

HARRIS COUNTY FAIR
BBQ COOK OFF
October 28th-29th, 2016
Rules & Regulations

GENERAL

1. **Harris County Fair BBQ Cook-off will be held at Papa's Ice House 314 Pruitt Rd, Spring, Texas 77380. All entry fees must accompany the application; the fee is \$175 per space. Get your entry form and payment in by October 24th. A \$20 entry for a "Anything Bacon Wrapped" Jackpot to be split 40/30/20 per team entry.**
2. ***If payment is made the day of BBQ, cash is required. WE ARE LIMITED TO 40 TEAMS!!!***
3. There will be NO ELECTRICITY available for teams. Spaces will be 30 x 30. Pop-ups, trailers, and motorhomes are allowed but you must provide your own generator. Vehicles and other equipment may not exceed the boundary of the assigned space. Water is located in the general cook-off area. Generators must be quiet or muffled. **Port-a-cans will be available for RENT prior to BBQ for team use and PUBLIC Port-a-cans will be available on site and for public use. There will be no rental of port-a-cans the day of check in. Dead line to order porta-a-can October 24, 2016.**
4. It is the responsibility of the BBQ cooking teams to keep their area clean and assist in garbage disposal. All teams must provide garbage can(s) and trash bags for their own use and to be removed by 12:00pm on Sunday, October 30th. Each team is responsible for bagging and disposing of their trash into the dumpster provided. **PLEASE DO NOT DUMP ASHES ON THE GROUND. EXTINGUISH ALL ASHES BEFORE DEPARTING THE COOK-OFF.**
5. Check In will begin at **8:00am Friday, October 28th**. All teams must be checked in and set-up by 5:00 p.m. on Friday. On Friday, all vehicles must be removed from the BBQ area no later than 5 pm. **Should you desire to move in on Thursday @ 5pm, you must make arrangement in advance with Alex Dehart @ 281-796-7608 or Richard Ater@ 281-734-6071. A BBQ Committee representative must be on the premises to assist with placement of the team at drop off – no exceptions.**
6. Each cooking team must provide all supplies and equipment as needed. Ice is available for purchase from Harris County Fair BBQ Cook Off Committee.
7. Holes, dug pits or open flames in boxes or other containers resting on or less than two feet above the ground are not permitted. No open flames of any kind are permitted (i.e. camp fires, fire pits, etc.)
8. Each cooking team will be required to have at least one 2A10BC type fire extinguisher in full view at all times.
9. No pets of any kind (except Seeing Eye dogs) will be allowed in the contest area.
10. For safety reasons, we will not allow the use of golf carts, bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, water balloons, sling shots, firearms, etc. in the contest area.
11. Each chief cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team members and all guests. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the general public by contestants. Each team must keep their alcohol supply out of sight. No open display of large quantities will be allowed. Please be as discreet as possible.

12. All alcoholic beverages must be consumed within the perimeters of the cook off area only. No outside alcohol may be brought into Papa's Ice House. **REMEMBER THIS IS A BAR AND ALCOHOL CANNOT BE TAKEN INSIDE or TAKEN OUTSIDE.**

NOTE: STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO CONSUME ALCOHOL. STATE LAW ALSO STIPULATES THAT NO PERSONAL ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO A PUBLIC BAR AREA (EITHER INSIDE THE BAR OR ON THE PATIO DECKS OF PAPA'S ICEHOUSE). ANYONE VIOLATING THESE LAWS WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES.

QUITE TIME IS 12 MIDNIGHT...PLEASE!!!! This is a BBQ cook off and All music will be kept to an acceptable level and must be turned off by 12:00 midnight. It is the chief cook's responsibility to enforce the rule. **Please remember this is a family event when making your music selections.******

COOKING & JUDGING

1. The contest will be conducted under International Barbeque Cookers Association rules. Applications and Rules will be posted on IBCA website ibcabbq.org or Houston Farm & Ranch Club www.houstonfarmandranch.org
2. Fires must be of wood or wood substance. No gas or electric fires will be permitted.
3. **No contest meat may be cooked, salted, seasoned or marinated prior to arrival at cook off. THERE WILL BE NO MEAT INSPECTION. We expect everyone to be honest!**
4. **Chief Cooks Meeting will be held Saturday at 9:00am.** Only the Chief Cook need attend this mandatory meeting. At this time you will be given your containers for the contest.
5. Turn-in times for each category are pre-set. A turn-in window of ten (10) minutes before and after the set turn-in times will be recognized. Judging trays received after that time will not be accepted by the IBCA Judging Official. In the event of any emergency the Judging Official has the authority to make a time change with proper notification to the cooks.
6. All garnishes and condiments are prohibited, as they do not reflect true quality of the cooked meats. Meats may be cooked with sauces and/or other liquids, but once the cooking is complete, sauces, seasonings and/or liquids may not be added once put into the tray. **ADDITIONALLY, CONTAINERS THAT ARE UNABLE TO CLOSE COMPLETEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY TE JUDGING OFFICIAL.**

7. **Categories**

“Anything Bacon Wrapped” Jackpot
Chicken – two fully jointed ½ chickens
Pork Spare Ribs
Brisket
AWARDS

Turn-In Times

Saturday 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 12:30 p.m.
Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Saturday 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, approx. 5:30 p.m.

