

# VICKSBURG'S CARNAVAL DE MARDI GRAS

# GUMBO COOK-OFF

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Presented by the Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation

**What:** Gumbo Cook-off

**Where:** Southern Cultural Heritage Center, Vicksburg, MS

**When:** Saturday, February 14th

**Timeline:**

Cooker Check-in/Set-up	7:00 a.m. or later
Gumbo Judging	3:45 or 4:00 p.m.
Public Tasting	5:00 p.m.
Awards	7:00 p.m.

**Categories:** Seafood and Non-seafood

**Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category, best decorated site, most spirited team, and the coveted People's Choice. In addition to a trophy, first place in each category wins \$300.

**Entry Fee:** \$50 by February 14th; \$75 after February 14th, includes entry for 4 team members. Limited 6 additional team members at \$5.00 each. DEADLINE to register is NOON on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to: Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation. Cash and credit cards are accepted. Please see Cook-off Rules for additional team information. Registration Forms are to be e-mailed to: [VFHPgumbo@gmail.com](mailto:VFHPgumbo@gmail.com) or delivered to the Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum (address indicated below).

## Cooks Registration Form

Circle Category:  Seafood  Non-seafood

Head cook's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Restaurant (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with payment to:  
The Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation  
1107 Washington Street  
Vicksburg, MS 39183

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