

BEST CRACKLIN' COOKING DEMO TO DATE

GREAT EVENT!.... OMG!AWESOME DAY!.....
WOW!..... I just don't seem to have the right words to express our joy about this event. I wish I could just share how good it feels to get all of the positive comments, feedback and appreciation that patrons shared with us about our 5th Annual Cracklin' Cooking Demo. Your appreciation and attendance helps keep our volunteers strong in their commitment to Palmetto Island State Park. People ask us why we don't charge for this event. It's our way to give back to the patrons who support us. We do this event for YOU! It's fast becoming the most anticipated event that Friends' hosts at the park.

Here are a few highlights if you missed this year's event. We estimate that we had a bout 1,000 people in attendance. Nine crackling cooking teams cooked over 570lbs of cracklin' fat and shared their families special way of serving 'gratons'. Like with Steen's syrup or a seasoned vinegar. Some cooks used plain salt, while others have their own favorite seasoning blend. We also featured cooks who 'flash fried' in hog lard. Cajun families didn't waste, so the lard would have been used to prepare other food too. Patrons got to taste beignets, chicken drummets, sausage, sweet potato chips, beignet fries, apples, turkey wings and more. Latanier Cookers was represented by about 12 cooks and they let patrons sample desserts like bread pudding, monkey bread, cheese cake and peach cobbler. **The Wayback Ramblers provided outstanding entertainment.** We could tell that the visitors enjoyed them when they found a space to dance on the cement pad next to the band and didn't mind dancing in the gravels. We had a really FUN bucket raffle. Patrons got to choose from 18 different items. We had a spate raffle for a shotgun. We got to speak French with park visitors from Quebec, Canada and welcomed others who traveled from Mississippi, Ohio, Illinois, Lake Charles and from across Acadiana. Kristy Broussard and Justin 'Stringbean' Roy from Swamp People were also in attendance. Campsite reservations are selling fast for the 2019 event. **Mark you calendar for Saturday, February 22, 2019.**

