

**BRAZORIA COUNTY WORLD CLASS
BARBECUE COOK-OFF CONTEST
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-Chairman-
Greg Crenshaw

ENTRY DEADLINE: Thursday, August 31, 2017, 5:00 P.M.
ARRIVAL TIME: Thursday, October 19, 2017, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 20, 2017, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
ENTRY FEE: \$400.00 per space
JUDGING TIME: Friday, October 20, 2017
12:00 Noon – Beef Fajitas
2:00 p.m. – Beans
7:00 p.m. - Friday Night Feast
Saturday, October 21, 2017
11:30 a.m. - Chicken
1:30 p.m. – Pork Spare Ribs
4:00 p.m. - Brisket

1. Entries for the Barbecue Cook-Off may be obtained either by calling or visiting the Fair Office during the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Entries will be limited to the first 143 entrants on a first come first serve basis.
2. Entries can be submitted starting June 1, 2017. Entries must be in the Fair Office NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. Thursday, August 31, 2017. NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE UNLESS THE MAXIMUM HAS NOT BEEN REACHED. Last year teams in good standing will be assigned to the same cooking site as last year if entry form is received by 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 31, 2017. Otherwise, cooking sites will be selected at the Head Cook's meeting to be held Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm, in the auditorium at the fairgrounds, Angleton, Texas, based on date and time of receipt of the paid entry form at the Fair Office. IT IS MANDATORY THAT A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE LISTED ON THE ENTRY FORM BE PRESENT AT HEAD COOK'S MEETING. Any returning team wanting additional spaces must fill out a request form to turn in with their entry form. A maximum of four (4) spaces will be allowed for any team or related-teams. Only one extra spot or new team is allowed to be obtained a year. There will be a waiting list of teams that are not able to obtain an entry to the 2017 BCFA BBQ Cook-Off due to space limitations each year. If the teams on the waiting list turn in an entry form the next year before the deadline, they will maintain their position on the waiting list for a space the following year if new spots become available.
3. Entrants for the Barbecue Cook-Off will be those persons who have completed the entry form, submitted a \$400.00 entry fee, been approved, and satisfactorily met the Rules and Regulations governing the contest. Any new and returning teams wanting additional spots, paying entry fee does not entitle you to a spot, but only puts you on the waiting list to select spots at head cook's meeting. Any team that paid entry and did not receive spot at the head cook's meeting will receive a refund in 7 to 10 business days following the day after head cook's meeting.
4. For the purpose of assigning team space – the person signing as coordinators, owners, or chief cook's signature on the last line of the application form will be considered as owner of that team name and space. Use of a name of another team from the previous year will not be allowed. If a different team name is desired, the team must fill out the application form using last year's name first, followed by the new name. No change of team name will be allowed after entry application form is accepted by the Fair Office.
5. Two (2) wristbands, for head cook and assistant cook, will be given to each team to provide admission to the BBQ gate ONLY and ensure the right to stay on site after hours. Three (3) additional wristbands, for cook team, will be available for purchase ONLY at Head Cooks meeting held on Thursday, September 28, 2017. At a cost of \$30 each wristband and Signed out by Head Cook ONLY with a

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Photo ID. Team members must have wristband fastened around wrist so that it cannot be slipped off. Wristbands used at BBQ Gate 4 ONLY. Economically priced season passes and two-day weekend passes are available from the BRAZORIA COUNTY FAIR OFFICE 979-849-6416 or online at www.brazoriacountyfair.com.

