



Friday, October 30 - Sunday, November 1, 2026

The 3rd Annual Carencro C'est Bon Seasoning Fest offers several ways to participate. Participants have the flexibility to customize their festival experience by selecting the opportunities that best fit their business or interests. There is no requirement to participate in every category. The rules and requirements for each are provided in the sections below.

- **Seasoning Showcase** – Display, Sample, and Sell
- **Seasoning Showdown** – Judging and People's Choice Seasoning Competition
- **Sunday Throwdown** – Judging and People's Choice Anything Goes Live Cooking Competition

Contestants may:

- Participate in the Seasoning Showcase only.
- Participate in both the Seasoning Showcase and the Seasoning Showdown.
- Participate in the Seasoning Showcase and Sunday Throwdown.
- Participate in the Sunday Throwdown only.
- Participate in all 3, Showcase, Showdown, and Throwdown!

ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:

- Products featured on digital display screen on the festival grounds all weekend.
- Listing on the official festival website.
- Recognition on the festival's social media platforms.
- Opportunity to participate in a "Meet the Makers Series" on Social Media prior to the event.
- Inclusion in a Thank You post after the event with link to their social media platforms or website.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: OCTOBER 18, 2026

- Entry fees are non-refundable.
- Payments are due by October 18, 2026.
- Late entries are subject to board approval and will incur a \$25 late fee.
- Each Showcase registration includes (2) weekend entry passes & 1 weekend parking pass.
- Throwdown only registrations include (2) Sunday entry passes & 1 Sunday parking pass.
- Additional Parking is free and located in front of the park.

Please pick up passes:

MONDAY, OCT 26	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	CARENCRO COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, OCT 29	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FESTIVAL GROUNDS
THURSDAY, OCT 29	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	FESTIVAL GROUNDS
FRIDAY, OCT 30	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	FESTIVAL GROUNDS

2026 FESTIVAL HOURS

Friday, October 30

5:00 PM - 11:30 PM

Saturday, October 31

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

**5K is at 8 AM.*

Sunday, November 1

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

**Mass is at 9:00 AM followed by the Veteran's Day Celebration. Vendors may not open until 10:00 AM.*

WEATHER POLICY

The Carencro C'est Bon Seasoning Showdown is a rain or shine event.

In the event of severe weather or other conditions that may jeopardize the safety of participants, volunteers, vendors, or guests, festival officials reserve the right to delay, modify, suspend, or cancel any portion of the event at their sole discretion.

Any decisions regarding weather-related changes will be made by festival officials based on the safety of all involved. Participants are expected to comply with all directions issued by festival staff. Entry fees are non-refundable unless otherwise determined by the festival.

SEASONING SHOWCASE RULES & REGULATIONS

ENTRY FEE

\$100

Entry fee is a vendor fee to sell branded products throughout the weekend.

MERCHANDISE

- The Seasoning Showcase is intended for businesses and individuals who manufacture, package, distribute, or sell seasonings, spices, rubs, sauces, and marinades to display, share samples, and sell their products.
- Products should be original to the business or brand represented. Private-label or commercially distributed products are permitted if the applicant is an authorized representative of the brand.
- Vendors may offer food samples. All tasting samples must be no more than 1 oz in volume (about 2 tablespoons).
- Merchandise should complement the theme of the Seasoning Showcase. The festival reserves the right to prohibit items deemed unrelated to the event.
- No offensive, racial, discriminatory, drug-related, or otherwise inappropriate merchandise may be displayed, sold, or distributed. This policy will be monitored throughout the festival. Vendors will be required to immediately remove any objectionable merchandise. Failure to comply will result in immediate booth closure without refund.
- Vendors agree that they, their employees, guests, and representatives will comply with all Federal, State, Parish, and local laws.
- Vendors may not manufacture, package, or process food products on-site.
- Vendors may not produce or sell merchandise using the following protected festival names or slogans without written permission:
 - Carencro C'est Bon Seasoning Fest
 - Seasoning Capital of the World
- Copyrights and Trademarks: Vendors assume all responsibility for the lawful use of trademarks, copyrights, patents, logos, music, artwork, recipes, and other protected intellectual property. Vendors agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Carencro C'est Bon Seasoning Fest, its Board of Directors, volunteers, and affiliates from any claims arising from unauthorized use of such materials.