8. Awards and Payouts

1 st Place Chicken	\$400 and trophy
2 nd Place Chicken	\$300 and trophy
3 rd Place Chicken	\$200 and trophy
4 th Place Chicken	\$100 and trophy
5 th Place Chicken	\$75 and trophy
6 th – 10 th Place Chicken	\$50

1 st Place Ribs	\$400 and trophy
2 nd Place Ribs	\$300 and trophy
3 rd Place Ribs	\$200 and trophy
4 th Place Ribs	\$100 and trophy
5 th Place Ribs	\$75 and trophy
6 th - 10 th Place Ribs	\$50

1 st Place Brisket	\$400 and trophy
2 nd Place Brisket	\$300 and trophy
3 rd Place Brisket	\$200 and trophy
4 th Place Brisket	\$100 and trophy
5 th Place Brisket	\$75 and trophy
6 th – 10 th Place Brisket	\$50

Anything Bacon Wrapped 1st (40%), 2nd (30%), 3rd (20%) of jackpot entry fees

Grand Champion – Harris County Fair BBQ Buckle & free entry to 2017 HCF Cook off

Reserve Grand Champion – HCF Insulated Food Carrier

ADMINISTRATION

1. Harris County Fair BBQ Cook Off reserves the right to modify or expand the rules and regulations as warranted. Decisions of the Chairperson and Judges will be final.

DISCLAIMER

Security and safety are the sole responsibility of each contestant. Harris County Fair, Houston Farm & Ranch and Papa's Icehouse are not responsible for theft of or damage to the property of a contestant, its members or guests. Further, Harris County Fair, Houston Farm & Ranch and Papa's Icehouse are not responsible for any injury to any such person. It is the contestant's responsibility to protect machinery, perishables, and exhibits so no injury will result to the public visitors, guests, persons or property. If property does not appear to be properly maintained it will be promptly withdrawn from the cook off site. All property of the contestant including food stuffs and other perishables is understood to remain in the contestant's care, custody and control in transit to, from or within the confines of the cook off area, and are subject to the rules and regulations expressed within. The contestants upon signing the application, expressly release, hold, keep, save harmless and indemnify the persons and entities, named organizations and committees, and individuals from all claims for such loss, damage or injury.

HARRIS COUNTY FAIR BBQ COOK OFF

Friday 10/28/2016 Thru Sunday 10/30/2016

PORTABLE TOILET ORDER FORM

TEAM NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Phone # (Day) _____ (Night) _____

NUMBER REGULAR TOILETS REQUESTED _____ @ \$60.00 EA = _____

NUMBER HANDICAP TOILETS REQUESTED _____ @ \$90.00 EA = _____

RV - MOTOR HOME SERVICE _____ @ \$30.00 = _____

SUB TOTAL _____

SALES TAX 8.25% _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE NOW _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT _____

CHECK # _____

SIGNATURE OF CONTACT PERSON _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO Harris County Fair BBQ Cookoff

DATE _____ ORDER # _____

AMOUNT RECEIVED _____ RV SERVICE _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT (CHECK#) _____ CASH _____

RECEIVED BY _____

PLEASE SEND ORDER FORM AND CHECK DIRECTLY TO HOUSTON FARM & RANCH

HOUSTON FARM & RANCH

1 Abercrombie Dr

Houston, TX 77084

Phone 281-463-6650



Harris County Fair BBQ Cook Off

Official Entry Form

October, 28th and 29th, 2016

Papa's Ice House, 314 Pruitt Rd, Spring, Texas 77380

COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

NAME OF TEAM: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

CHIEF COOK: _____

I have read and understand all the attached rules/regulations and entry form governing the

Harris County Fair Cookoff

CHIEF COOK'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Categories and turn-in times:

ANYTHING BACON WRAPPED	11:00 AM (payout 40 / 30 / 20)
TWO CHICKEN HALVES	12:30 PM
PORK SPARE RIBS	2:00 PM
BRISKET	3:30 PM

PRIZE MONEY = \$3,975.00

This event is sanctioned by the International Barbeque Cookers Association (IBCA).

RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM WITH YOUR \$175.00 ENTRY FEE,

"ANYTHING BACON WRAPPED" JACKPOT ENTRY YES ___ NO ___ FEE (\$20)

PORT-A-CANS Regular \$60.00 Per Can OR \$90.00 Per Can for Handicap

Use the Porta Can Order Form and see General Rule #3

Make Checks Payable to

Harris County Fair BBQ Cook Off

One Abercrombie Drive

Houston, Texas 77084

Check # _____ Cash _____ Date Received _____ By _____