



Annual Barbeque Cook-Off 2024

Date: October 4 and October 5

Deadline for entries is Friday, September 27th - 4:00 pm

Location: TVE Fair Grounds

321 FM 563 Rd
Liberty, Texas 77575

Entry fee: \$175 per team

Categories: Brisket, Chef's Dessert, Chef's Entree, Chicken, Fajitas, Margaritas, Ribs, Showmanship

Category Buy In: \$25 per Entry (Limit 1 per team)

(Optional Unlimited) Jackpot: 1" Ribeye - \$20

Showmanship Award: No additional cost

Prizes and Money: TBD

Move in Date: Thursday, October 3 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Friday, October 4 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tear down: Sunday, October 6 by 12 noon

Space size: 40 x 40

Additional 40 x 40 spaces available.

Port-O-Can: \$75 each

Hand Sanitation Station: \$75 each

(Limited availability)

Ice: Cash only

A Calcutta will be done 15 minutes after final turn in on Friday night.

Rules and Regulations:

1. NOTHING can be anchored to the ground. Must use water barrels etc. to anchor tents.
2. **DRIVING IN COOKOFF AREA OUTSIDE OF MOVE IN OR OPEN GATE TIMES WILL MEAN AN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION, YOUR GUEST INCLUDED. COOK TEAMS RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO INFORM EVERYONE IN THEIR AREA.**
3. Trash: Each cooking team will be responsible for keeping their area clean. There will be trash receptacles placed throughout the team area for your use. It will be each team's responsibility to empty the trash receptacles when the garbage vehicle comes around to your area.
4. Tear down: Tear down is on Sunday. No team will be allowed move out until Sunday morning, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. You may begin packing up and hauling items out by hand on Saturday, but no vehicles allowed inside the cook-off area until Sunday morning. All teams **MUST** be completely moved out on Sunday by 12:00 pm. Each team is responsible for making sure your area is clean upon leaving the cook-off. A clean up fee may be charged if area is not left clean. You will also need to sign off on your area when you move out.
5. Optional Jackpot includes: 1" Ribeye - \$20. Optional Jackpot does not count for overall points. Each team may enter. Jackpots will be determined on number of entries and split 80/20 between the house and the 1st place winner of each category. Optional Jackpot is unlimited.
6. Best Overall: Best Overall will be based strictly on points. The team with the highest points will win all prizes related to the Best Overall.
7. Showmanship Award: There is no additional cost for the Showmanship Award. The judging will begin Friday night from 6-12 pm. Theme is at the discretion of the team. Showmanship will be judged on cleanliness, appearance, and friendliness. Please notify the BBQ committee if you wish to participate in the showmanship judging.
8. Information Meeting: There will be an information meeting TBD in the Hospitality Room. At this meeting the committee will go over the rules, answer any questions.
9. Chief Cook's Meeting: There will be a chief cook's meeting on Friday, at 6:00 pm in the Expo Hall. We will discuss all the turn in times for Friday and Saturday and any other housekeeping issues. This meeting **MUST** be attended!!!
10. Calcutta will be held 15 minutes after the last turn in on Friday. Calcutta funds will be a 80/20 split with the purchaser and TVE. Calcutta will be charged per spot. i.e. if a team has 2 spots the purchaser will be required to pay 2 times the amount of money.
11. Prizes and Money: Prizes and money will be awarded for 1st through 3rd places in each category.
12. Space size: One 40 x 40 space is included per entry. Additional 40 x 40 spaces are available for \$175 per space, and must be paid at time of entry. All props (store fronts), tents, coverings, sleeping quarters and equipment must be confined to the assigned areas. Teams should bring with them such suitable shelters as weather may require.
13. Travel Trailer/RV: Each team is restricted to one travel trailer or recreational vehicle in their cooking area, no modular trailers will be allowed Travel trailer or RV must fit within your purchased area. You must provide your own power, water, and sewer. Must be self-contained, no dumping on ground of any

waste. **There are RV HOOKUPS available in the RV park on a FCFS basis at 25.00 per day fee, water and electric only.**