6. All contestants must check in between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 19, 2017 or between 7:00 a.m. and before 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 20, 2017. All vehicles without a BBQ vehicle sticker (B sticker) must be out by 11:30 am on Friday, October 20, 2017. The entrance gate will be open between noon and 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 for move-in/drop off of equipment and supplies only. Teams may spot their equipment on their space and leave the contest area. No one will be permitted to stay in the cook-off area after 7:00 pm on Wednesday.
7. Each entry will receive one 1 (B) vehicle parking sticker for entry to the contest area. Only vehicles with proper parking permits will be allowed into the contest area. Parking stickers must be in plain sight and remain on the vehicle at all times while the vehicle is in the contest area. Vehicles can move around only during open gate hours. Two (BU) unloading vehicle passes will be issued per team space. This pass is to be used by vehicles unloading equipment or supplies only. These vehicles should exit the contest area as soon as the unloading is complete. No vehicles will be allowed in to or out of the contest area before or after gate hours. Vehicles left inside the cooking area must be parked within the limits of the assigned cooking site and can not be moved until the next open gate hours. Contestants will not be permitted to bring any wheeled transportation, i.e. golf carts, three wheelers, four wheelers, bicycles, etc. into the contest area at any time.
8. Each entrant will be assigned a 30' wide by 36' deep cooking site. Props, trailers, tents, vehicles, motor homes, or any other contestant equipment must not exceed assigned space. Contestants are not allowed to use ditches, unused spaces, unused roads or walkways for any reason for any use. The Barbecue Committee reserves the right to adjust spaces, site, walkways, ditches or roads as needed. The Fair Association will supply space and two standard 120 volt 20 amp plugs for electricity.
9. Any special entertainment (i.e. bands, promotions, skits, shows, demonstrations, contests, etc.) must be fully described in writing and submitted to the Fair Office prior to Thursday, August 31, 2017 for approval by the Chairpersons of the Barbecue Committee.
10. Excessive volume of music will not be allowed. Noise levels will be measured by a decibel meter if required. Failure to control volume will result in music/band being turned off completely for the night. Further penalties will result in disqualification in contest and loss of site location next year.
11. No additional ice or alcoholic beverages may be brought into the BBQ area after 11:30 am Friday, October 20, 2017 through any BCFA entrance gate or RV area. Additional beer and ice may be purchased from the Fair concessions. No single-serve glass bottles will be allowed in the cook-off contest area. Consequences will be as follows:
 - a. First offense – Glass bottles in violation will be confiscated.
 - b. Second and/or subsequent offenses – Glass bottles confiscated, loss of same cooking space the next year, and person or persons in violation will be escorted out the fair gate.
12. Due to TABC laws, there will be NO open bars, NO margarita or other slush machine for liquor, NO general area for liquor in your assigned area, and NO jello shots.
13. The Chief Cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and guests. EXCESSIVE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND/OR UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION IN CURRENT AND FUTURE PARTICIPATION PLUS FORFEITURE OF AWARDS AND SITE NEXT YEAR.
14. Each entry must have its own pit and members. Team members are not allowed to participate on more than one team in the cook off. Each entry must cook on their own pit for all categories you enter. Entries cannot share the same cooking pit. We reserve the right to inspect at any time.
15. Each team must post a sign in the cook site (minimum size 11" X 17") listing the space number, team name, head cook and all team members' names.
16. Holes or pits are not permitted. Absolutely no holes from stakes, tent poles, BBQ pits, etc., are permitted in FLY- ASH. You must have Pit-Bibs to catch your pit grease. Any equipment or devices

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that may damage the surface area of the contest site in any way are prohibited.

17. Absolutely no pets are allowed in the BBQ area.
18. All generators, chillers, and other powered equipment shall be whisper quiet models, unless previously approved by BBQ Committee.
19. No Fundraising of any kind is allowed during the BBQ Cook-Off by any Cook-Off Teams.
20. It is the responsibility of the contestants to see that their respective areas are kept clean at all times, and that the cooking sites are cleaned and policed following the Cook-Off Contest. Any space left in disarray or with trash, garbage, hay, etc... could result in non-acceptance in next year's contest and/or forfeiture of site location next year.
21. One trash receptacle will be provided for each cooking space. Pacesetters will periodically come around to empty trash receptacles and provide additional trash liners. Trash receptacles located in the BBQ Pavilion for use by the BBQ Committee are NOT to be removed from the Pavilion.
22. All equipment in your space must be removed Sunday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
23. The Brazoria County Fat Stock and Fair Association, Inc. WILL NOT be responsible for theft or damage to property.
24. All participants must comply with the Brazoria County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations printed in this catalog, unless otherwise specified.
25. The Barbecue Cook-Off area will be closed to the general public at the following times:

