

Rayzur's Best Batch Crawfish Cook-Off, Inc.

General Info: Rayzur's Best Batch Crawfish Cook-Off, Inc. is a Texas non-profit corporation that has been created to raise and distribute funds for charitable and educational purposes in Brazoria County, Texas. Each year we host our signature event: Rayzur's Best Batch Crawfish Cook-Off, a two-day event held at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds.

Board/Committee Members: (5) President/Treasurer - David Castillo, Vice President/Secretary – Jessica Havilan, Public Relations - Lori Mobley, Multimedia - Jamie Mata, Head Competition Judge – Eric Moore

Mission: The purpose of Rayzur's Best Batch Crawfish Cook-Off is to provide an entertaining event for all to enjoy and a good-natured competition for those in the community who wish to prove and settle that age-old debate once and for all... who can cook the best boiled crawfish? In addition, this is a fundraiser! Proceeds from this event will benefit a local charity.

What started it? A passionate debate amongst a group of friends over who could cook the best crawfish. Naturally, everyone all thought they could cook the better crawfish. The debate went around in circles for quite some time. Finally, David "Rayzur" Castillo suggested that everybody quit talking about who could cook the best crawfish and actually have a competition. Originally it was only supposed to be about 4 or 5 teams in a friend's backyard, and then the word got out. Soon after, interest snowballed from numerous teams and sponsors and consequently we had to move the competition to a bigger venue. In the meantime, while all this was transpiring a friend of ours who had been paralyzed from the waist down in an accident was raising funds to attend a rehabilitation center in Atlanta. A light bulb went off. This would be a great opportunity to raise money to help send our friend off to the rehabilitation center, thus Rayzur's Best Batch Crawfish Cook-Off was born!

What year was the first cook-off? 2010

Any other info? The event is open to the public (\$10 entry fee on Friday & Saturday, children 12 and under receive free admittance), which includes a seafood & dessert competition as well a horseshoe tournament on Friday night. Saturday's festivities include a gumbo & crawfish competition along with a washer tournament. Hours of operation are 9am – 12am Friday & Saturday. For more info please visit www.rayzurscookoff.com

❖ 2017

- **How many visitors does Rayzur's anticipate to have total at the event in 2017?** 10,000+
- **How many teams do we expect to participate at the event in 2016?** 80 - 90
- **What is the fundraising goal for 2017?** \$40,000

❖ 2016

- **How many visitors did Rayzur's have total at the event in 2016?** 9,500 – 10,000
- **How many teams participated at the event in 2016?** 72
- **What was the total amount raised by the event in 2016 & what organization(s) did they benefit?** \$36,986
\$35,000 was donated to [River of Hope](#).
\$1,936 was donated to smaller organizations.

❖ 2015

- **How many visitors did Rayzur's have total at the event in 2015?** 8,500 – 9,500
- **How many teams participated at the event in 2015?** 71

- **What was the total amount raised by the event in 2015 & what organization(s) did they benefit?** \$37,500
\$32,000 was donated to the [Kidz Harbor organization](#)
\$4,000 was donated to the Brazoria County Fair Association Youth Scholarship Fund.
\$1,500 was donated to 3 different smaller organizations at \$500 each.

❖ **2014**

- **How many visitors did Rayzur's have total at the event in 2014?** 7,500 – 8,500
- **How many teams participated at the event in 2014?** 63
- **What was the total amount raised by the event in 2014 & what organization(s) did they benefit?** \$26,500.
\$21,500 was donated to [Military Mom's & Wives of Brazoria County](#).
\$5,000 was donated to the Brazoria County Fair Association Youth Scholarship Fund.

❖ **2013**

- **How many visitors did Rayzur's have total at the event in 2013?** 6,500 – 7,500
- **How many teams participated at the event in 2013?** 56
- **What was the total amount raised by the event in 2013 & what organization(s) did they benefit?** \$19,500.
\$15,000 was donated to the [Kids Unlimited Foundation](#).
\$4,500 was donated to the Brazoria County Fair Association Youth Scholarship Fund.

❖ **2012**

- **How many visitors did Rayzur's have total at the event in 2012?** 3,000 – 4,500
- **How many teams participated at the event in 2012?** 41
- **What was the total amount raised by the event in 2012 & what organization(s) did they benefit?** \$12,500.
\$10,000 was donated to [Big Love Cancer Care](#).
\$2,500 was donated to the Brazoria County Fair Association Youth Scholarship Fund.