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Paella Lovers United
2010

Team Rules of Engagement
<http://PaellaLoversUnited.com>

Thank you for your interest in Paella Lovers United - an Austin Texas based paella group. If you are interested in becoming a team contestant, here are the guidelines we are requesting:

** NOTICE **
** THIS LIST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE **

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Who we are:

- * We are a local Austin Texas group who loves good paella along with a good party to go with it. Come visit our website at:
<http://PaellaLoversUnited.com>
- * Please remember that this is still a back yard style event. Competition is lively, but certainly friendly. There will be close interaction with other teams and patrons.

Date:

- * Nov 6, 2010
- * Doors open to the public at 2:00
- * Competition is roughly from 2:00 - 9:00

Location:

- * Due to the phenomenal growth of Paella Lovers United's annual festival, we realized we have outgrown our South Austin location and are thrilled to announce the new location for this year's event:
16525 Decker Creek Dr,
Austin, TX 78653
Take MLK east to 183 overpass. Continue on FM-969 for 5.9 miles. Turn Right on Decker Creek Dr. Continue for 0.4 miles. 16525 Decker Creek will be on the Right.
- * See website for more information

What Does It Cost?

- * Competing teams are required to pay a small, \$25 deposit. This is to ensure that we have commitment from the teams and to help cover expenses such as setup, site prep, wood, etc. This deposit will also register teams for their designated "ready time" for judging. This deposit will cover all team members (see Team Size below). If you would like more information regarding this, please contact us at:

Deposits can be made through PayPal as seen on the website:
<http://PaellaLoversUnited.com> => Paella Team Sign up

Please bring proof of PayPal deposit confirmation to the event.
You will not be reimbursed without it.

Team Names:

- * Each team will be required to have a team name. This is for judging and documentation purposes.

Team Size:

- * Each team is allowed a maximum of 3 members. All team members entry fees will be covered by the team deposit.
- * Sorry, other team supporters will be subject to the regular event entry.

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Please note, that this is an open wood fire event. All dishes will be prepared over an open, wood burning fire. Fires will be provided and maintained by Paella Lovers United. Teams will be responsible for controlling and regulating their own site. *NO* unsafe practice will be allowed. Any extra, team provided, "wood chips" for enhanced smoke flavoring, etc. are permitted (Orange branches, rosemary, etc).
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Paella Styles:

- * There are numerous varieties of paella. However, the competition will be grouped into two broad categories.
 - Traditional
 - Keep Austin Weird

Both these styles will be paella riced based.

Traditional will be judged on how well the dish represents the true to form Spanish traditions.

Keep Austin Weird is everything else. The variety is endless and we encourage creativity.

Team Responsibilities:

- * Team name and contact person/info:
Phone number/email/text, etc
- * All paella ingredients and kitchen prep tools for their dish. This includes work pots, knives, spoons, serving utensils, etc. We encourage teams with quality as the main objective. After all, this is an open to the public event and everybody will be watching

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- * Limited table space.
- * Lighting (after dark).
- * Water, trash pickup, etc.
- * Prizes and gifts for teams and place winners (to be determined).

Team Times (READY TIME):

- * Competition starts around 2:00 and proceeds until all teams have been submitted.
- * Approximately 15 to 30 minutes between competing teams depending total number of teams.
- * Judging time for teams will be assigned on a first come request basis starting at 2:00 with approximately 15-20 minute increment between teams. This gives the judges time to review and rate and provide continual fresh paella to the public. If you have a preference "READY TIME", please let us know (2:00 - 9:00) PM. No guarantee, but will certainly try to accommodate.
- * Team sign up are through the website:
<http://PaellaLoversUnited.com> => Paella Team Sign Up

Time Limits:

- * This is a casual competition - mostly for fun. However, teams will be assigned a scheduled "READY TIME" and be expected to adhere to it. With that, there is no preparation time limit. However, dishes must be ready at their time. This allows judges to evaluate each dish. It is HIGHLY encouraged for teams to get to the site well in advance for preparation, etc. (At least 2-3 hours recommend).

Judging Criteria:

- * Judging will be based on a pre-defined set of criteria. Items such as quality of the rice, texture, caramelization, presentation, etc. However, teams are encouraged to be creative in line with the spirit of the event. This criteria is available from the website:
<http://PaellaLoversUnited.com> > Paella Team Sign Up > Judging Criteria

How to Sign up:

- * Visit the website at
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and follow the instructions and fill in are requested information including team name, contact info, etc. Let us know if you have or need a pan. If your READY TIME is available, you can have it. Otherwise, we will try to assign the next closest time.

Please remember that there is a refundable \$25 deposit which can also be paid through the website.

- * You will be contacted for confirmation. Once at the site, look for Kelly Christman (ask around - you will find her easily). She will confirm and register your entry.

Disclaimer:

- * By accepting this invitation and in consideration for attending such party, you are agreeing to be solely responsible and liable, and to hold the host(s) of the Party, the subject of this invitation (hereinafter "the party"), harmless for any and damage, whether to person, property, or other, and whether under tort, contract, statutory or any other legal theory, which may occur, directly or indirectly, as a result of any action or inaction on your part, or as a result of any action or inaction on the part of any person whom you invite or inform of the party. Children will be the sole responsibility of those who brought them.