



Great Texas Mosquito Festival

2026 COOKOFF

BBQ & Fajita Cook-off

Friday, July 24 &
Saturday, July 25, 2026

Entry Fee: \$200.00



For Entry Forms & More Info Call: 1-979-265-8392 or 1-800-371-2971.

Email us at: acowley@clutetexas.gov

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The Great Texas Mosquito Festival Barbecue Cook-off

SANCTIONED BY CBA (CHAMPION
BARBEQUE ALLIANCE)



- LOCATION:** Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Drive, Clute, Texas
- DATE:** Friday, July 24, 2026 & Saturday, July 25, 2026
- ENTRY FEE:** \$200.00 per team NON-REFUNDABLE. ALL TEAMS MUST BE ENTERED IN BRISKET DIVISION.

\$25 per team for Beef Fajita Jackpot Category
- CHECK-IN:** Thursday, July 24th and Friday, July 24th, 2026
- JUDGING:**
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| KIDS Q DIVISION- | 8:00 p.m., Fri., July 24, 2026 |
| BEEF FAJITA DIVISION – | 10:00 a.m., Sat., July 25, 2026 |
| CHICKEN DIVISION – | 12:00 p.m., Sat., July 25, 2026 |
| PORK RIB DIVISION – | 1:00 p.m., Sat., July 25, 2026 |
| PORK DIVISION – | 2:00 p.m., Sat., July 25, 2026 |
| BRISKET DIVISION – | 3:00 p.m., Sat., July 25, 2026 |
- (Standard Turn in Times to 100 Teams)**
- AWARDS:** **To be Presented at 6:00 PM, Saturday, July 25, 2026**
- KIDS Q DIVISION – 1st - 3rd Places - Trophies
BEEF FAJITA DIVISION – 1st place 50% jackpot payout
CHICKEN DIVISION – 1st - 3rd Places – Trophies and Cash Payout
PORK SPARE RIB DIVISION – 1st - 3rd Places – Trophies and Cash Payout
BRISKET DIVISION – 1st - 5th Places – Trophies and Cash Payout
PORK DIVISION-1st - 3rd Places – Trophies and Cash Payout
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION – Trophy and Cash Payout
GRAND CHAMPION – Trophy, Paid entry 2027 cook-off and Cash Payout

Competition Tray Pick Up Friday, July 24th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.
CBA Official Cooks Meeting, Friday, July 24th @ 5:00 pm.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. There will be a **Chief Cook's Meeting** on **Monday, July 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clute Municipal Park**. At this time, the rules will be discussed and explained. Any questions that you may have will also be addressed at this meeting. All returning teams from 2025 Festival will be allowed to retain their previous spot/s, provided the application is turned in on or before the close of business (5:00 PM) **Friday, June 12, 2026**. If a returning team decides to purchase more spots than they had at the 2025 festival, they must pick their new spot/s in the order their application is turned in. All new teams will also pick their spot/s in the order in which their application was received. All teams that have paid their entry fee or pays at this meeting will be allowed to pick their spot/s for the cook-off and pick up their armbands. **Extra armbands will be available for purchase. PRICE: TBA.**
2. **ALL COOKOFF TEAMS MUST CHECK IN AND ENTER THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS THROUGH THE EMERALD DRIVE GATE. DO NOT TRY TO ENTER THROUGH ANY OTHER GATE-unless you are told during the Chief's Cooks Meeting or at the time of check-in to go to another gate.**
3. Teams will be allowed to come in, set up from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Thursday. Team members can stay Thursday night if they choose. All vehicle traffic will cease at 4:30 PM. Gates will open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026. Contestants may not enter the contest area before 9:00 a.m. unless the committee opens the gate at an earlier time. Vehicle traffic going INTO the cook-off area will cease at 4:30 pm on Friday. All contestants must be set up before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026.
4. Cook off gates will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026, and there can be no further vehicle traffic in the cook off parking and contest areas until after the announcement of winners on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Any movement of vehicles after 5:00 PM on Friday will result in immediate disqualification.
5. NEW!! We will have a parking area along the back fence area. You may purchase a spot for \$50.00 per vehicle. No Motorhomes, RVs or camping of any kind will be allowed in the cook off parking area. All vehicles must be registered with a spot # and a parking permit must be displayed in their windshield. These vehicles will not be able to be moved, it is strictly to allow your vehicle to be parked on the grounds versus out in the neighborhood. Parking permits are subject to cook off gate times and traffic rules. Any movement of vehicles after 5:00 PM on Friday will result in immediate disqualification.
6. Vehicles **WILL NOT** be allowed to park in the parking lot across the street from the cook-off without a proper pass, if vehicle has a parking pass it must be displayed on vehicle at all times when on park property inside festival fencing, any vehicle found not having proper pass it **WILL** be towed at vehicle owner expense.
7. The Cook-off Committee will provide one (1) 30'x30' space for every entry paid, area permitting, for this cook-off. PROPS, TRAILERS, MOTORHOMES, TENTS, COVERINGS OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE TEAM'S EQUIPMENT MUST NOT EXCEED THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SPACE PROVIDED. All Team Equipment **WILL NOT** be able leave the cook-off area until after the announcement of winners on Saturday, July 25, 2026.
8. After announcements of winners on Saturday, July 25, 2026, cook-off teams will have two (2) hours to pull out. Please have all vehicles out by this time unless you are planning to stay until Sunday, July 26, 2026.
9. Port-A-Cans can be rented for individual areas during the chief cook's meeting, Monday, July 20, 2026. Price TBA at the chief cook's meeting. ONLY PORT-A-CANS PROVIDED BY THE FESTIVAL SUPPLIER ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE COOKOFF AREA.

