



LOUISIANA'S MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
THE JAMBALAYA CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

MAY 21-24, 2026

LAMAR DIXON EXPO CENTER · GONZALES, LOUISIANA

**THE WORLD'S ONLY
 WOOD-FIRED
 CHAMPIONSHIP**

59 YEARS OF CAST-IRON TRADITION



**RIDES · MUSIC
 FOOD · FAMILY
 4 DAYS**

CARNIVAL · LIVE MUSIC · CAMPING

EVENT SCHEDULE
 EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

ADMISSION & TICKETS

THURSDAY FREE	FRIDAY \$5	SATURDAY \$10	SUNDAY \$5
WEEKEND PASS – \$15 All 4 days for the price of 1 Saturday ticket. Save \$5! Children 12 & under FREE · Parking FREE · Gates 7:30 AM			

RV CAMPING (30/50A) **\$350 · Thu–Mon**
VENDOR BOOTHS **FRI–SUN · MAY 22–24**

COOKING CONTEST

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WOOD-FIRED JAMBALAYA

FRIDAY MAY 22
 HEATS 1-4 **8A · 9:45A · 1:15P · 2:30P**
 MINI-POT CHAMP OF CHAMPS **6:00 PM**

SATURDAY MAY 23
 HEATS 5-7 **8A · 9:15A · 12:45P**
Semi-finalists announced 6:30 PM
 CHAMP OF CHAMPS **2:00 – 5:00 PM**
 MINI-POT CONTEST **7–11 AM**
 JR. CONTEST (12-17) **1–4 PM**

SUNDAY MAY 24
 SEMI-FINALS **6–10 AM**
Finalists announced 12:00 PM
 FINALS – WORLD CHAMP **1:30 – 5 PM**
Champion announced 6:30 – 7:15 PM

CARNIVAL

RIDES & AMUSEMENTS · THU – SUN

THURSDAY **5–10 PM · \$25**
FRIDAY **5–10 PM · \$30**
SATURDAY **11 AM – 10 PM · \$30**
SUNDAY **11 AM – 10 PM · \$30**

Pay one price per day

GATES & PARKING

GATES OPEN **7:30 AM DAILY**
 PARKING **FREE**
 KIDS 12 & UNDER **FREE**

LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY **5 – 11 PM**
SATURDAY **10 AM – 11:30 PM**
SUNDAY **10 AM – 7:30 PM**

See Band Line-Up for details

OUR TOWN. OUR FESTIVAL.

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 NEW GROUND. SAME FIRE.