

Houston Electrical League Scholarship Foundation

1st ANNUAL BBQ COOKOFF

\$5,000.00 Guaranteed

Pasadena Convention Center and Fairgrounds

7601 Red Bluff, Pasadena, Texas 77507

501(C)(3) Tax Exempt / Non-Profit Organization

July 14th – 16th, 2017



International Bar-B-Que
Cookers Association

Sanctioned Event

IBCA Rules apply and can be found at

<http://ibcabbq.org/wp-content/uploads/Sept-1-2016-Rules.pdf>

Team Entry \$200.00 Includes: Meat Entry
Chicken (2-Halves), Pork Spare Ribs (9 Ribs), Brisket (9 Slices)
And 40' X 40' space includes Electricity and Water

OR

\$500.00 per 40' X 60' Prime Midway Space
10' X 40' space additions \$100.00

YOU MUST ENTER ON-LINE @ www.hel.org/

\$5,000.00 Guaranteed awards payout for BBQ CookOff

Gate admission: Adults \$10.00 / Children under 10 yrs. free
Uniformed Military, Police, Fire Department and EMS Free

Adult presale tickets available, upon request

All proceeds from the Cook Off go to

Houston Electrical League Scholarship Foundation

For information, rules and entry forms go to: www.hel.org/

Any questions please call:

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Dates July 14th – July 16th

IBCA BBQ Sanctioned Event – All IBCA Rules Will Apply

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Rules and Regulations

1. The HELSF BBQ Contest will be held at the Pasadena Municipal Fairgrounds, located at 7601 Red Bluff, Pasadena, Texas 77507.
2. Applications will be available at <http://hel.org> MUST SIGN UP ONLINE
3. Deadline to sign up Thursday July 13th. Go to above link to sign up today.
4. Contestants must supply needed equipment and supplies.
5. Holes or dug pits are not permitted.
6. Metal pans must be provided under the opening of the firebox to prevent damaging the blacktop or concrete surface and catching the grass on fire.
7. Tent stakes or other devices that damage the blacktop or concrete surface in any way are prohibited.
8. The HELSF will not be responsible for theft or damage.
9. All IBCA Rules Will Apply to all cooking and judging of food <http://ibcabbq.org/wp-content/uploads/Sept-1-2016-Rules.pdf>
10. Those attending or participating in the 1st Annual BBQ Contest are required to wear appropriate clothing at all times. (No one will be allowed without shoes or shirts.)
11. The Houston Electrical League Scholarship Foundation reserves the right to refuse to rent cook-off space to any team or head cook.
12. The Violation of any Rules and Regulations in this document are grounds for expulsion.

Entry Fees

1. The entry fee is \$200.00 for regular 40' X 40' spaces and \$500.00 for Prime Midway 40' X 60' spaces (quantity limited). Additional regular space, if available, will cost \$100 per 10 x 40 sq.ft. Not available for Prime Midway spaces
2. Each numbered regular space (40x40) will receive five (5) cooker wristbands; Prime Midway spaces will receive eight (8) cooker wristbands.
3. Additional admission tickets may be purchased for \$8.00 each in advance online. General admission tickets will be \$10.00 at the gate.
4. Apply online at <http://hel.org>

NO ADMISSION WILL BE CHARGED TO:

- Contestants with cooker wristbands
- Children under 10 years of age
- EMS, Fire Dept., Police & Military (in uniform)

Check In

Friday - July 14th - 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Vehicles

1. Gates to thru traffic will be closed at 7:00 p.m., Friday- July 14th.
2. No vehicle will be allowed to enter or leave the **contest area** after 7:00 p.m. on Friday- July 14th. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**.
3. Under no circumstances will contestants block any aisle after set up period ends - 7:00 p.m. Friday- July 14th
4. Vehicles not removed from contest area by 7:00 p.m. Friday July 14th, must remain until after the awards ceremony Saturday night.
5. Under no circumstances will any contestant, or member of the public, be allowed to bring onto the grounds: **golf carts, motor vehicles, carts, bicycles, roller skates, skate boards, scooters, motorized coolers or any type of transportation**, with the exception of wheelchairs for handicapped individuals. Use of any of the above mentioned items would justify cooking team disqualification.

