



Dear Teams,

First of all, I want to say thank you for your interest in the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival BBQ Cook Off. If you are a returning team, you already know the level of competition at this cook off. If you are a new team, get ready for good music, family fun and stiff competition! Dates for this year's competition are May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Whether this is your first time here or this will be your 18<sup>th</sup> year to compete, **PLEASE** read this entire packet carefully. There have been a few changes over the last couple of years based on input from judges, festival staff and event coordinators. The purpose of these changes is to insure fairness for all teams as well as maintain a family friendly atmosphere throughout the entire event. This year the BBQ Cook Off will be held at – Bailey Park – 400 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. All entry forms must be turned in by April 30, 2021.

We are excited about the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual West Tennessee Strawberry Festival BBQ Cook Off and look forward to seeing you all there.

Hope to see you in the park,

*Chance Baskerville & Jason Wiles*

Cook Off Chairmen

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## CATEGORIES

**Pork Shoulder:** Portion of the front leg, containing the arm bone, shank bone and a portion of the blade bone. Boston Butts are permitted.

**Pork Ribs:** Portion of the hog that include rib bones. Loin, back or spare. **Country style ribs are not allowed.**

**Chicken:** May be presented in any variation. Ex: whole, halves, legs, wings, thighs, quarters, etc.

**Ribeye Steak:** A rib eye steak is a beef steak sliced from the rib primal of a beef animal, with the bone removed. The rib eye or "ribeye" was originally, as the name implies, the center best portion of the rib steak, without the bone. The steak will be turned in whole and uncut.

**Backyard:** Can be a variation, **as long as it does not contain any PULLED PORK , PORK RIBS or CHICKEN whole pieces.** Pulled chicken is acceptable. Examples from past events include shrimp, tenderloin, beans, deserts, etc.

**The Backyard category does not count toward Grand Champion scoring.**

-All cook off meat must be fresh and uncured, prepared on a wood, pellet or charcoal fire only.

-Each team shall supply all its own meat, ingredients, devices, utensils, prep tables, etc.

Competition meats must be inspected by a Cook off Official before you can begin cooking.

**-Advance marinating is permitted, however, the meat must be visible and accessible to the official conducting the check in.**

- Gas and electric heat sources shall not be permitted for cooking or holding. Propane or electric is permitted for fire starters, provided that the competition meat is not in/on the cooking device. Electrical devices such as spits, augers or forced drafts are permitted.

-Each team will be provided with serving containers and sauce cups. You must use the containers supplied to you. **Violation will result in disqualification in that category.** Contact an event Rep if you need additional containers or have questions pertaining to such.

-Cook off meats must be maintained at 40 degrees or below before cooking.

After cooking, competition meat must be maintained at 140 degrees or higher in a covered container until turn in.

-Cook off food cannot be sold or given away to the general public.

## JUDGING

-Judging will be blind.

-Judging criteria will be discussed at the cooks meeting. Garnish is optional for Chicken, Ribeye Steak, Pork Ribs, Pulled Pork, and Anything But.

**Chicken, Ribeye Steak, Pork Ribs and Pulled Pork**—You may garnish your container with parsley, green leafy lettuce or kale only. No red tip lettuce, fruits or vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, etc. are permitted. **Any entry containing garnish other than greens will be disqualified.**

**Backyard**—You may garnish your container with parsley, green leafy lettuce or kale only. ***All other items in the container will be considered part of the Anything But turn in and will be judged as such.***

-NO FOIL of any kind in containers. We will do all we can to insure the entry stays as warm as possible. **Any entry containing foil will be disqualified in that category.**

Skewers or toothpicks used to hold meats together must be wooden and round. **Any other shape, design or material will be a deduction.**

*The Cook Off Committee reserves the right to make additional regulations as the situation warrants.*

*Decisions of the Cook Off Committee and judges are final.*

## Cooking Sites

-All sites are first come, first serve and are marked with wooden stakes. Each site has approximately 30' of road frontage. Each team gets one site with entry. Additional sites are \$50.00. Team members may park at the team site, provided the vehicles stay within the allotted area. Additional parking is available near the park.

-Teams are expected to maintain a clean site and help maintain the cleanliness of the park as a whole at all times.

