

REVAMPING CAJUN FESTIVAL!

VOL Cajun Festival Committee members have taken the past year to evaluate Cajun Festival and come up with new and exciting ways to raise funds. Most importantly, we need your involvement. Whether time, talent, or suggestion, your assistance will be a benefit to Cajun Festival.

Purpose of Cajun Festival: Funds raised by VOL Cajun Festival go directly to help offset the mortgage we continue to pay on Padre Hall II (also known as the gym). The mortgage balance is \$2.7M. VOL began plans for the multi-purpose building in 2005 with approval from VOL School Board, Finance Council, Pastoral Council and the Archdiocese. VOL committed 100% of the proceeds from Cajun Festival be allocated to paying the mortgage of this building (in addition to other commitments). The building provides the school with classroom facilities, pre-k facilities, gymnasium, staging and other amenities. It has been an asset to the school and parish. Once the mortgage debt is paid off, Cajun Festival will provide funds to enhance the school and parish in technology, infrastructure, and other needs.

Calling all Families and Parishioners: Join in **REVAMPING Cajun Fest!** Our goal is focused on working together. We will no longer have one small committee responsible for all festival components. While this has worked for us in the past, our festival has gotten too big for such a small committee. Instead, we are building several subcommittees. Each subcommittee will be responsible for one component of the festival. While we have leaders who have volunteered to chair some of these committees already, we are still looking for more volunteers. You don't have to be a subcommittee chair to be on a subcommittee. Any time you can commit, in any capacity is never too much or too little. Our hope is to bring fresh ideas and positive change. We would like to invite all of you to help us with this new structure.

What can you do now? There are two ways you can help. First, let us know what interests you by completing the interest request and submit to the parish or school office. Second, plan to attend an open meeting for Cajun Festival. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Please bring your ideas. We would love to hear them.

Let's work together as a parish to make this year's Cajun Fest one of the best and most memorable! We could all use some togetherness with friends to make the past year a distant memory! If you have questions, drop us an email at cajunfest@vol.org.

Cajun Festival Committee Interest Request

Please return the bottom form to the school or parish office.

Name(s): _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please check off committee(s) you're interested in volunteering for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Booths | <input type="checkbox"/> Money Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Games/Prizes/Kid Fest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Race | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Tickets | <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship | <input type="checkbox"/> Set-Up/Tear-Down | |

Suggestions/Comments: _____
