

**NATIONAL GRITS FESTIVAL**  
**WARWICK, GEORGIA**  
**THE GRITS CAPITOL OF THE WORLD**

**Cook Off Application**

Please join us at the National Grits Festival with your entry in the **Ms. Ruthel Patrick Grits Cook Off.**

The rules are simple: Make a dish using the equivalent of at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cooked grits (the more the better!) Be sure to make plenty so that everyone can get a taste to vote for your dish. Bring your dish to the Warwick Community Center (111 Dogwood St.) in downtown Warwick between 7:30 and 9:00 am on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 along with a copy of your recipe. Your recipe should have the name of your dish, ingredient list and full directions. You may enter more than one dish, just use a separate application for each entry.

Your dish(es) will be judged by a panel of judges with emphasis on taste, originality and best use of grits. Cash prizes will be awarded: 1<sup>st</sup> \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$150, and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$75. In addition, fellow festival goers will vote for a “taster’s choice” with a \$150 prize award for the winner. You may serve your dish for the “taster’s choice” or we will serve it for you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

You may return your application via email to [wmr1459@aol.com](mailto:wmr1459@aol.com) or print and mail to Willie Ragan, 1287 Arabi Warwick Rd., Arabi, GA 31712. Questions? Email above or text to 229-7337329.

**Agreements and release:** The undersigned does hereby release, forever discharge, and hold harmless the City of Warwick, their employees, affiliates, volunteers and officers from any and all liability.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_