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Bacardi presents River RUMble

Bacardi presents River RUMble at the Origin Bank RiverMarket on March 18, 2017 from 10am to 4pm at 316 South Grand St. in Monroe, LA.

Tastings will begin at 11am and offered through 3pm. The day will feature tastings from the hottest bars and restaurants in Ouachita Parish as they compete for the title of Best Rum Punch in Ouachita Parish, with bragging rights and a plaque to hang in their business.

The competitors are Brass Monkey Pub and Patio, Chili's Bar and Grill, Corner Bar, Restaurant Cotton, Neat, Portico Restaurant and Bar, SQ's on the Ouachita, Trapp's/Fieldhouse, and Warehouse No.1 Restaurant.

"We are excited that Bacardi is bringing the River RUMble to downtown Monroe. This will be a great day on the river," stated Myra Gatling-Akers, RiverMarket Director.

Tickets for this event are \$25 when purchased in advance through www.riverrumble.eventbrite.com and \$30 at the door if they are not sold out in advance. Ticketholders will be able to receive tastings from 9 local bars and restaurants. RiverMarket shopping will be held from 10am to 4pm offering sauces, salsas, herbs, snacks, food trucks, wood work, crafts, clothing jewelry, and more!

Voting will be open to the public until 3pm and winners will be announced at 3:30pm

If you have purchased or need to purchase a ticket, you can visit our information booth. The information booth is a purple tent located directly in front of the clock tower across from the courthouse. Stop by to check in, get a wristband, and receive your ticket to the tasting.

Parking can be found at the north end of the RiverMarket and at many locations near the RiverMarket. The closest parking can be found street side and in the Police Annex parking lot.

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Parking can also be found a short walk away across from Ouachita Grand Plaza, across from Bry Park, and along the street behind the Courthouse.

Thank you to Bacardi for presenting River RUMble, and to our annual RiverMarket sponsors Origin Bank, Monroe Civic Center, Spherion Staffing, Choice Brands, Downtown Monroe Alliance, Bears Towing, News-Star, DeltaStyle, and Bayou Butts and Booze. And a big thank you to our MC Daniel “Catfish” Norred and judges: Big Jim and Griffin Scott of LA105, Wendy Freeman of Southern Beverage, and a representative of DeltaStyle.

Like us on Facebook at Downtown RiverMarket and Downtown Monroe, or our event page to see who is participating and updates. www.downtownrivermarket.com

For more information contact Sheena, our RiverMarket Coordinator at 807-1735 or email River.market@ci.monroe.la.us