CLOSING TIMES:

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| Thursday, October 19, 2017 | 12:00 Midnight |
| Friday, October 20, 2017 | 12:00 Midnight |
| Saturday, October 21, 2017 | 1:00 am |

26. Fires must be wood or wood substances for chicken, ribs, briskets and fajitas. Contestants must take all precautions necessary to prevent fire hazards. All fires must be contained in a suitable manner. Contestants may be disqualified if precautionary measures are not followed or unsafe conditions exist.
27. Each cooking team will be required to have on site at each pit, for inspection at any time during contest, a fire extinguisher for types A, B & C fires, minimum five pounds that is in current date. One fire extinguisher shall be provided for each pit within your assigned areas. One large fire extinguisher will not suffice for multiple pits.
28. There are six cooking competitions. They are Beef Fajitas, Beans, Friday Night Feast, Chicken, Pork Ribs, and Brisket and will be judged as follows. Containers MUST be brought to the Pavilion before the judging time starts.

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| BEEF FAJITAS | 12:00 P.M. | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017 |
| BEANS | 2:00 P.M. | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017 |
| FRIDAY NIGHT FEAST | 7:00 P.M. | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017 |
| CHICKEN | 11:30 A.M. | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 |
| PORK SPARE RIBS | 1:30 P.M. | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 |
| BRISKET | 4:00 P.M. | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 |

29. Barbeque may not be sold to the general public.
30. Judges for all contest categories must be 21 years of age or older
31. Only judging meats (Beef Fajitas, Chicken, Pork Ribs, and Brisket) are to be placed in the judging container. No garnishing, condiment, sauce, foil or other items are permitted in or on the meat or container. Do not pour sauce, etc...onto any meat after finishing cooking it.
32. Only pinto beans allowed in bean contest. Any seasoning, meat, or garnish added must be smaller than the size of the bean, any larger will be disqualified.
33. The Friday Night Feast pan size is a 1/2 metal pan – 11¾" x 9 3/8" x 2 3/8". The pan must be covered with aluminum foil before it is delivered to the judging area. No alcohol of any kind shall be placed in the judging container, including beer, wine, jello shots, etc. Failure to comply will result in the entry being disqualified.
34. The chicken will not be tagged. In the chicken contest, you must submit one (1) one-half of a whole

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- chicken fully jointed—and no less than 12 cut up pieces of the other half of the chicken for judging in the same container.
35. Pork Spare Ribs will not be tagged. In the Pork Spare Rib contest, only Pork Spare Ribs will be allowed. Rib knuckles can be cut off if so desired.
 36. No contest BRISKETS will be allowed on the pits before tagging on Friday, October 20, 2017. Pre-cooked meat is not allowed. Contestants may start cooking any time after meat is tagged. A maximum of two (2) contest briskets will be tagged by the Chief Cook in the presence of the assigned committee person on Friday, October 20, 2017. Tag numbers will be recorded and the Chief Cook will verify and sign for the tags. The two (2) contest briskets must weigh approximately ten (10) pounds each. The meat must be raw and uncooked when tagged. Prior preparation, such as marinating and seasoning, is NOT permitted.
 37. The Chief Cook is responsible for insuring that the tag is placed in the heavy part of the meat and does not come out throughout the contest.
 38. The Brisket(s) to be judged must be cut off the tagged meat (either or both) and placed in the container in the presence of the assigned committee person. There will be no second cuts on brisket. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL START COMING TO WITNESS BRISKET CUTTING AT 3:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017. INDIVIDUAL CUTTING STATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EACH ENTRY, i.e. TEAM 1 WILL HAVE ONE CUTTING STATION, TEAM 2 WILL HAVE A SEPARATE CUTTING STATION.**
 39. In the brisket contest, the container is filled with meat and it will be secured by a committee member with security tape. A cooking team's representative will deliver container to judging area. Any tampering with security tape before it is delivered to judging area will result in disqualification of brisket entry.
 40. In the Brisket contest, sixteen (16) finalists will be selected. From these sixteen (16) finalists, trophies will be awarded for 1st through 12th place. We will also award an Overall Winner trophy. The Overall Winner trophy will be awarded using the points earned for the combination of brisket, ribs, and chicken contests only.
 41. We will post top 16 places by ticket number per category shortly after final awards are over at the Pavilion.
 42. Decisions of the Barbecue Cook-Off Contest Committee Chairman and Chairpersons will be final.