10. A team will consist of a chief cook and four (4) assistants.
11. All teams must enter Brisket Division. There will be no extra cost to enter any of the other categories, except for Jackpot Fajitas & Grillmaster. Teams must have a minimum of one (1) pit for each Head Cook.
12. Fire must be wood or wood substance. No electric or gas fires will be allowed. The cook-off committee may inspect all pits at any time.
13. Contestants must supply all equipment and supplies needed. **EACH PIT MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH AT LEAST A 10 LB. MULTI-PURPOSE AND/OR ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER.** The Cook-off Committee will provide space only. The Committee will come by your space to inspect your fire extinguisher and drip pan.
14. All teams must supply some form of grease catch pan with absorbent for each pit and must be in use at all times.
15. Holes or dug pits are not allowed.
16. **NOTE: ANY DISPLAY OF ALCOHOL RELATED PRODUCTS OTHER THAN THE CURRENT SPONSOR OF THE GREAT TEXAS MOSQUITO FESTIVAL MUST BE DISPLAYED FACING TO THE INSIDE OF YOUR COOK-OFF SPOT.**
17. **CANNED BEER WILL BE ALLOWED. GLASS BOTTLES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE COOK-OFF AREA. ALL PERSONAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST REMAIN IN THE COOK-OFF AREA. DUE TO T.A.B.C. (TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION), YOU MUST HAVE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A CUP IF YOU CROSS THE STREET TO ENTER THE MAIN FESTIVAL GROUNDS. THE CHIEF COOK WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES GIVENAWAY AT HIS/HER COOK-OFF SITE TO A GUEST OR TEAM MEMBER. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST BE BROUGHT IN ON FRIDAY BEFORE 5:00P.M. ANY ADDITIONAL CANNED BEER MAY BE PURCHASED ON FESTIVAL GROUNDS BY THE CASE.**
18. **ACCORDING TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE AND THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION (TABC), NO ALCOHOL CAN BE IN POSSESSION OF/OR BE CONSUMED ON PREMISES AFTER 12:15 AM ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND 1:15 AM ON SATURDAY NIGHT DUE TO THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS (CLUTE MUNICIPAL PARK) BEING A PUBLIC PLACE AND FALLING UNDER THE STANDARD HOURS AREA. PLEASE BE SURE TO CONSUME YOUR BEVERAGE AND NOT HAVE IT IN YOUR POSSESSION BY THESE TIMES, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT RISK RECEIVING A CITATION AND/OR BE ARRESTED. PLEASE SEE SECTION 105.06 OF THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**
19. **ABSOLUTLEY NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED TO BE TRANSPORTED IN COOLERS OR ANY OTHER CARRIER ACROSS THE STREET TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FESTIVAL. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, ANY TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATING IN THE HORSESHOE, CORNHOLE AND/OR WASHER PITCHING CONTESTS.**
20. **ALL AMPLIFIED SOUND MUST BE TURNED TO A MINIMUM NO LATER THAN 10:00 P.M. TEAM SHALL RECEIVE ONE WARNING FROM A COOKOFF COMMITTEE MEMBER. SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN TEAMS DISQUALIFICATION. VULGAR AND/OR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE OR MUSIC WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
21. Ice will be sold at the cook-off pavilion. Price and Size TBA.

