

BRAZORIA COUNTY WORLD CLASS BARBECUE COOK-OFF CONTEST

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ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, September 10, 2010, 5:00 P.M.
ARRIVAL TIME: Thursday, October 21, 2010, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 22, 2010, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
ENTRY FEE: \$225.00 per space
JUDGING TIME: Friday, October 22, 2010
12:00 Noon – Beef Fajitas
2:00 p.m. – Beans
7:00 p.m. - Friday Night Feast
Saturday, October 23, 2010
11:30 a.m. - Chicken
1:30 p.m. – Pork Spare Ribs
4:00 p.m. - Brisket

RULES

1. Entries for the Barbecue Cook-Off may be obtained either by calling or visiting the Fair Office during the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Entries will be limited to the first 146 entrants on a first come first serve basis.
2. Entries can be submitted starting June 2nd. Entries must be in the Fair Office NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2010. NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE UNLESS THE MAXIMUM HAS NOT BEEN REACHED. Last year teams in good standing will be assigned to the same cooking site as last year if entry form is received by 5:00 pm on Friday, September 10, 2010. Otherwise, cooking sites will be selected at the Head Cooks meeting to be held Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 7:00 pm, in the auditorium at the fairgrounds, Angleton, Texas, based on date and time of receipt of the paid entry form at the Fair Office. **Any returning team wanting additional spaces must fill out a request form to turn in with their entry form. A maximum of four (4) spaces will be allowed for any team or related-teams. There will be a waiting list of teams that were not allowed in because of space each year that will be first in line the next year.**
3. Entrants for the Barbecue Cook-Off will be those persons who have completed the entry form, submitted a **\$225.00** entry fee, been approved, and satisfactorily met the Rules and Regulations governing the contest.
4. For the purpose of assigning team space – the person signing as coordinators, owners, or chief cook's signature on the last line of the application form will be considered as owner of that team name and space. Use of a name of another team from the previous year will not be allowed. If a different team name is desired, the team must fill out the application form using last year's name first, followed by the new name. No change of team name will be allowed after entry application form is accepted by the Fair Office.
5. **Each entry will receive one 1 (B) vehicle parking sticker for entry to the contest area. Only vehicles with proper parking permits will be allowed into the contest area. Parking stickers must be in plain sight and remain on the vehicle at all times while the vehicle is in the contest area. Vehicles can move around only during open gate hours. Two (BU) UNLOADING VEHICLE PASSES WILL BE ISSUED PER TEAM SPACE. THIS PASS IS TO BE USED BY VEHICLES UNLOADING EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES ONLY. THESE VEHICLES SHOULD EXIT THE CONTEST AREA AS SOON AS THE UNLOADING IS COMPLETE. NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED INTO OR OUT OF THE CONTEST AREA BEFORE OR AFTER GATE HOURS. VEHICLES LEFT INSIDE COOKING AREA MUST BE PARKED WITHIN THE ASSIGNED COOKING SITE AND CANNOT BE MOVED UNTIL NEXT OPEN GATE HOURS. Contestants will not be permitted to bring any wheeled transportation, i.e. golf carts, three wheelers, four wheelers, bicycles, etc. into the contest area at any time.**
6. Five (5) wristbands will be given to each team to provide admission to the BBQ gate ONLY and ensure the right to stay on site after hours. Five (5) additional wristbands will be available for purchase. Team members must have wristband fastened around wrist so that it cannot be slipped off. Wristbands used at BBQ Gate 4 ONLY.
7. Each entrant will be assigned a 30' wide by 36' deep cooking site. Props, trailers, tents, vehicles, motor homes, or any other contestant equipment must not exceed assigned space unless pre-approved by committee chairman. Contestants are not allowed to use ditches, unused spaces, unused roads or walkways for any reason for any use. Two (2) unloading vehicle passes will be issued per team space. These passes are to be used by vehicles being used for unloading equipment or supplies. These vehicles should exit the contest area as soon as the unloading is complete. Contestants must supply all equipment and supplies. The Fair Association will supply space and two standard 120 volt 30 amp plugs for electricity. The Barbecue Committee reserves the right to adjust spaces, site, walkways, ditches or roads as needed.
8. All contestants must check in between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 21, 2010 or between 7:00 a.m. and **before** 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 22, 2010. All vehicles without a BBQ vehicle sticker (B sticker) must be out by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2010. The entrance gate will be open between noon and 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 for move-in/drop off of equipment and supplies only. This will not be a general set-up time. Teams may spot their equipment on their space and leave the contest area. No one will be permitted to stay in the cook-off area after 7:00 pm on Wednesday. Other entry times will be by prior arrangements with the Barbecue Cook-Off Chairman.
9. There are six cooking competitions. They are Beef Fajitas, Beans, Friday Night Feast, Chicken, Pork Ribs, and Brisket and will be judged as follows. The following items are due into pavilion except brisket
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BARBECUE MAY NOT BE SOLD TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

