

1st Annual Josh Haynie Memorial Cook-Off!!!

Dear BBQ Teams,

On April 12, 2013 the world lost a great man, Joshua Lee Haynie. His passing was unexpected, leaving behind a wife and two little girls, one of which was just born on July 3, 2013. This benefit will consist of a bbq cook-off on Friday October 11th & 12th and an auction, raffle, and dance the night of October 12th. The money raised at this event will be placed in a trust for Josh & Tina's daughters so that one day they can go to college and not have to worry about the financial burden.

Josh was a member of Wharton Lodge #621 and one of the brain trust behind the annual Wharton Masonic Lodge BBQ Cook-Off. For this reason Wharton Masonic Lodge #621 will be hosting this event.

Entry fee for this cook off is **one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)**. All checks should be made payable to: **Wharton Lodge #621**. All entry fees must be received by **October 11, 2013, prior to 7:00pm**. All entry forms and fees should be mailed to:

**Brandon Cruz
100 S. Resident
Wharton, TX 77488**

Entry fees will cover ALL cook off categories, which are: Brisket, Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs, Pinto Beans, Chili, and Showmanship.

1st thru 10th place in each category will receive a plaque as well as the Grand Champion. **Only brisket, chicken, and pork spare ribs will count towards Grand Champion.**

Cash pay outs and entry fees are as follows:

Entry Fee			Entry Fee	Entry Fee
\$100			\$20	\$20
Brisket	Pork Spare Ribs	Chicken	Pinto Beans	Chili
1 st - \$350	1 st - \$350	1 st - \$350	1 st - 50%	1 st - 50%
2 nd - \$250	2 nd - \$250	2 nd - \$250	2 nd - 30%	2 nd - 30%
3 rd - \$150	3 rd - \$150	3 rd - \$150	3 rd - 20%	3 rd - 20%
4 th - \$50	4 th - \$50	4 th - \$50	N/A	N/A
Grand Champion - \$100				

NOTE - \$10 of every team entry goes to help pay for the hall

Thank you,

Brandon Cruz
(281) 253-5020

Teams will be notified as soon as their entry form and fees have been received by the Cook-Off Chairman.

35x35 Cooking areas will be designated when the team checks in on Friday, October 11th between 7am and 7pm.

Brisket Contest: Contestants must cook a minimum of one (1) brisket.

Chicken Contest: Contestants must cook a minimum of one (1) fryer. Must have breast, Wing with tip, thigh, & drumstick with skin on.
(No Cornish Game Hens)

Pork Spare Ribs Contest: Contestants must cook at least one (1) slab of pork spare ribs.

Pinto Beans Contest: Contestants must cook at least 2 lbs. of pinto beans. Nothing larger than a bean when you turn in your entry to be judged.

Chili Contest: Contestants must cook at least 2 lbs. of chili meat. No beans in chili when you turn in your entry to be judged.

Teams are asked to please donate one (1) whole fully cooked brisket at 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 12th. This is not mandatory but would be greatly appreciated.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Cooks Meeting	October 11th	7:00 pm
Calcutta Auction	October 11th	8:00 pm
Pinto Beans	October 12th	10:00 am
Chili	October 12th	11:00 am
Chicken	October 12th	12:00 pm
Pork Spare Ribs	October 12th	1:00 pm
Brisket	October 12th	2:00 pm
Award Ceremony	October 12th	3:00 pm
Auction & Raffles	October 12th	4:00 pm
Dance	October 12th	8:00 pm-12am

The dance will start at 8pm and will cost \$10 per person to enter at the door.

Rules & Regulation

The Wharton Masonic Lodge #621 A.F. & A.M. as well as the Wharton Knights of Columbus will not be held responsible for any theft, damage, or bodily injury.

Teams consist of one (1) chief cook and no more than four (4) assistant cooks.

No pre-cooked meat or beans will be allowed. All entries must be cooked on site, the day of the contest. A contest chairperson will inspect your uncooked brisket, chicken, pork spare ribs, chili meat, and pinto beans at check-in on October 11th. There will be a head cook's meeting at 7:00pm October 11th. **Pre-seasoning is not allowed.**

Teams are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by judging committee. Infractions identified by the committee chairman shall be immediately corrected or the team will be subject to disqualification.

Fire must be wood or charcoal. Pit may include gas or electricity to start natural substance, but not to complete BBQ meat cooking. Beans and chili are exempt. Holes or open pits are not permitted, and fires may not be built on the ground.

Each team must bring a fire extinguisher.

Each team is allowed space for a pit, plus sleeping quarters, (consisting of a motor home, pull trailer, or tent) in the cook off area. A minimum of one (1) pit per space is required. No vehicles will be allowed in the cooking area after 7 pm.

Electricity will not be provided, generators are allowed. Water supply will only be available from an outside water source.

Decisions of the committee chairman and judges are final. BBQ Chairperson reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as situations may warrant. Anyone violating cook off rules may be disqualified.

The Chief Cook is responsible for the conduct of his team. Each team is responsible before, during and after the cook off in cleaning up assigned area. Please don't leave any loose or bagged trash at or around your assigned space. Bring your own trash bags.

Entry fee is non-refundable. All teams must submit original entry form and sign liability release.

Contestants or members of the public will not be allowed to bring golf carts, motorcycles, carts, bicycles, roller skates or any type of transportation with the exceptions of wheel chairs for handicapped individuals.

No pets allowed. No exceptions.

Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. All beer must be brought in during check-in, Friday, October 11th.

Quiet time begins at 12:00am. All city ordinances will be followed.

No Glass Containers Allowed!!!

TEXAS ALCOHOL LAWS WILL BE ENFORCED AT ALL TIMES.

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IBCA SANCTIONED

Date: October 11th & 12th, 2013

Location: KC Hall, 2820 N. Fulton, Wharton, TX 77488

Entry Form

TEAM NAME: _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

Phone Numbers: (H) _____ **(C)** _____

E-mail _____

Chief Cook: _____

Assistant Cooks: _____

All participants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Entries must be received by October 11th 2013

Please make checks or money orders payable to:

Wharton Lodge #621

Entry forms & fees should be sent to:

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100 S. Resident
Wharton, TX 77488
(281) 253-5020**

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL RULES STATED

Signature
(Chief Cook)