Cook-off Spaces

1. Each team will be allocated a 40' x 40' space, no exceptions without authorization from HELSF BBQ COMMITTEE. At the discretion of the HELSF BBQ COMMITTEE, Easements are not offered for sale.
2. Props, trailers, motor homes, tents (including water barrels), etc.... covering any other part of team equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. **Easements are not to be used. Utility access is needed during the event.**
3. Tent companies may not be scheduled to arrive for set up until 8:00 a.m. Friday July 14th. Tear down can begin after the awards ceremony Saturday night and must be completed by noon on Sunday - July 16th.
4. Due to unpredictable weather, it is suggested that contestants bring suitable shelter for their space/team.
5. Tarps or freestanding tents are suggested. Tent stakes or any devices **longer than 8 inches** driven into the ground are strictly prohibited. **Repair costs for any damaged utilities will be the responsibility of the cook team**

Electrical, Water and Ice

1. The HELSF BBQ committee provides spaces with:
 - 1 ea. 110 volt 20 amp plug
 - 1 ea. 110 volt 30 amp plug
2. Water is also provided for each space. Hoses must be provided by each team.
3. No electrical will be provided to the spaces on the West fence line per space application for this area.
4. Ice will be sold on site for cash.

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Cook Team Responsibilities

1. The liable party / chief cook are responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests.
2. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the public by contestants. **No one under 21 years of age shall be served or allowed to consume alcoholic beverages on the grounds.**
3. Liquor in bottles must be kept out of sight.
4. The cook team must comply with all laws pertaining to the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
5. Any cook team having inappropriate music, entertainment, contests, etc. may be asked to leave the contest area.
6. Contestants with an enclosed area to which the public is not allowed, **SHALL** furnish their own security.
7. Each cooking space is responsible for fully cleaning their entire space. We are trying to keep costs down, therefore we are requesting the help of each team in this matter.
8. HELSF is not responsible for cleanup of spaces.
9. If your space is not clean at the end of the bbq cook-off you will be billed for cost of cleaning (minimum of \$300) and are subject to not being invited to participate in next year's bbq cook-off.
10. Tear down may begin after the awards ceremony Saturday night and must be completed by noon (12:00 p.m.) on Sunday, July 16th
11. It is the responsibility of each team to see that their contest area remains clean at all times.

Trash

1. Trash pick-up will be provided starting on Friday and continue during the course of the Cook-off. Please do not pack trash bags excessively full. Any bags that break will be left for the Team to promptly re-bag for pick-up. All bagged trash shall be placed outside the Team space for pick up. **USE ONLY CONTRACTOR GRADE BAGS (3 MIL MINIMUM) FOR YOUR TRASH. ANY NON CONTRACTOR BAGS WILL BE LEFT FOR RE-BAGGING.**
2. It is the contestant's responsibility to have their trash readily available to be emptied into the garbage trailer when it arrives at the space.
3. No free liquid to be put into trash bags.
4. Grease collection containers are on site, please use them.
5. Gray Water from dishwashing, cooking and Crawfish cooking pots shall not be allowed to be poured out to run freely onto the ground. This practice in the past has been the cause of hard feeling between neighboring Teams and is also considered a health hazard that will not be acceptable. Teams must provide a barrel labeled **GRAY WATER** and all such liquid must be captured and stored in the barrel. **CLEAR WATER** from coolers and RV A/C drains shall be routed **DIRECTLY** into parking lot drains or a container. Do not drain or empty any clear water directly on the ground. Move your cooler to a drain and pour clear water only directly into the drain gate so as not to run off towards a team or into a public aisle.

Pits

1. Contestants are not allowed to share cooking equipment.
2. If contestants have more than one cooking space and plan to cook at each cooking space, they must have a different name, and chief cook.
3. Fires must be wood or wood substances.

