passes for your staff.

Supplies

Stewpot will provide you with the following supplies below. Volunteers will be visiting your table throughout the event to restock any needed items.

- 1 8 ft. table
- 1 8 ft black tablecloth
- 2 Chairs
- Cups (if needed)
- Napkins (if needed)
- 1 trash can
- Trash bags

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