

**The East Texas Arboretum's
Annual Fall Festival and Black-eyed Pea Cook Off
Saturday, October 8, 2011**

It's that time of year! The Fall Festival is coming October 8th. The festival will be chock full of fun activities for children and adults featuring performances by Cody Riley, popular country singer, TVCC Children's Theater and Sonny the Birdman, a dog show, the Scarecrow Trail, vendors and many new children's events. Of course the big draw is always the Black-eyed Pea Cook Off. This year's theme is "Patriotic Pea."

We invite you to bring your creativity and culinary skills to the Cook Off. Please join us in celebrating the black-eyed pea and our East Texas heritage at the festival. Below is an entry form for the Cook Off. There is no fee to enter the contest, but contestants will need to prepare sufficient quantities to serve approximately 100 bite size portions for the taste-in. Contestants should bring their own sterno or extension cords. Electrical outlets are extremely limited.

Recipes must have Black-eyed Peas as the featured ingredient. Judging criteria will be: Appearance 25%, Taste 50% and Presentation 25%.

The Cook Off will be held under the Pavilion. You may set up your tables starting at 7am that morning and be ready for judging by 10:30am. Winners will be announced at 2pm. Please complete the form and mail or fax to the Arboretum. Please submit your recipe before October 1st so it can be printed in the program.

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2011 Black-eyed Pea Cook Off Entry Form

CHECK **ONE** Category: ___ Appetizer/Condiment ___ Salad
 ___ Main Dish ___ Dessert

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

*Cook off officials reserve the right to move recipes to a more appropriate category.

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