



GREETINGS!

The 2016 International Rice Festival will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary in Crowley, Louisiana on October 15th, 16th, and 17th. In conjunction with this celebration, the Festival will sponsor its 38th annual Acadian Accordion Contest.

Because you have registered and/or participated in this contest in the past, we would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in this year's Acadian Accordion Contest. The contest will be held on the Cramer Equipment & Supply Sound Stage on 4th Street on Saturday, October 22, 2016 beginning at 9:00 am. You will be expected to play a Cajun waltz and two-step.

This year we will have two categories: Youth and Adult. The Youth division will be for ages 0 – 13. The Adult division will be for ages 14 and older. Prizes will include \$125 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$25 for third place in each division.

EACH DIVISION WILL BE LIMITED TO TWELVE (12) CONTESTANTS. PLEASE RETURN YOUR ENTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Complete and return the enclosed application which includes your name, address, phone number and age to:

Acadian Accordion Contest
International Rice Festival
P.O. Box 1900
Crowley, Louisiana 70527-1900.

You will receive additional information in the mail. **Application deadline is September 25, 2016.** If you have any questions please contact the Rice Festival Office at (337) 783-3067.

We look forward to your participation in this year's contest. If you are no longer playing the accordion please notify us to remove you name from our mailing list. You may also share this letter with any other interested accordion player.

Sincerely,

Kira Viator Weber, Chairman
IRF Accordion Contest