14. Port-O-Can/Hand Sanitation Station: Port-O-Cans and Hand Sanitation Stations are available for your space at the cost of \$75 each. Port-O-Cans must be paid at the time of entry.
 15. Vehicles: There will be **NO VEHICLES (including motorcycles)** allowed to stay in the 40X40 cook space during the cook off. Vehicles will be allowed back in at the end of the cook off. No vehicles will be allowed in or behind cooking areas between the bathrooms and the livestock barn. It is your responsibility to inform your guest of these rules! IF vehicle is placed inside of the 40 x 40 space. It will not be able to be moved throughout the ENTIRE competition, **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!**
 16. Golf Car/ATV/Motorcycle: There will be **NO GOLF CART OR ATV's** allowed at the cook off, except those used by the BBQ committee members for committee business.
- **Your cooperation in these traffic specifications will make a safer area for your team members & guests****
17. All music and PA systems are required to be off during the following times: Friday-Sunday 1:00 am-7:00 am; **All gates on the grounds will be locked during these times. Any vehicles parked once the gates are locked will stay until the gates are reopened by committee staff at designated times.**
 18. All music and PA systems must shut down at 1 am NO Exceptions.
 19. Teams will supply all equipment and supplies. This includes but is not limited to cookers, generators, power plants, water, and buckets to catch all pit run-off, fire extinguishers, and trash cans inside their space. There is not electricity or water in the BBQ spots, you must be self-contained. BBQ Committee provides liners only.
 20. Fire extinguishers are required at each cook site per City of Liberty Fire Department, minimum of 10LB.
 21. The chief cook will be responsible for all of his or her team members and guests to make sure they conduct themselves in an orderly manner and adhere to the rules.
 22. All members of the cooking team or guests will wear proper clothing at all times. Public nudity and lewdness are against the law in the City of Liberty and tickets or arrest will be made by law enforcement officers.
 23. An immediate family member of a committee member will not be allowed to cook on any team, final decision lies on the committee chairman. Any immediate family member found to be cooking will result in partial or complete disqualification of said team.
 24. This is a free event; teams may **NOT** charge the public to enter their space and/or drink. You may have sponsors for your team, but you can't charge admission to your space.
 25. **NO GLASS BOTTLES ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES.** The excessive use of alcoholic beverages and underage drinking will be grounds for disqualification and removal.
 26. All cooking teams and their associates agree to greet and provide professional services to all guests. They also agree to work with the BBQ Committee, TVE volunteers, and staff in a positive manner.
 27. Cooking: All means of above ground cooking will be allowed. All fires must be in containers and not on the ground. Hot coals or ashes should not be disposed of in the trash containers or on the grounds.
 28. All meats and perishables must be on ice or cold storage upon arrival and remain on ice or in cold storage until used.
 29. Ice will be available through the BBQ Committee for an amount TBD and must be paid in cash.
 30. Teams exhibit at their own risk. The TVE, BBQ Committee members, its members or agents, assume no liability and will not be held responsible for injury, theft, damage of any kind.
 31. No concealed weapons allowed on the premises.
 32. **No pets allowed on the premises**, including inside your travel trailer or RV.
 33. Once a team is accepted, they are committed to show.
 34. There are neither rain out dates nor refunds. (This includes acts of God i.e., hurricanes).

35. TVE and the BBQ Committee reserves the right to reject any entry or to remove any contestant or team found to be breaking the rules/regulations or whose conduct is found to be unfavorable to the event or its guests. Removal from the grounds/misconduct of regulations could warrant a disqualification of all awards/prizes won. It is the Chief Cook's responsibility to inform all guests in or leaving of the rules and to insure they are being followed or it could result in immediate disqualification.
36. The Committee Chairman reserves the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant.
37. Decisions of the Committee Chairman and Judges are final.

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Barbecue Cook-off Category Regulations

Entry Rules:

****These rules apply to each division, unless otherwise specifically noted****

1. The chief cook may be asked to sample his or her entry.
2. Each team will be responsible for delivering their entry on time **in the container provided by the BBQ Committee** to the judging area. Committee chairman only can excuse a late turn in.
3. Winners will be announced TBA on Saturday, October 5th
4. Only Chef's Entrée, Chef's Dessert may contain garnish. Other than these entries all others will be disqualified.
5. Cooked on sauce or natural gravy from the meat is acceptable.

Fajitas:

1. Fajita will be judged on appearance, aroma, taste, and tenderness.
2. Fajitas will be chicken, beef, or chicken/beef combination only, no seafood.
3. No sauces or garnishes after fajitas have been placed in the judging container.
4. Must be in container provided by BBQ Committee.
5. Must be enough for 8 judges.
6. Team members can begin turning in fajita entry at 7:45 pm, Friday.
NO FAJITA ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 8:00 PM, judging begins at 8 pm.

Margaritas:

1. Margaritas will be judged on visual appearance and taste.
2. Margaritas can be frozen or on the rocks.
3. May include anything that will fit in the cup provided, without additional support for the cup to remain upright.
4. Must be in container provided by BBQ Committee.
5. Must be enough for 8 judges.
6. Team members can begin turning in margarita entry at 8:45 pm, Friday.
NO MARGARITA ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9:00 PM, judging begins at 9 pm.