BOOTH

- Booth Space is 12'x12'
- Contestants must provide their set-up (tent, tables, chairs, signage, etc.).
- The festival does not provide extension cords, shelving, or display equipment.
- All tents must be properly secured with appropriate weights or anchors.
- No campers, vehicles, trailers, or golf carts are permitted within the Seasoning Showcase area during festival hours.
- Booths must be open during all official festival hours and remain open until at least 9:00 PM on Friday and Saturday and until 5:00 PM on Sunday.
- No booth will be permitted to open until all fees have been paid in full.

ELECTRICITY

- Small, quiet inverter-style generators may be permitted only with prior written festival approval.
- Generators must be safely operated, fit entirely within the assigned booth space, and may not create excessive noise, fumes, or hazards. Open-frame generators are prohibited.
- Any vendor operating a generator must maintain a readily accessible, working fire extinguisher within the booth at all times.

CLEAN-UP

- Vendors are responsible for keeping their booth area clean, organized, and free of trash and safety hazards throughout the festival.
- Trash and flattened cardboard boxes should be placed at the front of the booth at the end of each evening for festival maintenance to collect.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

- Optional.
- Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- A Trick-or-Trick stop sign will be provided at your tent location if you choose to participate.

SET UP: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Seasoning Showcase vendors may start setting up at **9:00 AM**. Vendors may drive to their designated area from the carnival & band entrance during set up hours. The setup must be completed by 2:30 PM. **After 2:30 PM, vehicles will not be allowed to transport items on festival grounds.**

SEASONING SHOWDOWN RULES & REGULATIONS

The Seasoning Showdown is an optional judged competition held during the Carencro C'est Bon Seasoning Fest. Participation in the Seasoning Showcase is required to enter the competition.

SEASONING SHOWDOWN CATEGORIES

JUDGE'S CHOICE- Best Overall Dry Cajun Seasoning Blend

LIQUID GOLD- Best Liquid Seasoning, Sauce, Marinade, or Glaze

WORLD OF FLAVOR- Best Non-Cajun Dry Seasoning Blend

SWEET TOOTH- Best Sweet Dry Seasoning

PEOPLE'S CHOICE- Voted on by festival attendees

Each product may only be entered into one Judge's Choice category. All entered products are automatically eligible for the People's Choice Award.

ENTRY FEE

Entry Fee is for the number of products you wish to enter into the competition. Entry fee does not include the Showcase vendor fee of \$100.

NUMBER OF PRODUCTS	SEASONING SHOWCASE ENTRY FEE
1 PRODUCT	\$50
2 PRODUCTS	\$75
3 PRODUCTS	\$100
4 PRODUCTS	\$125
5 PRODUCTS	\$150
6 PRODUCTS	\$175

REQUIREMENTS

- **ALL SHOWCASE RULES ABOVE APPLY!**
- Contestants must be the manufacturer, brand owner, or an authorized representative of the product entered.
- All products entered must be listed on the official application.
- The festival reserves the right to reject any entry that does not meet category requirements or festival standards.
- Contestants may provide tasting samples to festival attendees. Food samples may not exceed 1 ounce (approximately 2 tablespoons).
- Tasting samples are intended for promotional purposes only and will not be used for Judge's Choice judging.

BOOTH

1–4 products: 12' x 12'

5–6 products: 20' x 12'

JUDGING

- Contestants must provide seven (7) individual judging samples of each product entered.
- Samples must be available for festival pickup by 1:00 PM on Sunday.
- The festival will provide official judging containers.
- Samples should represent the seasoning product on its own and should not be altered after submission.
- Judges' decisions are final.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

- Each paid festival attendee will receive one wooden token with admission to vote for their favorite seasoning product.
- French Fries and cucumbers will be available for a fee of \$5 to festival guests through the weekend to use for tasting and include a wooden token to vote for the People's Choice Award.
- People's Choice voting will close on Sunday, November 1 at 12:00 PM.

AWARDS

WINNERS ANNOUNCED SUNDAY - MAIN STAGE - 4:00 PM

Winners receive:

- Custom Award
- Ad Space on the Carencro C'est Bon Seasoning Fest Website for One Year
- Social Media Recognition
- Complimentary Entry into the 2027 Seasoning Showdown for one product

SUNDAY THROWDOWN RULES & REGULATIONS

ANYTHING GOES COOK-OFF

The Sunday Throwdown is an Anything Goes Live Cooking Competition held during the Carencro C'est Bon Seasoning Fest. Featuring a Seasoning product is not required. Contestants may use any seasoning product of their choice in their competition entry.

