



Margarita & Salsa Contests

Information Sheet

The 24th Annual Margarita & Salsa Festival will be here soon! We are cordially inviting you to partner with the Extraco Events Center and the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo in bringing to Waco the **coolest, hottest, biggest** party of the summer! This year our event features artists **Shinyribs, William Clark Green, Wade Bowen and Josh Abbott Band**. The Festival is set for Saturday, August 24, 2019, at the Extraco Events Center in Waco. Our contest will take place in the cool air conditioning of the Extraco Coliseum. Salsa tasting is free to the general public and margarita tasting cups can be purchased for \$10. Please join us as we see who has the best margaritas and salsa in town!

DATE: Saturday, August 24th

ENTRIES & REGISTRATION: **NO entry fee!**

DEADLINE: To request alcohol – 12 Noon, Wednesday, August 14th. Entries accepted after deadline will have to use alcohol that's given to them; no special requests. See registration form or rules for more information.

TIME: Set-up is from 3 – 5 p.m. Judging begins at 5:45 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and sampling will continue while until supplies last.

PLACE: Extraco Coliseum at the Extraco Events Center

AWARDS: People's Choice and Judges' Choice for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be presented to the best margarita and best salsa for restaurants and best margarita for individual entries.

RESTAURANTS

Must provide at least 5 gallons of margarita entry and/or at least 3 gallons of salsa entry.

We will provide the following for entries:

- General: Two (2) t-shirts, admission for servers, two (2) 8 ft. tables per entry and plastic table cloth
- Margaritas: Liquor as requested, bagged ice, 5 gallon serving bucket with spigot. All bottles of liquor must be checked out AND checked back in. **DO NOT THROW ANY BOTTLES AWAY.**
- Salsa: Serving utensil, serving boats and chips.

***ALL SALSA MUST BE PREPARED IN A CERTIFIED KITCHEN BEFORE ARRIVING TO THE EVENT!**

***ALL MARGARITAS MUST BE MADE ON SITE!**

INDIVIDUALS

Must provide at least 5 gallons of their margarita entry.

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For more information: Christy Jones at 254-224-8273 or christy@hotfair.com.



Contest Rules

General

- You will receive your t-shirts at check-in.
- We encourage you to decorate your booth!
- At least 2 people are needed to serve for each entry. Restaurants only: Volunteers may be provided for you if help is needed.

Margaritas

- 2 Divisions: Restaurant and Individual. The following applies to both divisions.
- Free entry.
- Must provide 5 gallons of margarita mix.
- All margaritas must be mixed on site.
- The margarita served to the public will be the margarita that is judged.
- All contest participants will enter through the northwest entrance of the Extraco Coliseum during the contest set-up time. (Set-up begins at 3 p.m. Judging begins at 5:45 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.)
- All items being used to make margaritas must be sealed and will be checked at the door to assure NO additional alcohol is being brought in other containers.
- The Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission (TABC) law requires that alcohol must be purchased under the Extraco Events Center's license. Please see the registration form attached. It is suggested for 5 gallons you will need 3 bottles of Tequila and 1 bottle of Triple Sec. You will receive \$70 in credit for participating, expenses after that will be invoiced and must be paid prior to the event.
 - All bottles of liquor must be checked out AND checked back in. Do not throw any bottles away.
 - **Registration with alcohol requests must be returned no later than 12 Noon on Wednesday, Aug. 14th**
- You can have a machine for frozen drinks. For electricity needs, please contact Christy Jones, at 254-224-8273 or christy@hotfair.com in advance. You are responsible for providing your own extension cord.
- A 2 oz. sample cup will be sold to the public for \$10 per cup. Only those who have an armband and a cup are allowed to receive samples.
- All people working in participant booths, serving alcoholic beverages, must be 21 years of age or older.

Salsa

- One Division: Restaurants only
- Free Entry.
- Must provide 3 gallons of salsa. Chips and serving items will be provided.
- All salsa must be prepared in a certified kitchen before arriving to the event. Copy of certificate is required.
- The salsa served to the public will be the salsa that is judged.
- Multiple salsas from one restaurant are allowed. Will count as multiple entries and can have multiple tables.