

Dear BBQ Teams,

The Wharton Masonic Lodge #621 A.F. & A.M. will be hosting its 4th Annual BBQ Cook Off to raise money for a scholarship to Wharton County Junior College. **This cook off is IBCA sanctioned.** The cook off will be held **August 14th and 15th of 2009.** It will be located at the Riverfront Park (across the street from the Wharton County Sheriff's Department) in Wharton, TX.

Entry fee for this cook off is **one hundred dollars (\$100).** All checks should be made payable to: **Wharton Lodge #621 A.F. & A. M.** All entry fees must be received by **August 14, 2009.** All entry forms and fees should be mailed to:

**Brandon Cruz
815 E. Wayside
Wharton, TX 77488**

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

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded in each category, except in Showmanship, which a trophy will only be presented to 1st place. An overall trophy will also be presented. All categories will count towards overall, except Showmanship.

Thank you,

Brandon Cruz
(281) 253-5020

30x30 Cooking areas will be designated when the team checks in on Friday, August 14th between 9am and 7pm.

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

Chicken Contest: Contestants must cook a minimum of one (1) fryer.

(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. No meat, fillers, or anything 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 or fillers in chili when you turn in your entry to be judged.

Rules & Regulation

The Wharton Masonic Lodge #621 A.F. & A.M. 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 7:00pm, August 14th. 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. Open bars will not be permitted. All beer must be brought in during check-in, Friday, August 14th. Alcoholic beverages are not to be distributed to the public.

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.

Wharton Masonic Lodge #621
4th Annual BBQ Cook Off
IBCA SANCTIONED
Date: August 14th & 15th, 2009
Location: Riverfront Park, Wharton, TX
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 August 14, 2009

Please make checks or money orders payable to:

Wharton Lodge #621 A.F. & A.M.

Entry forms & fees should be sent to:

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815 E. Wayside
Wharton, TX 77488
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I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL RULES STATED

Signature
(Chief Cook)