



During the entire course of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Gueydan Duck Festival Board of Directors has held video conference meetings as well as an in person meeting (while practicing social distancing) to discuss the best course of action to take for the 2020 Duck Festival. In planning a festival, many factors must be taken into consideration. The planning includes coordinating assets to a festival including vendors, carnivals, entertainment/bands, sponsors and much more. Without all of these assets and more, hosting a successful festival would not be possible.

After much deliberation, and very heavy hearts, the Festival Board has made the very hard decision to cancel the 2020 Duck Festival. Following the current guidelines put out by the State of Louisiana and the large amount of unknown information regarding future guidelines, we felt that this decision was in the best interest for the health and safety of our loyal patrons. Also, with the current economic status we felt that contacting our sponsors for donations at this time may have a detrimental affect on our future festivals. We appreciate each of our sponsors for the loyalty and support they have given us through the years and we want to show them the same respect as many of them have been presented with financial hardships during these times.

Along with this decision, another was also made. It is our pleasure to announce that our 2019 Gueydan Duck Festival Queen, Rebekah LePretre and our 2019 Gueydan Duck Festival Teen Queen, Sarah McAllister have graciously agreed to continue their reigns and represent the Duck Festival until August of 2021. We appreciate their generosity and are happy to have them remain our queens for another year.

Our sights are already set on preparing to make the 2021 Gueydan Duck Festival the best in history and we will work hard until then to plan out every detail to make sure that we achieve that goal.

We know this may be hard information for the public to process, but please understand that this decision was not rushed and not made lightly. We would like to thank everyone for understanding and for your support. Please make plans to join us August 26-29, 2021.

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Gueydan Duck Festival President**