22. Armbands will be given to the chief cook and four (4) assistants at the chief cook's meeting or at the time of check-in. These armbands will be put on at time of check-in. The armband will be your ticket to enter the festival grounds at the walkthrough admission gates during festival hours. Without an armband on your arm, you will have to pay the gate admission fee.

Armbands will be enforced at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026. Please do not try to pass the armbands, as this will be grounds for immediate disqualification.

23. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH TEAM TO SEE THAT THE CONTEST AREA IS KEPT CLEAN AND POLICED FOLLOWING THE CONTEST. ANY SPACE LEFT IN DISARRAY OR WITH LOOSE OR BUNDLED TRASH AND GARBAGE WILL DISQUALIFY THE TEAM FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION. DUMPSTERS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOUR TRASH DISPOSAL.

24. ALL ITEMS BROUGHT IN BY A COOKOFF TEAM MUST BE REMOVED WHEN THE TEAM LEAVES THE COOKOFF SITE.

25. Turn-In Times: CBA Rules will apply.

10:00 a.m. **Beef Fajita**

12:00 p.m. **Chicken** –enough for 6 judges is required, no pulled or shredded allowed.

1:00 p.m. **Pork Ribs**-enough for 6 judges is required. Pork spare ribs, St. Louis cut, or baby back ribs are allowed. Must be bone in, individually cut.

2:00 p.m. **Pork**- enough for 6 judges is required. Pork butt only. Any cut or combination of cuts from the pork butt is allowed.

3:00 p.m. **Brisket**- enough for 6 judges is required. Slices and or burnt ends allowed.

*****No garnish allowed on any meat category. Foil provided by CBA must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray.**

26. THE CHIEF COOK WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF HIS/HER TEAM MEMBERS AND GUESTS. EXCESSIVE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

27. Protests of any teams, equipment, or meat must be turned into the Contest Committee no later than one (1) hour prior to judging. The Cook-off Chairman reserves the right to make additional rules as the situation warrants. Decisions of the Cook-off Committee, and the judges are final.

28. For more information, contact the Clute Parks and Recreation Office at 979-265-8392 or email your question to acowley@clutetexas.gov.

RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

The undersigned (the "Permittee") does hereby represent unto the City of Clute, in Brazoria County, Texas, ("the City"), that he or she is eighteen (18) years of age or older, or if not, that his or her parent/guardian has also signed below and that Permittee is in proper physical and mental condition and has all the equipment and training necessary to participate in the GREAT TEXAS MOSQUITO FESTIVAL, on the ____ days of _____, 2026, ("the Festival"). As consideration for the Permittee being permitted to participate in the Festival in the capacity requested in the application to which this form is attached, Permittee and if the Permittee is a minor, then his or her parent/guardian, hereby RELEASES the City and it's officers, gents, employees, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims for liabilities, damages, expenses, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of court which the Permittee and if the Permittee is a minor, which his or her parent/guardian may have against them, or any of them, arising out of the undersigned's participating in the Festival. The Permittee and if the Permittee is a minor, then his or her parent/guardian hereby covenants not to file any action at law or in equity against the City and its' officers, agents, employees, successors, and assigns, from all liabilities, damages, expenses, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of court which they or any of them may suffer or incur, jointly or severally, as a result of any claim made against them, or any of them, by the Permittee and if the Permittee is a minor, by his or her parent/guardian or any other persons, associations or corporations whomsoever, arising out of the Permittee's participation in the Festival.

SIGNED the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Signature of Permittee

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(If Permittee is under 18 years of age)

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