



ST. RITA DADS' CLUB CAR SHOW & COOK-OFF

EVENT DATE/TIME: Saturday, April 11, 2026. 10am-3pm. St. Rita School, 194 Ravan Avenue, Harahan LA 70123

St. Rita Dads' Club is proud to host the 2026 Car Show & Cook-Off. This will be a great event for our community to enjoy a spirited Tailgate Cooking Competition, Classic Auto Show and Live Music while raising money to benefit St. Rita Parish.

Car Show Entry Requirements & Rules:

Any classic automobile built prior to 1990 is eligible for entry into the show. Cars built after 1990 are welcome, but not eligible for judging. Registration is \$30 per vehicle and includes one wristband for the Tailgate Cook-Off. One additional wristband can be purchased for \$5 at the time of registration. Deadline to register is **Friday April 10th**. Day-of registrations, if available, will be first-come, first-served. Vehicles must be in place no later than 9:45 AM and must remain in place for the duration of the event. Entry numbers must be clearly displayed on the driver's side windshield to be judged.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINK IS PERMITTED.

Cook-Off Competition Entry Requirements:

If you think you make the Best Tailgate Food around, come on out and show it off to our community! Business, family and friend teams are all welcome. Entry fee is \$50 per dish. You must prepare a **minimum** of 300 tasting size portions to serve to guests. Multiple dishes are encouraged but not required. Teams will consist of 4 members. Two additional team members can be added for \$10 each at the time of registration. Deadline to register is **Friday, April 10th**. See below for full rules and expectations.

The Competitions:

A panel of judges, selected by the event organizers, will judge the Cook-Off and the Car Show.

Awards for both competitions will be an Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as well as a "People's Choice". Car Owners will also exclusively vote for the "Owner's Choice" Award.

The Cook-Off will be a blind judging. Team members and their dishes will be anonymous to all judges. Teams must be prepared to submit their judging portion and serve food to the public at 11:00 AM. No late entries will be accepted.

People's Choice Judging – tickets for "People's Choice" will be available to purchase for \$1 each. The public will vote for their favorite Dish and Vehicle. The Dish and Vehicle with the most votes will be crowned the People's Champion!

Estimated Timeline:

8:00 AM	Gates Open for Cooking Teams and Auto Show Participants
10:00 AM	Gates Open to Public for Auto Show
11:00 AM	Food Booths Open to Public; Judging portions submitted to judging area
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Live Music by Nashville South
2:00 PM	People's Choice Voting Ends
2:15PM – 3:00 PM	Award Ceremony & Clean Up

Cook-Off Team Rules:

Mandatory Team Captains' Meeting at 6:30 PM on Friday April 10th. One team representative shall attend and teams can start setting up their booths at that time.

All cooking will take place at the designated team location. Each team is responsible for maintaining a clean and safe cooking/serving area. It is the captain's responsibility to maintain proper sanitation practices and hospitable actions of their team members. Critical violations of sanitation practices or disorderly conduct may result in disqualification.

Each team should be prepared to provide a **minimum** of 300 tasting size portions (approx. 2-3oz) per dish. Multiple dishes are encouraged but not mandatory. Items must be cooked on site. Participants must provide all ingredients and equipment they need to prepare and serve their dish to the public. In addition, each team **MUST** have 1 non-expired Fire Extinguisher.

Bowls, Food Service Trays, spoons and napkins for tasting portions provided to the public and judges will be provided. Teams must be prepared to serve food to the public for 11:00 AM.

Teams must submit their judging portions to the judging area no later than 11:00 AM. Any late judging portions will not be accepted. Notes to judges or identifying marks on the submitted container are strictly forbidden. Violation of this rule will automatically disqualify the team.

Cooking booths will be assigned and are 10' wide by 20' deep. Teams must bring their own tents, 2 allowed, at a maximum size of 10' x 10' acting as their team booth. We encourage each team to display a reasonably sized banner and/or logo that identifies their team and business/sponsor name. Creative and non-offensive team names are encouraged. We reserve the right to remove offensive names. Team locations will be assigned by the event coordinators. Your tent should remain standing until 3:00 PM.

One 8' table will be provided to use as the serving table (table cover not provided). No electrical power will be supplied. Large speakers, sound systems, and PAs are not allowed. Be courteous to other teams and attendees.

Each team MUST clean up their assigned area and make sure all trash is picked up and bagged. Failure to do so may subject your team to a fine or prevent future participation in the event.

NO outside alcohol will be allowed to be brought onto the premises, but teams will be allowed to purchase 2 cases of beer at our cost from event coordinators. Two bags of ice will be provided at no charge. There will be concessions available, including beer, non-alcoholic drinks, and water. **This is a fundraiser designed to raise money from concession sales, so teams are strictly prohibited from distributing beverages to the public.**

All decisions by judges are final. In the event of a tie, the judging committee will handle all tiebreakers after a short evaluation. The cook-off committee reserves the right to revise these rules and regulations prior to the commencement of the competition to adjust for unforeseen circumstances and to remove anyone from the grounds for any reason.

Risks and Waiver of Liability: All Contestants acknowledge that there are risks which may result from participation in the contest. Contestants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the St. Rita Church & School, the St. Rita Dads' Club, event sponsors, committee members, vendors, or any others affiliated with the event, from all responsibility or damages that may occur.