



# Great Texas Mosquito Festival BBQ & Fajita Cookoff

Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> &  
Saturday, July 29, 2017

**Entry Fee: \$150.00**



All IBCA rules apply. Please read all rules at link below:  
<http://ibcabbq.org/wp-content/uploads/Sept-1-2016-Rules.pdf>

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(International Barbeque Cookers Association)  
Cash Payouts for Awards!**



**THIS YEAR ONLY!**

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**Added Money in All Categories!**

GTMF is proud to welcome Pitmaster Ernest Servantes  
Live demonstrations on Friday Evening

For Entry Forms & More Information Call:  
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International Bar-B-Que  
Cookers Association

**2017 COOK-OFF**

# The Great Texas Mosquito Festival Barbecue Cook-off

SANCTIONED BY IBCA (INTERNATIONAL BARBEQUE COOKERS ASSOCIATION)

- LOCATION:** Clute Municipal Park, Clute, Texas
- DATE:** Friday, July 28, 2017 & Saturday, July 29, 2017
- ENTRY FEE:** \$150.00 per team NON-REFUNDABLE. ALL TEAMS MUST BE ENTERED IN BRISKET DIVISION.
- CHECK-IN:** Friday, July 28, 2017
- JUDGING:** BEEF FAJITA DIVISION – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 29, 2017  
CHICKEN DIVISION - 12:00 p.m., Saturday, July 29, 2017  
PORK SPARE RIB DIVISION - 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 29, 2017  
BRISKET DIVISION - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, July 29, 2017
- AWARDS:** BEEF FAJITA DIVISION - 1<sup>ST</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Places – Trophies and Cash Payout  
CHICKEN DIVISION - 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Places – Trophies and Cash Payout  
PORK SPARE RIB DIVISION - 1<sup>ST</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Places – Trophies and Cash Payout  
BRISKET DIVISION - 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Places – Trophies and Cash Payout  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION-Trophy and Cash Payout  
GRAND CHAMPION - Trophy and paid entry into next year's cook-off and Cash Payout

**Competition Tray Pick Up Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.**

**IBCA Official Cooks Meeting Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm.**

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **There will be a Chief Cook's meeting on Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clute Municipal Park under the cook-off pavilion.** At this time, the rules will be discussed and explained. Any questions that you may have will also be addressed at this meeting. All returning teams from the previous year will be allowed to retain their previous spot/s, provided the application is turned in on or before the close of business (5:00 PM) **Friday, June 16, 2017.** If a returning team decides to purchase more spots than they had the previous year, they must pick their new spot/s in the turn their application is turned in. All new teams will also pick their spot/s in the order in which their application was received. All teams that have paid their entry fee or pays at this meeting will be allowed to pick their spot/s for the cook-off and pick up their armbands. **Extra armbands will be available for purchase. PRICE: TBA.**
2. Check-in will be from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017. Vehicle traffic going INTO the cook-off will cease at 4:30 pm. **ALL COOKOFF TEAMS MUST ENTER THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS THROUGH THE EMERALD DRIVE GATE. DO NOT TRY TO ENTER THROUGH ANY OTHER GATE.** All contestants must be set up before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017.
3. Contestants may not enter the contest area before 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017, unless committee opens gate at earlier time than 9:00 a.m.
4. The Cook-off Committee will provide one (1) 30'x30' space for every entry paid, area permitting, for this cook-off. **PROPS, TRAILERS, MOTORHOMES, TENTS, COVERINGS OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE TEAM'S EQUIPMENT MUST NOT EXCEED THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SPACE PROVIDED.** These vehicles **WILL NOT** leave the cook-off area until after announcement of winners on Saturday, July 29, 2017. **NOTE: Any display of alcohol related products other than the current sponsor of the Great Texas Mosquito Festival must be displayed facing to the inside of your cook-off spot.**
5. A team will consist of a chief cook and four (4) assistants.

