WORLD FAMOUS
BREAUX BRIDGE
CRAWFISH FESTIVAL

BREAUX BRIDGE LOUISIANA

April 30, May 1 & 2, 1993
OTHER RELATED EVENTS...

APRIL 24, 1993
Crawfish 5 Miler
5 mile run
1 mile fun run
Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.

APRIL 29, 1993
Breaux Bridge Crawfish Masters Golf Tourney
Sponsored by the Breaux Bridge Kiwanis
Four Man Scramble (A, B, C, & D)
Spanish Trail Golf Course
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd,
Longest Drive and Closest to
the Hole.
$40 Entry Fee
Enter early to assure spot

CAJUN VACATION

APRIL 23 - MAY 3
All campers are invited to spend some time with us in Cajun Country. A Cajun Vacation is planned for Friday, April 23 through Monday, May 3. During your stay you can visit our many beautiful waterways and tourist attractions, sample some of the world's finest cuisine, and experience the hospitality of our people. You will also have an opportunity to visit fun filled festivals in the surrounding areas; the climax being the 1993 Crawfish Festival. A calendar of events, a list of available camp sites, and other information will be provided at your request.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS, CALL THE BREAUX BRIDGE CRAWFISH FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION/BREAUX BRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 318/332-6655
During the first full weekend in May of each year, the sleepy town of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana bursts into a frenzy of excitement and celebration to share with the world its rich culture and tradition. This special occasion is the world famous Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival.

This little Cajun village on the banks of the Bayou Teche became world renowned in 1959 when it celebrated its centennial with such eclat that the Louisiana Legislature passed the house Concurrent Resolution No. 17 which named the town of 8,000 "La Capitole Mondiale des Ecrevisseers." Since that year the Cajun community has held the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival and hundreds of thousands have made their way to share in the festivities honoring Monsieur Ecrevisse.

The Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival Association, which sponsors the Crawfish Festival has over the years, strived to maintain its focus on family centered and authentic Cajun activities. All Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival Association activities are held in Parc Hardy.

Cuisine.

Nothing is so unique to the Cajuns as eating crawfish. During the Festival weekend, the Cajun natives will be doing what they do best—cooking thousands of pounds of crawfish anyway and every way anyone would want them. Festival revelers are able to enjoy Boiled Crawfish, Fried Crawfish, Crawfish Etoffee, Crawfish Dogs, Crawfish Jambalaya, Crawfish Boudin, Crawfish Pies, Crawfish Bisque, Crawfish Gumbo, etc.

Cajun Music.
The Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival has become one of the largest gatherings of world famous Cajun musicians. Cajun music (all bands are required to have an accordion) fills the air from morning to night on two stages in Parc Hardy. Young and old alike are encouraged to join this celebration of our heritage. In addition to the two stages, Cajun music workshops are held in the heritage tent.

Crawfish Races.

Echoes of "Ils sont partis" can be heard from Parc Hardy. Crawfish are skillfully trained and proudly display the colorful silks of their owners. The victorious crustacean is mounted and preserved for posterity. The crawfish race course is an 8 diameter circular target on which the crawfish race to the outer circle.

Traditional Rural Crafts/Folklore Exhibition.

Crafts of pirogue building, accordion, fiddle and bonnet making are among the many traditional crafts on display in the heritage tent. Also included is a bocage (a traditional Cajun card game) exhibition and story telling. Story telling provides visitors with a glimpse of the lifestyle and uniqueness of the Cajuns in the Breaux Bridge area. Local story tellers will share life experiences which are authentic stories of the Cajun culture and tradition. New to the festival this year are cooking demonstrations. Local residents will share their secrets preparing many mouth watering local favorites.

Arts and Crafts.

This display is ranked as one of the best. Artists and craftsmen from throughout the area display their wares for enjoyment or sale.

Souvenirs.

Each year silk-screened Festival posters are designed by a noted local artist. The signed and numbered posters as well as Doubloons, Pins and other Festival memorabilia are available for sale in the information tent.

Carnival Midway.

Rides and games for all ages are located in the fenced in Festival grounds at Parc Hardy.

Crawfish Eating Contest.

This contest measures the weight of crawfish meat consumed within a specified amount of time. Contestants must display dexterity in obtaining the meat from the Crawfish as well as demonstrate a healthy appetite. The Crawfish Eating Contest is held in the heritage tent and is open to the public. The record is 33 1/3 lbs. in one hour held by Andrew Thevent Breaux Bridge.

Crawfish Etoffee Cook-Off.

This epicurean event features cooks from the Acadiana area who vie for the title. Truly a gourmet's delight, this contest is also noted for the showmanship displayed by the contestants. Samples are available once the judging is complete.

Cajun Dance Contest.

Put your dancing shoes on and stomp to traditional Cajun music—the most talented will receive trophies. This event is a must for those who want to learn a few new steps.

Crawfish Queen Coronation Ball.

This glittering spectacle with its handsome decoration, enhances the theme of the festival. The Senior Queen and her attendants are chosen from a bevy of Cajun beauties. Her highness rules over all Festival activities. The ball is held prior to the Festival. Other Crawfish Royalty who are selected prior to the Festival and presented at the Ball include the Crawfish King, the Junior Crawfish Queen, the Ecrevete Ambassadors and the Little Miss and Mastor Pincher.