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**“Catfish Cookoff” ~ March 18, 2010**  
**General Information**

**Contact:** Paul Price Jr. – 435-4105 – [paulpricejr@bellsouth.net](mailto:paulpricejr@bellsouth.net)

Thanks for entering this year’s Catfish Cooking Contest! We’re hoping that this will be the best one yet! Your participation in this event is a real boost for the festival, and it goes hand-in-hand with the Taste of Franklin, an event that is growing in popularity each year.

The following is a timeline so all the contestants will be on the same page.

**Setup from 4:30 to 6:00 pm:** Look for your sign at your designated spot for set up. If you can avoid using an electric warming device, that would be appreciated because we always run into problems with circuits being overloaded and breakers being thrown. If you can’t, then please keep your electrical requirements to a minimum, and remember to bear with us on the power issues if they arise. If you must use electricity, bring at least a **50” heavy duty** extension cord. **Chafing dishes with candles are very welcome!** Please use them if you can.

**Your dish MUST be ready to be served at 6 p.m. SHARP!** You must prepare **five pounds** of pond-raised fish (USA or Louisiana) with your recipe. Each judge will need a small portion of your dish for tasting. At 6 p.m., someone will come by with a plate that you’ll need to load up with small portions. There will be a number on the bottom of the plate that will identify the entrant. The judges will have no idea which dish belongs to what cook.

**At about 6:10, the food will be blessed and the Taste of Franklin will begin.** At that point, people will begin circulating to the various food booths. We will supply you with forks, spoons, and plates, but you will need to bring your serving utensils. We’ll have some helpers who will be sure that you don’t run out of forks and plates. Put a small amount of your dish on a plate for those wanting it.

At about 6:45 or so, the winners of the cooking contest announced. First, second, and third place winners will receive plaques in addition to cash awards.

Door prizes for the Taste of Franklin will then be given away. Anyone who purchases a ticket or has a complementary ticket is eligible for a door prize. We ask that you plan to stay for the entire event. Please turn in a signed receipt with your address to Paul for your five pounds of fish. The festival will reimburse you for the fish via mail the following week.

Please fill out the form on the next page with your contact info, the name of your dish, and the recipe. If you are entering the “FRIED” category, please signify on the sheet as well. You can fax this to 435-5398, or you can simply email all the information to Paul at [info@franklinparishcatfishfestival.com](mailto:info@franklinparishcatfishfestival.com). Recipes may be published in the Franklin Sun and could be used for a future festival cookbook.

**This information is needed by Friday, March 12.**

*Thanks again for your participation  
in the  
2010 Franklin Parish Catfish Festival Catfish Cookoff !*



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**“Catfish Cookoff”**  
**Thursday, March 18, 2010 – 6 p.m.**  
**United Pentecostal Church Family Life Center ~ Loop Road, Winnsboro**

*Please fax to 435-5398 by Friday, March 12 or email to [info@franklinparishcatfishfestival.com](mailto:info@franklinparishcatfishfestival.com).*

Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-fried Entree                      \_\_\_\_\_ Fried Catfish

Name of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Recipe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print entire recipe and cooking instructions below (use additional sheet if necessary - this recipe can also be emailed to [paulpricejr@bellsouth.net](mailto:paulpricejr@bellsouth.net))**

*We will display your recipe on the table where you are serving.  
Thank you for participating in the Catfish Cookoff!*

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# CATFISH FESTIVAL

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**How to enter:**

- Call the contest contact to enter. Contest is limited to the first 15 entrants in each category.
- Deadline for entry is Friday, March 12, 2010.
- Entrants **must be a resident of or work in Franklin Parish**,
- Those entering will receive free admittance to the *Taste of Franklin*.
- All others assisting will be required to purchase a ticket for the event (\$20 each)

**What you will be provided:**

- Entrants must buy their catfish and turn in receipt for reimbursement (contestants will be reimbursed for five pounds of catfish only).
- Entrants will each have 4' space at the *Taste of Franklin* to serve their recipe.
- Those entering will be responsible for keeping their fish recipe at the desired serving temperature starting at 6 p.m.
- Entrants will be responsible for serving in small portions. **Use of a chafing dish is recommended and encouraged.** There will be limited electricity available, and please bring a power strip and 50' heavy extension cord. All plates, napkins, and eating utensils will be provided.

**Cooking rules:**

- Two categories this year: **Non-Fried** entrees and **Fried**.
- **The non-fried entrees must be fully prepared off-site and brought ready to serve.**
- Fried entrees can be cooked in a designated area outdoors at the church
- Those purchasing tickets for the *Taste of Franklin* will be able to sample a small piece.

**Recipe disclosure:**

- Each participant must have a name for their dish, and provide a printed recipe of all ingredients and cooking methods on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper.
- Entrant must agree that the recipe can be published by the festival in a future cookbook.
- First place winner may be asked to appear on an early morning show prior to this year's festival.

**Judging:**

- Judges will sample all entries and collaborate to make their final decision.
- Winners will be announced at the *Taste of Franklin*.

**Prizes for both divisions:**

- First place           \$200
- Second place       \$100
- Third place          \$50
- Plaques will be awarded to the top three finishers in both categories