-Electricity will be provided, however, teams are responsible for cords, adaptors, etc.

Water will be available at the park for filling containers, etc.

## PARK GUIDELINES

**-City ordinance 11-227:** drinking beer, etc. On streets etc.: It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or consume, or have an open container of beer or intoxicating liquor in or on any public street, alley, avenue, highway, sidewalk, public park, public school grounds, or other public place unless the place has an appropriate permit and/or license for on premises consumption.

-This event is held in a public park and on public school property. This event does not have and will not obtain a permit for legal consumption of alcohol. It is the advice of the Cook Off Committee that teams not consume alcohol during this event. Public display of alcoholic beverages is grounds for immediate disqualification and expulsion from the park and may be subject to fines and/or arrest by the Humboldt Police Department.

**-City ordinance 11-231/b:** anti-noise regulations: Subject to the provisions of this section, the creating of any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual, or in disturbance of the public peace and welfare is prohibited.

B: Radios, phonographs, etc.: The playing of any radio, phonograph, or any musical instrument or sound device, including but not limited to loudspeakers or other devices for reproduction or amplification of sound, either independently of or in connection with motion pictures, radio or television, in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM, as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any office or hospital, or in any other dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

-The festival will provide entertainment at the park from 8:00 PM until approximately 10:30PM. Teams may also play radios, televisions, etc. within their camp area. After 11:00 PM, all teams must adhere to the noise ordinance specified above. Any music, or TV volume must be contained to within that team's camp. Violation of this ordinance could result in disqualification from the event and expulsion from the park.

# COOK OFF ITINERARY

**Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>:** Teams may enter the park and set up any time prior to the parade beginning and after 11pm. ***Access to the park will be limited to E. Mitchell Street east of Eastend Drive prior the parade and traffic will be heavy, so plan accordingly.*** Sites are marked and are first come, first serve. If no rep is there when you arrive and have questions, call Chance Baskerville at 731-499-1349 or Jason Wiles at 731-618-1292 and one will be sent to the park to assist you.

**Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** Teams may enter the park and set up any time prior to the parade beginning and after 11pm. ***Access to the park will be limited to E. Mitchell Street east of Eastend Drive prior the parade and traffic will be heavy, so plan accordingly.*** Sites are marked and are first come first serve. A cook off rep will be at the park Friday morning to check meat for teams ready to start cooking. If no rep is there when you are ready, call Chance Baskerville at 731-499-1349 or Jason Wiles at 731-618-1292 and one will be sent to the park to assist you.

**FRIDAY 5PM:** Cooks meeting at category turn in building. **At least one member from each team must attend.**

**Friday, 8:00PM -11:00PM:** Live entertainment, weather permitting.

***(Turn-in window is from 5min prior to 5 min after.)***

**Friday, 6:00 PM:** Turn in and judging of the **Ribeye Steak** category.

**Friday, 7:00 PM:** Turn in and judging of **Chicken** category

**Friday, 8:00 PM:** Turn in and judging of **Backyard** category

**Friday, 11:00 pm:** Teams will observe the city noise ordinance.

**Saturday, 9:30 AM:** Turn in and judging of **Shoulder** category

**Saturday, 10:30 AM:** Turn in and judging of **Pork Ribs** category

**Saturday noon:** Awards Presentation

## PAYOUT

**Grand Champion: \$1,000.00**

Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Shoulder	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$150.00
Pork Ribs	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$150.00
Chicken	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$150.00
Ribeye Steak	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$150.00
Backyard	\$65.00	\$55.00	\$45.00	\$35.00

# ENTRY FORM 2021

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM CAPTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Each team captain will be responsible for the action of the team members or any guests visiting the team camp. Any violations by those persons could result in disqualification of that team.

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT MAILING ADDRESS (FOR RESULTS): \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FEES and CATEGORIES:

\$175.00 if received by Friday April 30, 2021

\$200.00 if received after Friday April 30, 2021

Entry fee includes the following categories

Shoulder      Pork Ribs

Chicken      Ribeye Steak

Backyard– *Does not count toward Grand Champion scoring*

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing above, you and your entire team agree to abide by all the official rules and regulations of the City of Humboldt and The West TN Strawberry Festival BBQ Cook Off.*

## Contact Information

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