ENTRY FEE

\$100

Each team may submit **a maximum of (1) one entry.**

REQUIREMENTS

- Dish must be prepared onsite during the competition.
- Contestants may prepare any style of dish.
- Ingredients may be pre-measured, washed, trimmed, chopped, marinated, or otherwise prepared prior to arrival.
- Food may not be cooked prior to arriving at the festival.
- Cooking may begin only after the official start time of 6:00 AM.
- Contestants must provide tasting samples for festival attendees.
- Minimum of 75 samples per entry.
- Samples should be available beginning at 11:00 AM.
- All perishable foods must be stored and handled at safe temperatures.
- Contestants are responsible for complying with all applicable food safety practices.
- Raw meats must be properly stored and maintained at safe temperatures and handled properly to avoid contamination.
- Festival officials reserve the right to inspect cooking areas for health and safety compliance.
- Contestants must provide all equipment necessary for the competition, including but not limited to:
 - Cooking equipment
 - Tables & Chairs
 - Tents
 - Fuel and/or Generators
 - Extension cords
 - Serving utensils
- Wood, charcoal, pellet, gas, electric, induction, and propane cooking equipment are permitted, provided they are operated safely.
- The festival will provide containers for judge's samples, small cups and utensils for public tasting (if needed).
- The festival will host a Sunday Mass at 9:00 AM. All participants are expected to be respectful during the service by minimizing noise and avoiding disruptive activities until Mass has concluded.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, disruptive behavior, excessive intoxication, or failure to follow festival rules may result in disqualification and removal from the event.

- To support the festival and our community initiatives, all alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the official festival beverage vendors. Outside alcohol is strictly prohibited.
- Each team is permitted one (1) personal ice chest (20-quart max size) in their cooking area for non-alcoholic beverages only. No alcohol or glass containers are permitted in team ice chests.
- Festival staff reserve the right to inspect team ice chests and cooking areas at any time to ensure compliance with event rules.

MERCHANDISE

- Participants may sell their branded products during Throwdown hours following all Seasoning Showcase rules and regulations.

BOOTH

- Booth Space is 12'x12'
- All tents must be properly secured with appropriate weights or anchors.
- A water faucet is available on festival grounds, but bringing your own water supply is encouraged as the water may not be close to your area.

ELECTRICITY

- Electricity is not provided.
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- Any vendor operating a generator must maintain a readily accessible, working fire extinguisher within the booth at all times.

CLEAN-UP

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- Trash and flattened cardboard boxes should be placed at the front of the booth at the end of the event for festival maintenance to collect.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

- Optional.
- Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- A Trick-or-Trick stop sign will be provided at your tent location if you choose to participate.
- Teams wishing to participate may set up their competition area on Saturday and leave it set up for Sunday. Time TBA.

SET UP & SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Contestants may enter the festival grounds beginning at 5:00 AM Sunday.

Set up deadline is 7:30 AM.

Official cooking begins at 6:00 AM.

Public sampling begins at 11:00 AM.

Pick up for judges begins at 11:00 AM.

People's Choice voting deadline is at 1:00 PM.

Winners announced at the Main Stage at 4:00 PM.

*Booths may be taken down between 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, but vehicles parked inside festival grounds will not be able to leave the festival grounds until after winners are announced for the safety of our guests.

JUDGING

- Contestants must provide five (5) individual judging samples of each product entered.
- Samples must be available for festival pickup by 11:00 AM on Sunday.
- Late entries will be disqualified.
- Judges' decisions are final.
- Each category will be judged on:

APPEARANCE	10
FLAVOR & TASTE	40
CREATIVITY	10
TEXTURE	10
AROMA	10
OVERALL IMPRESSION	20

AWARDS

Judge's Choice 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place

People's Choice

WINNERS ANNOUNCED SUNDAY - MAIN STAGE - 4:00 PM

Winners receive:

- Custom Award
- Ad Space on the Carencro C'est Bon Seasoning Fest Website for One Year
- Social Media Recognition
- Complimentary Entry into the 2027 Sunday Throwdown