



Festival Schedule:

2:00 PM – Gates Open

The festival gates will open promptly for attendee check-in and a warm welcome to the festivities! Upon entry, guests can enjoy a variety of food vendors serving delicious bites, explore exclusive merchandise, and visit sponsor booths showcasing community partners and festival supporters. It's the perfect time to get settled, grab your gear, and experience the vibrant energy of the event before the main stage lights up!

3:00 PM – Festival Awards

As part of this year's celebration, we will take a special moment to honor the icons who have shaped our culture and community. From culinary trailblazers who've spiced up our kitchens, to musical legends who've moved our souls, and community leaders who've made lasting impact—this tribute will highlight their contributions and legacy. Join us as we celebrate the heart and soul of our city by recognizing those who've paved the way in food, music, and service with excellence and purpose.

4:00 PM – Live Music Block

Enjoy real blues at its finest—old school blues, Rhythm & Blues (R&B), Southern Soul, and even some Gospel! This block is all about the authentic sound, the stories, and the soul of our culture. Get ready to vibe, dance, and feel the music that shaped generations!

5:30 PM – Chicken Eating Contest

Get your appetite ready for the ultimate showdown—the Chicken Eating Contest! Watch as contestants go wing-for-wing and drum-for-drum in a timed battle to see who can eat the most chicken in record time. It's fast, fun, and finger-lickin' fierce! Whether you're cheering from the sidelines or competing for the crown, this crowd-favorite event is sure to bring big laughs, full bellies, and serious bragging rights. Who will reign as the Chicken Champ? Come find out!

6:30 PM – Experience the Festival

Don't miss a moment—experience everything the festival has to offer! From mouthwatering bites at our food vendor booths to exclusive festival merchandise, live music, family fun in the KidZone, and engaging sponsor activations, there's something for everyone. Take in the sights, sounds, and flavors all around you. Whether you're here for the beats, the eats, or the community vibe, make the most of your time and create unforgettable memories at every corner of the festival!

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10:00 PM – Festival Ends

Thank you for joining us at the Chicken & Blues Festival—your energy, smiles, and support made it an unforgettable experience! From the live music and delicious food to the family fun and community spirit, we hope you enjoyed every moment.

As we plan for the future, we'd love to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to complete our festival survey and let us know what you loved and how we can make next year even better.



Your feedback matters—thank you again for being part of the celebration!

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