



When: Saturday, Jan 31, 2026

Time: 11a.m. - 2p.m.

Where: 6307 West Park Ave

Cannata's Family Market



Contact: Lonnie at leasley@uwsla.com

COOKING TEAM ENTRY FORM

Team Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person/Team Leader: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Will you also be an Event Sponsor? ____yes ____no

Will your team provide your own tent? ____yes ____no Size tent _____

Event Tickets (\$5 each): Qty._____ (please send in event ticket payment with team entry payment)

Team Member Name and T-shirt Size

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____

\$100.00 Team Entry Fee

Teams should prepare at least 10 gallons.

Teams should have no more than 4 members.

Teams must be set up by 7:00a.m. and ready to serve by 11:00a.m.

Gates will open to the public at 11a.m.

Deadline is January 26 , 2026

United Way for South Louisiana's SOUPer Bowl

Jan 31, 2026

Cooking Team Instructions

RULES



- 🍲 All entries must be prepared on site. Teams may come with prepared ingredients, but all food **MUST** be cooked **ON SITE**.
- 🍲 Gas burners are suggested. No electricity will be available.
- 🍲 Sternos may be used.
- 🍲 Team is responsible for preparing 10 gallons of soup/gumbo/chili.
- 🍲 Teams must provide their own cooking equipment and grocery items needed
- 🍲 Garnish is optional (like french bread, corn bread, hot sauce, etc.)
- 🍲 Desserts will be provided by United Way partner agencies.
- 🍲 One table and two chairs will be provided for each team.
- 🍲 Please note on the cooking team sign-up form whether your team will provide own tent.
- 🍲 Teams can begin arriving at 6:00a.m. but must be set up by 7:30a.m.
- 🍲 Doors will open to the public at 11:00a.m. and teams must be ready to serve by 10:45a.m.
- 🍲 Soups must be submitted to the judges' table by 10:45a.m.
- 🍲 Bowls, spoons, and napkins will be provided.
- 🍲 A People's Choice award will be given for the public's favorite soup. Each booth will have a box for tokens to be submitted by event attendees.
- 🍲 Teams can choose to cook Gumbo, Cream Soups, Broth Soups, or Chili. An overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded. Also a People's Choice Award, "Best Decorated Booth" and the "Manuel Merlos" Philanthropy Award will be given.

Teams are encouraged to support United Way for South Louisiana (UWSL) by raising funds in their own creative ways. Pre-event and/or day-of-event fundraisers - such as raffles, prize drawings, specialty items sales, or other team-led fundraising efforts - are welcomed and encouraged. The team that raises the highest total amount will be recognized as this year's "Manuel Merlos Philanthropy Award" winner.

All proceeds benefit local United Way for South Louisiana agencies in Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, and Assumption parishes.

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When: Saturday, Feb 1, 2025

Time: 11a.m. - 2p.m. Where:

6307 West Park Ave

Cannata's Family Market



TEAM COMPETITION



People's Choice



Best Decorated Booth



Manuel Merlos Philanthropy Award



Show Your Spirit · Show Your Flavor · Show Your Heart

Join the fun and friendly competition as cooking teams battle for three major honors at the 2026 United Way SOUPeR Bowl:



People's Choice Award - Boost Votes Allowed

Voted by the Public. Attendees place their tokens in your booth's collection box. The team with the most votes wins! Additional votes available for purchase. Bring your flavor, charm, and crowd pleasing attitude.



Best Decorated Booth

Judged on creativity, theme, and overall presentation
Stand out with color, theme, energy, and originality. Show your team personality while keeping things family-friendly and fun.



Manuel Merlos Philanthropy Award

Honoring the team with the greatest fundraising impact.
Teams are encouraged to raise money before and during the event. Raffles, baskets, fun challenges—every dollar helps our communities. The team that raises the most is named the year's Philanthropy Award.