PREMIUMS

Barbecue Cook-Off Brisket winners will receive:

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| First Place | \$2000.00 | Additional Money Awards: | |
| Second Place | \$1000.00 | First Place Chicken | \$ 500.00 |
| Third Place | \$ 500.00 | First Place Ribs | \$ 500.00 |

OVERALL WINNER WILL HAVE ONE SPACE PAID FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR FOR THE BCFA BBQ COOK-OFF

2016 BBQ COOK-OFF OVER ALL HIGH POINT WINNER LOS AMIGOS

BARBECUE COOK-OFF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Barbecue Cook-off will present at least TWO \$1500.00 Scholarships to students selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Fair Association in 2017. Additional scholarships will be awarded based on total merchandise and raffle ticket sales.

2016 BBQ COOK-OFF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



PAST AND PRESENT BBQ COOKOFF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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| 2016 Skyler Bell | Columbia | 2009 Andrew Ingram | Heritage Academy |
| 2016 Taylor Williams | Danbury | 2008 Bianca Chambless | Angleton |
| 2016 Natalie Spillers | Danbury | 2008 Megan McNeil | Brazoria |
| 2016 Tara Otto | Manvel | 2007 Anthony McNeil | Rosharon |
| 2015 Mackayla McIntyre | Angleton | 2007 Dustin Valusek | Rosharon |
| 2015 Brent Garner | Robert Turner | 2006 Rayna Chambless | Danbury |
| 2015 James Payne | Sweeny | 2006 Robbin Follett | Sweeny |
| 2014 Tyler Sweeny | Danbury | 2005 Jenna Kay Reid | West Columbia |
| 2014 Andrew Stanton | Alvin | 2005 Kaci Mullins | Clute |
| 2014 Jacob Jakubec | Columbia | 2004 Kimberly Kresta | Brazoria |
| 2014 Collin Hopkins | Dawson | 2004 Sarah Ingram | Alvin |
| 2014 Jordan Brown | Angleton | 2003 Heath Woodall | Angleton |
| 2014 Haley Holder | Pearland | 2003 Sarah Wollam | Alvin |
| 2013 Justin Cole | Dawson | 2002 Angelina Fonseca | Lake Jackson |
| 2013 Shalea Gonzales | Pearland | 2002 Lindsay Allen | Alvin |
| 2012 Randelyn Roberts | Alvin | 2001 Curtis Sheffield | Pearland |
| 2012 Sarah Bolton | Angleton | 2001 Lonnie Walling | Rosharon |
| 2012 Zachary Bryson | Angleton | 2000 Amanda Christman | Pearland |
| 2012 Ashley Riley | Pearland | 2000 Erin Loggins | West Columbia |
| 2011 Clint Kresta | Columbia | 1999 Matthew Koether | Sweeny |
| 2011 Katherine Hall | Sweeny | 1999 Brian Simmon | Angleton |
| 2010 Jordan Symon | Pearland | 1998 Jeremy Wollam | Alvin |
| 2010 Jessica Williams | Angleton | 1997 Jeremy Peltier | Angleton |
| 2009 Tyler Pekar | Danbury | | |

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