Lagniappe
ON THE BAYOU
AN OCTOBER CAJUN FESTIVAL
Second Weekend In October
CHAUVIN, LA
What makes Lagniappe on the Bayou “something extra”? 

Great Cajun cooking, music, dancing, crafts and an entire section of carnival rides for children of all ages -- Lagniappe on the Bayou has it all! One of the largest and most successful Cajun community festivals in south Louisiana, Lagniappe offers an unforgettable experience to the thousands of Cajuns and visitors who come “down the bayou” each year to join in the fun.

“Lagniappe” means “something extra and unexpected.” Lagniappe on the Bayou is one way the Chauvin community celebrates and shares their “joie de vie.” The festival truly takes on the spirit of the community. So, come on down and join us! October is always fair time in Chauvin. Lagniappe takes place the second weekend of October, from Friday evening through Sunday evening. Don’t miss Lagniappe this year -- laisser le bon temps rouler!

CAMPING SPACE AVAILABLE
A large field is reserved for campers and electricity is provided.

CAJUN COOKING AT ITS BEST
Good food and lots of it - two main reasons so many come to Lagniappe on the Bayou. Cajun cooking is known for its variety and unique seasoning. There’s nothing quite like fresh shrimp boulettes (shrimp balls) and file’ gumbo; turtle sauce piquante and jambalaya; fried soft shell crabs and shrimp etouffee. Fill up on fried fish, fried jumbo shrimp, red beans and rice and sausage, shrimp spaghetti, “topless” oysters or barbeque. And that’s just the main course! Taste “something extra” for dessert: blackberry dumplings, homemade ice-cream, pecan gran’l, French tea cakes with cafe’ au lait, sweet dough pie, pecan pie, pralines, beignets.

You won’t go home hungry!

FAIS-DODO AND EXHIBITS
Music and dancing are like eating and sleeping to a Cajun! Lagniappe on the Bayou features Cajun music, fiddling and singing (in French and English), and a variety of country and popular music. A large dancing area for the nightly fais-dodo (dance) is located at the heart of the five acre fairgrounds.

At Lagniappe you can observe and participate in several craft exhibits: weave a trawl net, carve a duck decoy inypress or an Acadian belle doll in tupelo wood.

THE PEOPLE MAKE IT HAPPEN
Of course great festivals don’t just happen over night. Lagniappe has grown from a small church and school fair, begun in 1970, to the present-day event that annually attracts more than 30,000 people.

Lagniappe on the Bayou is a community effort. Throughout the year local trawlers and fishermen give that “something extra” from a good catch to stock the Lagniappe kitchens at fair time. Hours of work go into preparing the seasonings that make our Cajun food something extra. The months before October are filled with planning, cooking, building and organizing. All of this giving makes Lagniappe truly something special and unique. Proceeds of the fair are given to St. Joseph Catholic Church to serve the needs of the community in Chauvin and others throughout the area.

JOIN IN THE FUN
So this is Lagniappe. Come and enjoy an October weekend in Chauvin. You’ll be glad you came. See you there!
DISCOVER LAGNIAPPE ON THE BAYOU


From Lafayette: Travel U.S. Hwy. 90 East to Morgan City and on to Houma. In Houma, Hwy. 90 becomes Barrow St. Turn right off Barrow onto Honduras. Take the tunnel, La. 3040. At second light after tunnel turn left onto Howard, then right onto La. 24.

From New Orleans: Travel U.S. Hwy. 90 to Houma Exit. Continue on to Bayou Blue, La. Hwy. 316. Turn left onto Hwy. 316. When road curves, bear right onto La. Hwy. 3087. Cross highrise bridge and second bridge, then turn left at light onto Hwy. 24.

From Houma to Lagniappe: Once you arrive in Houma, East Main St. becomes Hwy. 24. Travel southeast on Hwy. 24 which changes to Hwy. 56 at Presque Isle. Continue straight ahead to Chauvin and Lagniappe.

Come on down to Petit Caillou
All the way you gonna drive along the bayou
Come on down to see the Lagniappe Fair
Food and games and a little bit of drinking
Only one thing you can be thinking
Come on down to join in the Lagniappe Fair.

Lagniappe Song
© by Msgr. Frederic Brunet

LAGNIAPPE HEADQUARTERS
P.O. BOX 218
CHAUVIN, LOUISIANA 70344
(504) 594-5859

Photos by Virgil Falgout
and Edith Portier Hollander
Pamphlet by Portier Gorman Publications