10. Each team must have its own pit and members. Team members are not allowed to participate on more than one team.
11. Any special entertainment (i.e. bands, promotions, skits, shows, demonstrations, contests, etc.) must be fully described in writing and submitted to the Fair Office prior to September 10, 2010, for approval by the Chairpersons of the Barbecue Committee.
12. No contest **BRISKETS** will be allowed on the pits before tagging on Friday, October 22, 2010. Pre-cooked meat is not allowed. Contestants may start cooking any time after meat is tagged. A maximum of two (2) contest briskets will be tagged by the Chief Cook in the presence of the assigned committee person on Friday, October 22, 2010. Tag numbers will be recorded and the Chief Cook will verify and sign for the tags. The two (2) contest briskets must weigh approximately ten (10) pounds each. The meat must be raw and uncooked when tagged. Prior preparation, such as marinating and seasoning, is NOT permitted.
13. The Chief Cook is responsible for insuring that the tag is placed in the heavy part of the meat and does not come out throughout the contest.
14. The Chicken will not be tagged. In the Chicken contest, you must submit one (1) one-half of a whole chicken fully jointed.
15. Pork Spare Ribs will not be tagged. In the Pork Spare Rib contest, only **Pork Spare Ribs** will be allowed.
16. Holes or pits are not permitted. Absolutely no holes from stakes, tent poles, BBQ pits, etc., are permitted in FLY- ASH! You must have Pit-Bibs to catch your pit grease. Any equipment or devices that may damage the surface area of the contest site in any way are prohibited. NO PETS ALLOWED.
17. Fires must be wood or wood substances for chicken, ribs, briskets and fajitas. Contestants must take all precautions necessary to prevent fire hazards. All fires must be contained in a suitable manner. Contestants may be disqualified if precautionary measures are not followed or unsafe conditions exist.
18. Each cooking team will be required to have on site, for inspection at any time during contest, a fire extinguisher for types A - B & C fires, minimum five pounds that is in current date.
19. Only judging meats (Beef Fajitas, Chicken, Pork Ribs, Brisket) are to be placed in the judging container! No garnishing, condiment, sauce, foil or other items are permitted in or on the meat or container. The Brisket to be judged must be cut off the tagged meat (either or both) and placed in the container **in the presence** of the assigned committee person. There will be no second cuts on brisket. We will start picking up brisket at approximately 3:15 p.m.
20. In the Brisket contest, sixteen (16) finalists will be selected. From these sixteen (16) finalists, trophies will be awarded for 1st through 12th place. We will post top 16 places by ticket number per category shortly after final awards are over. We will also award an Overall Winner trophy. The Overall Winner trophy will be awarded using the points earned for the combination of brisket, ribs, and chicken contests only.
21. In the brisket contest, the container is filled with meat and it will be secured by a committee member with security tape. A team representative will deliver container to judging area. Any tampering with security tape before it is delivered to judging area will result in disqualification of brisket entry.
22. Due to TABC laws, there will be no open bars, margarita or other slush machine for liquor, or general area for liquor in your assigned area. No jello shots.
23. No additional ice or alcoholic beverages may be brought into the BBQ area after 12:00 p.m. Friday, October 22, 2010. Additional beer and ice may be purchased from the Fair concessions. No single-serve glass bottles will be allowed in the cook-off contest area. Consequences will be as follows:
First offense – Glass bottles in violation will be confiscated. Second and/or subsequent offenses – Glass bottles confiscated, loss of same cooking space the next year, and person or persons in violation will be escorted out the fair gate.
24. EXCESSIVE volume of music will not be allowed. Loudness will be measured by a **Decibel Meter**. FAILURE TO CONTROL VOLUME WILL RESULT IN YOUR MUSIC/BAND TO BE TURNED COMPLETELY OFF FOR THE NIGHT! Further penalties will be disqualification in contest and loss of site location next year.
25. Each team must post a sign in the cook site (minimum size 11" X 17") listing the space number, team name, head cook and all team members' name.
26. No generators will be allowed unless previously approved by the BBQ Chairperson.
27. No Fundraising of any kind is allowed during the BBQ Cook-Off by any Cook-Off Teams.
28. It is the responsibility of the contestants to see that their respective areas are kept clean at all times, and that the cooking sites are cleaned and policed following the Cook-Off Contest. Any space left in disarray or with trash, garbage, hay, etc... could result in non-acceptance in next year's contest and/or forfeiture of site location next year.
29. Trash receptacles will be placed throughout the contest area for each contestant to use. Receptacles are to be left in assigned areas and not placed in cooking sites.
30. All equipment in your space must be removed Sunday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.
31. The Brazoria County Fat Stock and Fair Association, Inc. WILL NOT be responsible for theft or damage to property.
32. Decisions of the Barbecue Cook-Off Contest Committee Chairman and Chairpersons will be final.
33. All participants must comply with the Brazoria County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations printed in this catalog, unless otherwise specified.
34. The Barbecue Cook-Off area will be closed to the general public at the following times:
CLOSING TIMES:
Thursday, October 21, 2010 12:00 Midnight
Friday, October 22, 2010 12:00 Midnight
Saturday, October 23, 2010 1:00 am
35. Only pinto beans allowed in bean contest. Any seasoning, meat, or garnish added must be smaller than the size of the bean.
36. Judges for all contest categories must be 21 years of age or older.
37. The **Chief Cook** will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and guests. EXCESSIVE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND/OR UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION IN CURRENT AND FUTURE PARTICIPATION PLUS FORFEITURE OF AWARDS AND SITE NEXT YEAR.

38. The Friday Night Feast pan size is (1/2 metal pan – 11 3/4" x 9 3/8" x 2 3/8"). The pan must be covered with aluminum foil before it is delivered to the judging area.

PREMIUMS

Barbecue Cook-Off Brisket winners will receive:

First Place	-	\$1500.00
Second Place	-	\$ 750.00
Third Place	-	\$ 375.00

ADDITIONAL MONEY AWARDS

First Place Chicken	-	\$ 250.00
First Place Ribs	-	\$ 250.00