Port-A-Cans

1. Should a cooking team require port-a-can(s) service: Due to pumping requirements, HELSF requires each team to reserve the port-a-can(s) through the HELSF. Porta-cans can be ordered through the HELSF website www.HEL.org
2. It is the responsibility of the cook team to reserve and pay for this service through the HELSF Team application prior to the cook off.
3. The requested port-a-can(s) should be placed in an area inside the cooking space within 50 feet of entry for easy access for cleaning.

Safety

Portable fire extinguishers (1) 10 lb. Type "K" or (1) 10 lb. ABC per 40X40 per space, in full view.

Health (Recommended)

1. The following guidelines are recommended by the City of Pasadena Health Department. All teams are required to follow these guidelines.
2. A cover is required over all open food preparation areas.
3. Three containers of water must be utilized at all times, one gallon minimum each:
 - First Bucket – Soap and water for washing, unless sink and running water are available and useable
 - Second Bucket – Clean water for rinsing, unless a sink and water are available and useable
 - Third Bucket – One cap of bleach per gallon of water for sanitizing
4. Keep all food covered,
5. Keep cold food stored on ice or refrigerated at all times. The food must be maintained at 45 degrees Fahrenheit.
6. Heated food should be maintained at 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
7. Smoking tobacco should not be permitted in food serving area.

General Rules

1. Each Cook Team will be assigned a Team Representative as a Contest Supervisor; the assigned Team Representative will have free access to the contestant's area at all times.
2. Should any Cook Team have any complaints toward their Contest Supervisor, or any Committee person, they should report their complaints immediately to the HELSF Committee Chairmen in Campbell Hall. The Chairmen will contact the appropriate person and take any necessary action.
3. The Chief Cook meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 14th 2017. Turn in containers will be picked up at this time.
4. The HELSF Committee Chairmen must approve all give-a-ways to the general public.
5. Cook teams are not permitted to charge for entry into their assigned space(s) during the cook-off.
6. Cook teams are not permitted to sell any items within the confines of their assigned areas during the cook-off.
7. Excessively loud music, horns, air horns, etc. are strictly prohibited (HELSF Committee discretion).
8. No outside speakers are allowed. All speakers must be set to entertain the guest inside the contestant space only.

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9. Hay will not be allowed at any time due to environmental safety. **(This means NO Hay)**
10. Animals of any kind will not be permitted in designated food preparation areas.
11. Animals of any kind must be contained by being crated, caged, or on a leash at all times.

There Will Be A Meat Inspection: All IBCA Rules Will Apply <http://ibcabbq.org/wp-content/uploads/Sept-1-2016-Rules.pdf>

Judging

JUDGING - to be held at Campbell Hall. And will follow all IBCA Guidelines and Rules <http://ibcabbq.org/wp-content/uploads/Sept-1-2016-Rules.pdf>

Categories

Chicken Contest: NO CORNISH GAME HENS

- 2 Chicken Halves fully jointed - domestic chicken that includes breast, wing, wing tip, thigh, and drumstick.

Rib Contest: PORK SPARE RIBS ONLY

- 9 individual Pork Spare Ribs

Brisket Contest:

9 individual slices

Overall Cooking Contest:

Awards ceremony will be held in Campbell Hall following completion of all judging.

- Certificates awarded 1st thru 10th place. Cash payout 1st thru 3rd place in all three categories. There will be Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion trophies and cash awarded.
- In the event of a tie for Grand Champion, brisket will be the first tie breaker, followed by ribs, and then chicken.

Thank you for participating in the 1st annual Houston Electrical League Scholarship Foundation Barbecue Cook-Off. If we can do anything to make your participation in our cook-off more pleasant, please let us know. We depend on you for our success, as do the local students who depend on the scholarships that HELSF provides. Once again, thank you for being part of our team and helping us support youth through education. See you soon!

Sincerely and Good Luck,
HELSEF BBQ Committee