6. Port-A-Cans can be rented for individual areas during the chief cook's meeting, Monday, July 24, 2017. Price TBA at the chief cook's meeting. **ONLY PORT-A-CANS PROVIDED BY THE FESTIVAL SUPPLIER ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE COOKOFF AREA.**
7. All teams must enter Brisket Division. There will be no extra cost to enter any of the other categories. Teams must have one (1) pit for each brisket entry.
8. **All meat shall be inspected any time from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017.** Contest meat may be on to cook any time after it has been inspected. Pre-cooked, salted or pre-marinated meat is not allowed. The Cook-off Committee can inspect all meats at any time. If your contest meat is not in your area when the committee comes around for inspection, it will be the team's responsibility to bring the brisket to the Cook-off Committee trailer no later than 9:00 p.m.
9. Fire must be wood or wood substance. No electric or gas fires will be allowed. The cook-off committee may inspect all pits at any time.
10. Contestants must supply all equipment and supplies needed. EACH PIT MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH AT LEAST A 10 LB. MULTI-PURPOSE AND/OR ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER. The Cook-off Committee will provide space only.
11. **All teams must supply some form of grease catch pan with absorbent for each pit and must be in use at all times.**
12. Holes or dug pits are not allowed.
13. **CANNED BEER WILL BE ALLOWED. GLASS BOTTLES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE COOK-OFF AREA. ALL PERSONAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST REMAIN IN THE COOK-OFF AREA. DUE TO T.A.B.C. (TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION), YOU MUST HAVE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A CUP IF YOU CROSS THE STREET TO ENTER THE MAIN FESTIVAL GROUNDS. THE CHIEF COOK WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES GIVEN AWAY AT HIS/HER COOK-OFF SITE TO A GUEST OR TEAM MEMBER. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST BE BROUGHT IN ON FRIDAY BEFORE 5:00 P.M.ANY ADDITIONAL CANNED BEER MAY BE PURCHASED ON FESTIVAL GROUNDS BY THE CASE (16 OZ. CANS).**
14. **ACCORDING TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE AND THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION (TABC), NO ALCOHOL CAN BE IN POSSESSION OF/OR BE CONSUMED ON PREMISES AFTER 12:15 AM ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND 1:15 AM ON SATURDAY NIGHT DUE TO THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS (CLUTE MUNICIPAL PARK) BEING A PUBLIC PLACE AND FALLING UNDER THE STANDARD HOURS AREA. PLEASE BE SURE TO CONSUME YOUR BEVERAGE AND NOT HAVE IT IN YOUR POSSESSION BY THESE TIMES, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT RISK RECEIVING A CITATION AND/OR BE ARRESTED. PLEASE SEE SECTION 105.06 OF THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**
15. **ABSOLUTLEY NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED TO BE TRANSPORTED IN COOLERS OR ANY OTHER CARRIER ACROSS THE STREET TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FESTIVAL. THIS INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO ANY TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATING ON SATURDAY IN THE HORSESHOE AND/OR WASHER PITCHING CONTESTS.**
16. **ALL AMPLIFIED SOUND MUST BE TURNED TO A MINIMUM NO LATER THAN 10:00 P.M. TEAM SHALL RECEIVE ONE WARNING FROM A COOKOFF COMMITTEE MEMBER. SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN TEAMS DISQUALIFICATION. VULGAR AND/OR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE OR MUSIC WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
17. **ALL ITEMS BROUGHT IN BY A COOKOFF TEAM MUST BE REMOVED WHEN THE TEAM LEAVES THE COOKOFF SITE.**
18. Ice will be sold at the cook-off pavilion. Price and Size TBA.
19. Armbands will be given to the chief cook and four (4) assistants at the chief cook's meeting or at the time of check-in. These armbands will be put on at time of check-in. The armband will be your ticket to enter the festival grounds at the walkthrough admission gates during festival hours. Without an armband on your arm, you will have to pay the gate admission fee. **Armbands will be enforced at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017.** Please do not try to pass the armbands, as this will be grounds for immediate disqualification.

20. **When gates close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017, there will be no further vehicle traffic in the contest area until after the announcement of winners on Saturday, July 29, 2017. Any movement of vehicles after 5:00 PM on Friday will result in immediate disqualification.**
21. Vehicles will not be allowed to park in the parking lot across the street from the cook-off without a proper permit, if vehicle has a parking permit it must be displayed on vehicle at all times when on park property inside festival fencing, any vehicle found not having proper permit WILL be towed at vehicle owner expense.
22. **After announcements of winners on Saturday, July 29, 2017, cook-off teams will have two (2) hours to pull out. Please have all vehicles out by this time unless you are planning to stay until Sunday, July 30, 2017.**
23. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH TEAM TO SEE THAT THE CONTEST AREA IS KEPT CLEAN AND POLICED FOLLOWING THE CONTEST. ANY SPACE LEFT IN DISARRAY OR WITH LOOSE OR BUNDLED TRASH AND GARBAGE WILL DISQUALIFY THE TEAM FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION. DUMPSTERS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOUR TRASH DISPOSAL.**
24. **Beef Fajita judging                    10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 29, 2017.  
Chicken judging                        12:00 p.m., Saturday, July 29, 2017.  
Pork Spare Rib judging                2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 29, 2017.  
Brisket judging                         4:00 p.m., Saturday, July 29, 2017.**

