

BUD & BURGERS IN THE BAY
A Burger Competition that is Out of this World
During Port-Air-Space Day in the Bay
Saturday, November 9th, 2024
11noon – 4pm
Historic Hancock County Courthouse

GET READY FOR A SIZZLING AND OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD EVENT IN THE BAY! As a 2023 competitor, we want to offer you the first opportunity to register for the 3rd Annual Bud & Burgers Competition. We will open registration to the public on July 10th, so please reserve your team before that time to guarantee your spot. Last year, we had 13 competitors, and in 2024, the competition will be open to 20 teams. This spectacular event is set to take place during Port-Air-Space Day in the Bay on Saturday, November 9th, from 11am to 4pm at the Historic Courthouse on Gex Street at Main.

BUD & BURGERS IN THE BAY IS NOT JUST ANY BURGER COMPETITION: It's also a celebration of the many accomplishments in space and ocean exploration and everything STEM at Stennis Space Center, the Michoud Assembly Facility, the Port Bienville Industrial Park, and the Stennis International Airport and Airpark. This year, our title sponsor is the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission. Together, we promise a day filled with incredible experiences, live music, and interactive exhibits.

HERE'S HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Teams can compete for the title with an entry fee of \$100. Additionally, we offer sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, providing you with great visibility and involvement in this stellar event. You can also purchase tickets to the VIP sponsors reception on Friday, November 8th from 5-7pm at the Chamber Business Resource Center. This year, through a marketing grant from the State Tourism Office, the event will be marketed throughout the region to drive even more traffic to your booth.

PRIZES AND RECOGNITION: A panel of esteemed judges will crown the best burgers, and the winners will receive prestigious prizes from Mitchell Distributing Company. But that's not all! The crowd's opinion matters, and the burger with the most votes will earn the People's Choice award. Let your creativity soar, as burgers with a space, ocean, and STEM theme are the order of the day. Let your imagination blast off and create an extraordinary burger that's truly out of this world!

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY: We are proud to announce that the proceeds from Bud & Burgers in the Bay will support the work of the Hancock Chamber of Commerce to promote the social, civic, and economic well-being of Hancock County. By participating, you're not only having a blast but also making a meaningful difference in our community.

FOR ALL THE JUICY DETAILS on how to participate and the amazing benefits of sponsorship, please visit our website at www.hancockchamber.org or [click here](#) to register. For information on how to be an Exhibitor for Port-Air-Space Day in the Bay, go to www.partnersforstennis.org or [click here](#). For both events, you can contact Janice Jones at 228-467-9048 or by email at janice@ Hancockchamber.org.

THE ULTIMATE PRIZE OF THE DAY? The opportunity to take away the bragging rights from the 2023 winners:

- 1st Place: Parrot Head at Bodega
- 2nd Place: Rags to Riches
- 3rd Place: Mississippi Power
- People's Choice: Ashman-Mollere Realty
- Best of Show: Hancock County Library

Mark your calendars, prepare your taste buds, and gear up for an unforgettable day.

Warm regards,

Rich Chase, Chairman

Bud & Burgers in the Bay

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