Chicken:

1. Chicken will be judged on appearance, aroma, taste, and tenderness.
2. No sauces or garnish after chicken has been placed in the judging container.
3. There must be a whole ½, fully jointed chicken, including breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick for presentation along with eight (8) bite size pieces of white or dark meat for judging.
4. The 9 bite size pieces MUST be from another ½ fully jointed chicken.
5. No grill marks on top of meat
6. Must be in container provided by BBQ Committee.
7. Team members can begin turning in chicken entry at 2:45 pm, Saturday.
NO CHICKEN ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 3:00 pm, judging begins at 3 pm.
8. Any entry with blood visible will not be judged.

Chef's Entree:

1. Chef's Entree will be judged on appearance, aroma, and taste.
2. Chef's Entree will be whatever entrée the cooking team wants to prepare.
3. NO DESSERTS are allowed in this category.
4. Judges will cut as they taste.
5. Entry MUST BE prepared at cook-off in your 40 X 40 area.
6. All items inside the provided container must be edible. No non-food garnishes. No non-food containers inside the container provided by the BBQ Committee. No tooth picks, skewers, plastic bowls, etc.
7. Must be in container provided by BBQ Committee.
8. Must be enough for 8 judges.
9. Team members can begin turning in their entry at 12:45 pm, Saturday.
NO CHEF'S ENTRÉE ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 1:00 pm, judging begins at 1 pm.

Chef's Dessert:

1. Chef's Dessert will be judged on appearance, aroma, and taste.
2. Chef's Dessert will be whatever dessert the cooking team wants to prepare.
3. NO MEATS are allowed in this category.
4. Desserts cannot be store bought.
5. Desserts cannot require refrigeration.
6. Judges will cut as they taste.
7. Entry MUST BE prepared at cook-off in your 40 X 40 area.
8. All items inside the provided container must be edible. No non-food garnishes. No non-food containers inside the container provided by the BBQ Committee. No tooth picks, skewers, plastic bowls, etc.
9. Must be in container provided by BBQ Committee.
10. Must be enough for 8 judges.
11. Team members can begin turning in their entry at 1:45 pm, Saturday.
NO CHEF'S DESSERT ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 2:00 pm, judging begins at 2 pm.

Ribs:

1. Ribs will be judged on appearance, aroma, taste, and tenderness.
2. NO BABY BACK RIBS ALLOWED
3. Ribs must be turned in cut up individually (bone in) and placed in the tray, top up, laying parallel to the hinge, St. Louis cut acceptable.
4. No garnishing after ribs has been placed in the judging container.
5. Must be in container provided by BBQ Committee.
6. Must be enough for 8 judges.
7. Team members can begin turning in Rib entry at 3:45 pm, Saturday.
NO RIB ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00 pm, judging begins at 4 pm.

Brisket:

1. Brisket will be judged on appearance, aroma, taste, and tenderness.
2. Brisket is to be placed in tray parallel to hinge and cut less than ½ inch thick.
3. No sauces or garnishes after brisket has been placed in the judging container.
4. Must be in container provided by BBQ Committee.
5. Must be enough for 8 judges.
6. Team members can begin turning in brisket entry at 4:45 pm, Saturday.
NO BRISKET ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5:00 pm, judging begins at 5 pm.

Optional Jackpot – Ribeye:

1. Ribeye will be judged on appearance, aroma, taste, and tenderness.
2. Ribeye must be 1 inch thick and cooked to medium.
3. No sauces or garnishes after ribeye has been placed in the judging container.
4. Judges will cut as they taste.
5. Must be in container provided by BBQ Committee.
6. Team members can begin turning in ribeye entry at 11:45 am, Saturday.
NO RIBEYE ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12:00 pm, judging will begin at 12:00 pm.

*** Chief cooks will have 1 hour after the chief cook meeting to acknowledge any error in boxes received for the cook off entries. Chairman must be consulted after this time.

*** ONE (1) warning will be given for any breaking of any rule. Upon the 2nd instance immediate disqualification and forfeiture of prizes will occur. CHAIRMAN HAS THE FINAL SAY.

**Trinity Valley Exposition Fair & Rodeo
Barbeque Cook-Off
Schedule of Turn-in Times
October 4 - 5, 2024**

Friday, October 4, 2024

6:00 pm – Chief Cooks' Meeting

7:45 - 8:00 pm – Fajita turn in

8:45 - 9:00 pm – Margarita turn in

9:15 pm – Calcutta

Saturday, October 5, 2024

11:45 - 12:00 pm –Jackpot Ribeye turn in

12:45 - 1:00 pm – Chef's Entree turn in

1:45 - 2:00 pm – Chef's Dessert turn in

2:45 - 3:00 pm – Chicken turn in

3:45 - 4:00pm - Rib turn in

4:45 - 5:00 pm – Brisket turn in

AWARDS PRESENTATION SATURDAY, TIME TBA

ANY MISCONDUCT OF THE REGULATIONS COULD MEAN IMMEDIATE
DISQUALIFICATION. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HAS THE FINAL SAY.