An official clock will be used to facilitate the judging. All beef fajita turn ins will be requested at 9:50 a.m. and must be delivered to the designated Cook-off Official before 10:10 a.m. No turn ins will be accepted after 10:10 a.m. All chicken turn ins will be requested at 11:50 a.m. and must be delivered to the designated Cook-off Official before 12:10 p.m. No turn ins will be accepted after 12:10 p.m. All pork spare ribs turn ins will be requested at 1:50 p.m. and must be delivered to the designated Cook-off Official before 2:10 p.m. No turn ins will be accepted after 2:10 p.m. All brisket turn ins will be requested at 3:50 p.m. and must be delivered to the designated Cook-off official before 4:10 p.m. No turn ins will be accepted after 4:10 p.m. All judging will be in three (3) phases: Preliminary, Semi-Finals, and Final Judging. Each team will provide enough meat for preliminary, semi-finals, and final judging as stated in quantities below. The Official Cook-off Judges will handle the final judging.

Per IBCAS Rules: <http://ibcabbq.org/wp-content/uploads/Sept-1-2016-Rules.pdf> Please Read All Rules.

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Chicken	2 halves (with breast, wing with tip (visible not tucked under), thigh and drumstick with skin on)
Pork Spare Ribs	9 individual ribs (bone in-St. Louis cut acceptable)
Brisket	9 full slices (approx.. 1/4"- 3/8" thick recommended)

25. **THE CHIEF COOK WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF HIS/HER TEAM MEMBERS AND GUESTS. EXCESSIVE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.**
26. **Protests of any teams, equipment, or meat must be turned into the Contest Committee no later than one (1) hour prior to judging. The Cook-off Chairman reserves the right to make additional rules as the situation warrants. Decisions of the Cook-off Committee, and the judges are final.**
27. For more information, contact the Clute Parks and Recreation Office at 979-265-8392 or Duane Cowley at 979-417-5234 or Parker McGowen at 979-665-8007 or email your question to [acowley@mosquitofestival.com](mailto:acowley@mosquitofestival.com).

**COOK-OFF ENTRY FORM**  
**SANCTIONED BY IBCA (INTERNATIONAL BARBEQUE COOKERS ASSOCIATION)**

Please circle all categories entered:

**Brisket**

**Beef Fajita**

**Chicken**

**Pork Spare Ribs**

Completed entry form and release form on reverse must be submitted for each cook-off team entered. Cash, Money Order or Cashier's Check only will be accepted. Make Money Order or Cashier's Check payable to the City of Clute. **Applications must be received at the Clute Parks Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 16, 2017 to guarantee your same spot from the previous year. All applications received after 5:00 p.m. will go into the drawing.** Entry fee is \$150.00.

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

CHIEF COOK: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP

**FOUR (4) TEAM MEMBERS**

NAME	COMPLETE ADDRESS	PHONE
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Equipment Description (Motorhome, Pit, etc.) To be in cook-off area.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chief Cook

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Applicants (Team Name) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agrees to allow the City of Clute Parks and Recreation Department and the Great Texas Mosquito Festival Committee to use any and all pictures, statements, videotapes or any other publicity related information or materials for the further promotion of these or similar events or promotions.

**Chief Cook is responsible for the conduct of his/her team members and guests.**

CHIEF COOK'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information and to mail entries:

City of Clute  
C/O Great Texas Mosquito Festival  
100 Parkview Drive  
Clute, TX. 77531

**OVER**

**RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

The undersigned (the "Permittee") does hereby represent unto the City of Clute, in Brazoria County, Texas, ("the City"), that he or she is eighteen (18) years of age or older, or if not, that his or her parent/guardian has also signed below and that Permittee is in proper physical and mental condition and has all the equipment and training necessary to participate in the GREAT TEXAS MOSQUITO FESTIVAL, on the \_\_\_\_\_ days of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, ("the Festival"). As consideration for the Permittee being permitted to participate in the Festival in the capacity requested in the application to which this form is attached, Permittee and if the Permittee is a minor, then his or her parent/guardian, hereby RELEASES the City and it's officers, gents, employees, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims for liabilities, damages, expenses, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of court which the Permittee and if the Permittee is a minor, which his or her parent/guardian may have against them, or any of them, arising out of the undersigned's participating in the Festival. The Permittee and if the Permittee is a minor, then his or her parent/guardian hereby covenants not to file any action at law or in equity against the City and its' officers, agents, employees, successors, and assigns, from all liabilities, damages, expenses, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of court which they or any of them may suffer or incur, jointly or severally, as a result of any claim made against them, or any of them, by the Permittee and if the Permittee is a minor, by his or her parent/guardian or any other persons, associations or corporations whomsoever, arising out of the Permittee's participation in the Festival.

**SIGNED the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.**

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Signature of Permittee

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Signature of Parent/Guardian  
(If Permittee is under 18 years of age)

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