

Press Release

4th Annual “Texas Shrimp Gumbo” Cook Off

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44th Annual “Blessing of the Fleet” Boat Parade

The **4th annual “Texas Shrimp Gumbo Cook Off”** will be held Saturday May 5th, (8AM – 8PM) in the Kemah Lighthouse District, behind the Kemah Visitors Center. There is no charge for spectators to this family friendly event! Entry fees for contestants are only \$50.00. All contestants will be provided with 5 lbs. of “Wild Caught Texas Shrimp” to be used in their contest recipe. Teams can enter as late as the day of the event, but advance registration is preferred. Trophies will be awarded to the First, Second and Third place winners. In addition, we will also be awarding a “Best Gumbo in Kemah” trophy to one of the participating Kemah restaurants.

Make sure your plans include staying for the whole weekend so that you can enjoy the **44th annual “Blessing of the Fleet”** boat parade to be held the following day, May 6th, at 2:00 on the Clear Creek Channel. Come and watch the festive display of different types, shapes and sizes of colorfully decorated boats as they pass in review along the Kemah Boardwalk.

Whether you want to join the parade and receive a blessing for your boat, enter a team in the shrimp gumbo cook-off, or just come down for the weekend and enjoy the festivities, make Kemah your destination for the first weekend in May!

For a boat parade or cook-off entry forms go to: www.kemah.net or pick up one in person at the following locations: **Captain Henry’s Seafood Market (281-334-4034), Kemah Boardwalk Marina (281-334-2284), Kemah Visitor Center (281-334-3181), or Kemah City Hall (281- 334-1611).**

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