



# 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HARVEST FEST

## BBQ COOK-OFF RULES

### ADMINISTRATION:

- One team per pit, maximum 5 members per team.
- **The bbq contest will be located at the San Patricio County Fair Grounds in Sinton, Texas.** Entry to the cook sites will be off of FM-2046 (Sodville Rd). Visit [www.sanpatriciocountyfairgrounds.com](http://www.sanpatriciocountyfairgrounds.com) for directions to the fairgrounds.
- Contestants must furnish all needed equipment and supplies. The bbq management will provide space only.
- The San Patricio County 4-H Council and the sponsors are not responsible for any theft or damage.
- The BBQ chairman reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as situations warrant.
- The decisions of the Committee Chairman and judges are final.
- All teams must have paid their entry fee and checked in and set up their space between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Friday, October 30, 2009. The committee chairman must be notified for earlier or later check in. (361-222-0284).
- Move-out time will be after 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 31, 2009.
- There will be trash cans onsite, but it will be each team's responsibility to keep their area safe and clean. Teams will be held accountable for the cleanliness of their cook-off area.
- Each team will be allocated one RV-sized space. Water hookups will be provided free of charge, electrical hookup fee is \$10.00 per site. Props, trailers, motor vehicles, tents, etc. or any part of the contestant's equipment may not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space, **each team is restricted to one vehicle in the space.**
- The cook-off area is paved. Stakes of any kind may not be driven into the pavement. No dumping of anything will be allowed, especially hot coals.
- The chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of their team and guests. No pets or other animals will be allowed in the contest area. (Seeing-eye dogs are the only exception).
- For safety reasons, no golf carts, bicycles, scooters, skateboards, water balloons, water guns, sling shots, firearms, etc. will be allowed in the contest area.

### COOKING/JUDGING:

- **IBCA rules apply.**
- Teams must turn in a minimum of seven full slices of Brisket, 7 pork spare ribs, and one half fully jointed chicken.  
People's Choice must contain a meat or seafood product (wild game is okay) and must be cooked on the pit.
- People's Choice will be judged from samples available to the public at each team's site. Please cook enough of your designated People's Choice entry for public tasting. Tickets for People's Choice voting will be available at the BBQ Chairman's check-in table on Saturday. Tickets can be purchased 10 tickets for a \$5.00 donation. Each additional ticket after that will be \$0.50 each. People's Choice winner will be determined by the number of tickets each team receives from the general public.

- Overall Grand winner will be based on only three categories: chicken, ribs and brisket. In the event of a tie for Overall Grand, the brisket will be used as the tie-breaker.
- NO GARNISH OR SAUCE IS ALLOWED IN THE TRAY AT TURN-IN. Meats may be cooked with sauce and/or other liquids, but once the cooking is complete, sauces and/or liquids cannot be added after the meat is placed in the judging tray. No puddling in the bottom of the tray.
- Contest meat may not be salted, seasoned, marinated or started cooking before 6:00pm on Friday, October 30, 2009.
- Random inspection of all meats will occur before 6:00pm on Friday, October 30, by the BBQ Committee. If the committee has not inspected your brisket before 6:00 pm, you may begin cooking.
- All entries must be cooked over wood or wood substance fires.
- Teams may not share cooking equipment. Each space must have a separate cook and equipment.
- Turn-in times on Saturday as follows:
 

Chicken.....	12:00 pm
Spare ribs.....	1:00 pm
Brisket.....	2:00 pm
People's Choice...	3:00 pm (turn in tickets)

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- The cook-off will go on rain or shine!!!
- This cook-off is going on in conjunction with “**HARVEST FEST**” which is a non-profit festival benefitting the San Patricio County 4-H Council. Proceeds provide funding for the kids to attend various events throughout the year such as livestock judging competitions and many other 4-H events as well as the year-end awards banquet!
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