



The Mena Lions Club in Partnership with the
Lum & Abner Festival

Presents the

9th Annual BBQ Cook-off

June 7-8, 2013 – Janssen Park, Mena, Arkansas

\$2,240 Cash prizes!

Crafts! Vendors! Car Show! Games!

Live Music!

Rules:

1. Categories to be judged:

- A. Beef Brisket – must turn in seven (7) full slices approximately ¼” to 3/8” thick.
- B. Chicken – must turn in one half of a whole fully-jointed chicken; half must include leg, thigh, wing, and breast portion. NO Cornish game hens. Must be fully cooked or entry will be disqualified.
- C. Pork spare ribs – must turn in seven (7) full ribs, cut apart. NO Country Style, Baby Back or Loin Back entries allowed.
- D. Beans – must turn in a 20 oz. cup. Beans can be cooked with gas if you so choose. Note there is a separate (\$10) entry fee for the beans contest.
- E. Desserts – The dessert can be any kind you want to make but it has to be made at the BBQ contest. Note there is a separate (\$10) entry fee for the dessert contest. You can use any means necessary to cook the dessert.

2. **Cooks meeting will be held Friday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the judging area. Head cooks MUST attend.** Competition cooking may begin after meeting.

3. Contestants will NOT be allowed to sell BBQ.

4. Any photos taken by the Mena Lions Club or on behalf of the Mena Advertising and Promotions Commission of your team and/or equipment become the property of each.

5. Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. NO gas or electric BBQ cookers allowed. Gas or electricity may be used to start the combustion of wood, wood products, or charcoal, but not to complete cooking. All fires must be contained and none are allowed on the ground. Each team should have fire extinguisher on hand.

6. No electricity will be available. Please bring your own generators. Self contained campers are welcome.

7. Absolutely no firearms or explosives will be allowed.



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8. Contestants will purchase their meat for the competition. We **WILL NOT** be requiring a cooked brisket as part of the entry fee.

<u>Turn in Times:</u>	Desert	11:00 a.m.
	Pinto Beans	11:00 a.m.
	½ Chicken	12:00 noon
	Pork Spare Ribs	1:00 p.m.
	Brisket	2:00 p.m.

9. Cooks are prohibited from participating as judges.
10. Each head cook is responsible for having his/her entry at the judging area at the proper time. The judging area will be under blue tents in the cooking area of the park.
11. All meats will be cooked on site without pre-cooking or marinating. Random inspections may be performed to assure that meat is not prepared prior to the official start of the competition. All entries will be subject to inspection.
12. Judging will be conducted under the IBCA secret, double number system.
13. No sauce or garnishes may be added to entries at judging time.
14. Each team will be responsible for the clean up of their space. The head cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests. This is a family-oriented event, so please act accordingly.
15. The Mena Lions Club reserves the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant; all regulations will be in accordance with the IBCA. Decisions of the judges and Mena Lions Club are final.
16. Announcement of winners will be take place approximately 3:00 p.m.

17. Please note the cook-off takes place in a dry county, so alcohol will not be sold.

Payouts:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th -10th
Each meat:	\$350 & trophy	\$200 & trophy	\$100 & trophy	\$50 & certif.	Certificate
Beans:	\$40 & Certif.	\$20 & Certif.	\$10 & Certif.	Certificate	Certificate
Desert:	\$40 & Certif.	\$20 & Certif.	\$10 & Certif.	Certificate	Certificate
Grand Champion:	Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion:	Trophy		

Contact Brian Bower at 479-216-0773 or Brandon Ellison at 479-234-9210
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Official Entry Form

HEAD COOK'S NAME: _____

TEAM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(Please check categories to be entered)

BRISKET CHICKEN PORK SPARE RIBS BEANS DESSERT

Entry Fee = \$80.00 for one or all three meats. Entry fee for the beans and desert competition is \$10 each.

Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold *Lum & Abner Days*, Mena Lions Club, Mena Advertising and Promotions Commission, their employees and volunteers harmless from any and all claims made against the above stated, including without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, and attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with (1) any structure erected by the Contestant, (2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by the Contestant, (3) any act or omission to act of Contestant, its agents, invitees, participants, representatives, employees, servants, and agents, and (4) any claims made on account or resulting from Contestant's participation in the contest. IBCA RULES APPLY.

I agree to abide by all rules established for the Mena Lions Club BBQ cook off.

Head Cook's Signature

Date

Please submit this original document with entry fee to: **Mena Lions Club BBQ Cook off
P.O. Box 44
Mena, AR 71953**

Make checks in the amount of \$80.00 (plus \$10 each if you wish to enter the beans and dessert category) payable to the Mena Lions Club. Hurry, limited space is available. Entry fee and official entry forms will be accepted up until June 3rd. **But please RSVP by May 31, if possible. We need to know how many teams we will have if at all possible.**

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Other Lum & Abner Festival Information:

6/7/2013 To 6/8/2013

Come enjoy our largest annual event! Great arts and crafts, food, FREE live entertainment, firefighter's challenge, kids games, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, 5k run, Great Lum & Abner Meltdown, Baby Crawl Contest and MUCH MUCH MORE! For more information call 479-394-8355!

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