PASADENA LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO

KIDS-Q COOK-OFF CONTEST

THE THEME FOR 2026 IS FIESTA

Date – September 12, 2026

Check-In – 9:00 AM

Cooks Meeting – 10:00 AM

Fire Up Pits – 10:30 AM

Beef Fajita Turn-In – 11:30 AM

Street Corn Turn-In – 12:30 PM

People's Choice 11:00 am – 1:00 PM

Awards Ceremony – 1:30 PM

Location:

Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo grounds

(In the Ag Barn)

7601 Red Bluff Rd.

Pasadena, TX 77505

AGE DIVISION: (Divisions will be judged separately)

- Peewee Division: 5 - 9 years old
- Junior Division: 10 - 13 years old
- Senior Division: 14 - 18 years old

FORMAT:

- Register online at www.pasadenarodeo.com
- Maximum of 20 participants per age division (totaling 60 participants)
- Payment of $60.00 must be made online or in the PLS&R Office to secure your spot

Payment prior to August 7, 2026 @ 5:00 PM will be reduced to $50.00 per participant.

Payment enters 1 participant into all 3 judging categories

- Entry fee includes one armband for entry into the Kids Q Cook-off for the competitor. Parents will need to pay to enter the fair. No refunds will be given.
- This is a solo competition.
- No electricity will be provided.

Competitors will be provided with:

- Grill (small) – first come, first served (limited quantity)
- One turn in container per category per cook contestant.
- Portion cups (Sample cups) for people's choice queso.
- Complimentary bags of cooking supplies (limited quantity)

Participants will need to bring:

- Beef fajitas (one pound)
- Corn on the cobb
- Cooking Utensils: knives, thermometer, tongs, spatula, etc.
- Prep table
- Chair
- Cutting Board
- Paper Towels/Clorox Wipes
- Water for Drinking & Clean Up
- Seasonings
- Apron
- Cleaning supplies
- Charcoal
- Queso for People's Choice
- Small baggies for chips for People's Choice

RULES

Peewee Division Competitors are allowed one parent only for the duration of the event. If a family has more than one child participating, only one parent/family member may assist per child. (Father can assist one child; Mother would assist the second child. If there are three or more children, a grandparent or other family member may assist with the care of one or more of them.

Neither parents nor competitors are allowed to walk around the competition areas during the competition. Competitors/parents must stay in your area/child's area. Parents can assist the peewee competitor with knife work, lifting the Bar-B-Q Pit lid, replacing the lid, as well as managing fire and coals.

Parent involvement will not be allowed for seasoning, preparation, flipping, temperature check, or container turn-in. Verbal assistance is allowed only to help peewee competitors if needed. Competitors will be disqualified at the discretion of the Kids-Q Committee if the rules are not followed.

Junior & Senior Division Competitors will compete without parental support. Parents are allowed to assist the junior & senior competitors by carrying in supplies, but must vacate the competition area upon doing so. Junior & Senior competitors must stay in your prep/cook area, no walking around the competition area. Family members must stay in the parent/family-designated area and cannot enter the competition area once the competition begins.

The Kids-Q Committee will announce when family members are allowed in the competition area. Competitors will be disqualified at the discretion of the Kids-Q Committee if the rules are not followed.

All BBQ pits used in this competition must be charcoal with no electrical components.

No pellet grills. No smokers.

Beef Fajitas

All fajita entries will be beef. There needs to be enough for 6 judges (1 pound minimum). Entries will be inspected by a member of the Kids Q Cookoff Committee prior to seasoning and cooking. The fajitas cannot have any toppings or garnish, and no onions or peppers.

Entry will be placed in the judging container provided by PLS&R and turned into the judging area.

Street corn

Only one Street Corn entry is allowed per participant. You must provide the corn and all of the ingredients for the corn. Kids must cook the street corn entry on the same grill used for the Fajitas. Entries will be inspected and approved before seasoning or cooking. Entries may be cooked in foil or in husk. (Remember cooking in the husk will double the cook time)

Entry will be placed in the judging container provided by PLS&R and turned into the judging area.

The participant will place the entire corn on the cob into the judging container. Do not remove the corn from the cob.

People's choice competition: Queso

This will be a queso competition in which the contestant will prepare a queso that will be judged by individuals who visit the contestant's table and vote by ticket.

Tickets will be sold $1 per ticket. There are no restrictions on the number of tickets purchased or the number of votes.

The contestants will provide chips for the public judges to taste the queso. The chips need to be placed into individual plastic baggies for the judge. The queso will be placed into the individual sample cups provided by PLS&R.

The judges /people will purchase tickets that will then be placed into a corresponding container to vote for their top queso entries.

There will be judges walking the cook areas judging best decorated cook space throughout the event.

Turn in of entry:

Entries will be submitted in the appropriate container supplied by the event organizer at check-in. Entries not turned in on time will not be accepted.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to see that the contest area is kept clean during and after the contest.

Once all entries are turned in and the Kids-Q Committee has opened the competition area, parents/family members are allowed to assist the competitor in cleaning up the prep/cook area. Please discard the hot coals in the designated area assigned by PLS&R. This is extremely important for everyone's SAFETY. Failure to do so could result in being disqualified from the competition.

There will be a period of time, after the turn-in categories and before the awards ceremony begins, to allow families to enjoy time with their children and participate in the people's choice competition. Parents may take cooking gear, pit, etc., to their vehicle during this time. Parents, please take note of the times and ensure your cook is back in time for the awards ceremony.

Any questions, please ask a member of the Kids Q Committee.

Please remember, this is a CHILDS BBQ cookoff competition designed to be fun and help your child grow and compete.

Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo and the Kids Q committee reserves the right to disqualify a competitor for failure to follow these rules and standards. The Committee reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situation warrants. Decisions of the committee are final.

<u>Judging for meat and corn categories:</u>

Contestants will receive a container for each entry.

Turn-in time will begin 10 minutes BEFORE judging. All entries are due by the allocated turn-in time. It is the contestant's responsibility to have the entries delivered to the respective judging area on time. No late entries will be accepted.

PLS&R utilizes a double blind judging system that is based on a duplicate numbered ticket, which will be utilized in both the fajita and the corn judging.

Blind judging consists of one-half of the double ticket being secured by duct tape to the bottom of the turn-in container.

The second half of the ticket is placed inside the judging container. The contestant **must** retain this ticket.

Any container that appears to have been deliberately marked or altered will be referred to the General Chairman of the Kids Q Cookoff committee, who will rule on disqualification.

All entries will be scored on a scale of 1 to 10 in each of the judging criteria, with 10 being the best.

In case of a tie in the double blind judging (fajitas and corn) categories, the computer will be used to determine the final places.

Each entry will be judged on APPEARANCE, TASTE/FLAVOR, TENDERNESS, AROMA, and TEXTURE.

Judging for Best Decorated Cook area:

Each division, Peewee, Junior, and Senior, will be judged separately to determine the best decorated cook area.

Judges will decide who did the best job of decorating to the Fiesta theme and who had the most impressive decorations.

Awards:

Awards will be given to the top 10 in the Beef Fajita and Street Corn categories for each age division.

Awards will be given to the Best Decorated Cook Space category for each age division.

Awards will be given to the top in People's Choice for each division.

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