

# **LOUISIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

## **Laissez les Gunfight Rouler**

### **Event Information**

#### **The Venue**

The Louisiana State Championships will be held this year in Pineville, LA at the Cross Branded Cowboy Church, 6906 LA Highway 28 East, Pineville, LA 71360. This church is a Southern Baptist church that ministers to the cowboy lifestyle. The main feature of the church grounds is a large rodeo arena. The church regularly hosts rodeos of every variety, from poles and barrels to roping and riding. The "Chuck Wagon Crew", who runs the concessions, is known for making a great hamburger. The congregation is the greatest feature of the church. Their motto seems to be "If they come here, we'll love them."

The Cross Branded Cowboy Church is the home of the Cross Branded Peacemakers. This state championship is the first major shooting event hosted by the church and we hope to make it a memorable event. This is an outdoor event. Feel free to bring shade tarps and chairs. We will have some on hand, but extra is better. No alcohol on the church grounds, please.

#### **The Meet and Greet**

Those of us who enjoy seafood will gather at Christopher's Fish House (2701 LA 107, Pineville, LA) on Friday evening. The restaurant is just a few miles from the church and offers Louisiana seafood at its finest. Christopher has been cooking seafood for years and the quality and freshness is unequaled. Christopher assures me that he will be boiling crawfish in April. The setting is rustic, the food is fantastic, and adult beverages are offered. Christopher's Fish House has a Facebook page.

#### **The Banquet**

Louisiana State is hosting a banquet this year! We'll be using the Czech Hall, at the end of Industrial Road, Pineville, LA. The Czech Hall building is a rustic community gathering spot that reminds me of the CCC construction from the 1930s. It is a beautiful old building that is the heart of the Czech community who immigrated to Louisiana during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Libuse area has a strong Czech heritage and we are fortunate to be able to use this facility.

The banquet will be catered by Pineville's premier catering company, Southern Creations. These folks do a magnificent job catering Louisiana cuisine. If you can't eat seafood, don't worry. The Louisiana food tradition isn't all seafood and we'll have a good sampling of foods that aren't seafood. We promise we'll have something you like.

#### **What Else??**

What else is going on at Louisiana State? JD Leatherworks is offering a custom double holster rig to be raffled to benefit Shoot For The Stars. The rig will be 95% complete and available for viewing. We'll draw for it at the banquet. The winner will be measured for final cut, and it will go home with you on Sunday.

Louisiana State is shaping up to be a great event. We're working hard to make sure that it goes smoothly and that everyone has a great time. Make plans to be in Pineville, on April 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.