



**CALVERT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S  
CUTOFFS, COOZIES AND COUNTRY MUSIC  
BBQ COOK-OFF - MAY 6, 2023  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Head Cook:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Members:** 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORIES	FEE	QUANTITY SELECTED
Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs	\$150	Only one entry per team
Beans	\$15/Entry	
Open Category: Any	\$15/Entry	
Full RV Hook-Up (NO SEWER)**	\$75	
Water/Electric Only (NO RV)**	\$50	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:</b>		
Deco/Costume Contest	No Fee – please let us know if you are participating - Y/N	

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED **BY APRIL 28, 2023!** Confirmation letters will be emailed. Late registrations accepted until May 5, 2023, providing there are spaces available. Late registration will be assessed an additional late fee. For those wishing to pay via credit/debit card, we will accept the payment at the time of check-in; if paying by card, please email registration packet prior to deadline to [info@calverttxchamber.com](mailto:info@calverttxchamber.com).

Please mail completed applications and payment to: Calvert Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 132, Calvert, TX 77837 – ATTN: BBQ Cook-Off. Checks should be made payable to: Calvert Chamber of Commerce

## BBQ COOK-OFF RULES

1. A team can consist of no more than one head cook and four (4) assistant cooks. The head cook is responsible for the behavior of his/her team and the tidiness of his/her location. Your area must be free of trash at all times. Please utilize the numerous trash cans provided throughout the Cook-Off location.
2. Check-Ins will begin on Friday, May 5, 2023 at 12:00 NOON. Your space will be assigned first come, first serve as applications with full payment are received. There are a total number of 16 RV spaces available, so those spaces will be limited. See additional information below for details. A map will be provided at check-in. All of your equipment and accessories must be contained within assigned space. No exceptions! Please note, if you would like to be placed next to another team, we will make every effort to accommodate those requests, but we cannot guarantee this. Noise must be kept to a minimum after midnight. No exceptions. There **will be** security on site.
3. Due to limited space, no vehicles will be allowed inside the cook-off area; however, there are parking spots surrounding the perimeter of the lot. All others will need to be moved after unloading. No vehicles will be allowed in the cook-off area after 7:30 p.m. You are responsible for towed vehicles if you are parking in a prohibited location.
4. Please ensure all meat is fresh and prepared in the most sanitary way possible. Be prepared to sample your meat if asked. All mixing, prepping, seasoning, cooking, etc. will be done within the team's assigned cooking space. Inspections will take place after check-in. Once your inspection is complete, you may begin processing your entries. Entrants who do not adhere to this rule will be disqualified and asked to leave the premises immediately.
5. ALL MEAT MUST BE COOKED IN A BBQ PIT, SMOKER, OR GRILL, NO OTHER COOKING DEVICES ARE ALLOWED. Propane grills are acceptable. Cooking should be done in a way that prevents the threat of a fire. No cooking methods that would involve a hole/crevasse dug in the ground will be allowed. All registrants will be required to HAVE A STANDARD FIRE EXTINGUISHER AT THEIR COOKING LOCATION. No exceptions. You will be asked to show this at the time of inspection.
6. The Cook's Meeting will be held Friday evening, May 5, 2023 at 8:00pm. One person from each team will be required to attend this meeting. Competition containers will be provided at this time. DO NOT MARK YOUR CONTAINER IN ANY WAY. Entrants caught marking containers will be disqualified and asked to leave the premises immediately.
7. There will be two tickets taped to each container. One number is for the judges and the other number is for you to identify your entry. One number must be left on the container or YOUR ENTRY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
8. You are responsible for getting your entry to the assigned area in a timely manner and within the time limits set. Once you submit your entry, you will not get it back. TIME LIMITS WILL BE ENFORCED. Entries may be turned in 10 minutes prior to the deadline, but no entries will be accepted after the scheduled time. Entries arriving after the scheduled turn-in time will not be accepted.

9. **IMPORTANT**: The Calvert Chamber of Commerce has hired security to patrol the BBQ Cook-Off site overnight; however, you are responsible for your BEHAVIOR and your PERSONAL BELONGINGS INCLUDING PETS AND CHILDREN. The Calvert Chamber of Commerce will not be held responsible for lost or stolen items or injuries/loss to any registrant, animal or person associated with registrant, or the consequences of poor behavior. In the event of an emergency, CALL 911! We reserve the right to remove, or refuse entry to, anyone not following the rules or behaving in a manner deemed disruptive. If you are removed, you will forfeit any application fees previously paid.

### **ENTRY GUIDELINES & PRESENTATION**

1. Sauces, garnishes, marinades, sop or juice can be used for cooking **only**. These, or any other identifying garnishes may not be added to your entry for turn-in.
2. Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs – Entry fee is for one or all three. No multiple entries of a meat allowed (for example, only one brisket entry, only one chicken entry and only one pork rib entry per team – you do not have to submit all three, but the entry fee will not be adjusted should you choose not to turn in all three meats).
3. Brisket – entries will include one, ¼ inch “show” slice of brisket plus 15 bite-sized pieces for judging.
4. Chicken – entries must only include one “show” piece and 15 bite-sized pieces of your choice (white, dark, or both), no bone-in bite-sized pieces.
5. Pork Ribs – entries include one full rib with bone-in, along with 15 bite-sized pieces (1-2 inches in length).
6. Beans – NO CANNED BEANS. Must be cooked from dry pinto beans only – MAKE YOUR MOMMA PROUD! You may cook your beans with any seasonings, spices or meats you choose, but there should be no pieces bigger than a bean in your entry cup.
7. Open Category Any – Wild Card Entry of Your Choice (this can range from an appetizer to a dessert) – the number of entries for the open wild card category are not limited but must be fully prepared at your cook location on your grill, pit or smoker. No advance preparation allowed. You will be judged on flavor and creativity! You will turn in 15 samples of each entry.
8. You will be provided with containers for your entries. Specialty containers for open category will need to be provided by your team; however, all 15 must fit in your competition container (standard size to-go box).

### **JUDGING**

Your entry will be judged on Appearance, Aroma, Taste, Texture, and Creativity (for open wild card category). Judging is blind.

### **JUDGING PART 2 - THE FUN PART**

Cutoffs, Coozies and Country Music is a fundraising event for the Calvert Chamber of Commerce. This is our first year to host a BBQ cook-off, so we are not sanctioned with IBCA or CTBA so our rules are somewhere in between. We are going to have an additional, FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS ONLY contest the night before. There will be no monetary prize for this one, but your winning

certificate can be displayed the day of the event for all the bragging rights you can get! You could be FACEBOOK famous! The Category: Cook Site Decoration and/or team member costumes! Bring the FOOD and the FUN!

### **AWARDS & PRIZES**

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will receive monetary prizes, as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries in each of the meat categories. Places 3-5 will receive ribbons and certificates. **Prize money will be based on a 70% pay-out determined by the number of entries received.**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

We have 24 total spots with water faucets and electricity, 16 of which can accommodate RV's. There is a possibility of an overflow area; however, there will be no electric or water at that location. It's important you get your application in as quickly as possible to ensure you get the space you need.

\*\* There are 4, 25 X 40, 30 AMP RV spots available. There are 2, 20 X 40, 30 AMP RV spots available. There are 10, 20 X 40, 50 AMP RV spots available as well. You must indicate whether you need a 30-AMP or 50-AMP spot. All spots will be assigned as applications arrive and are paid.

\*\* There are 8, 20 X 40 spots with no RV hook-up available. Again, first come, first serve. All spots have water and 110 power outlets, EXCEPT for overflow areas (where you must provide your own water and power).

\*\*\*\* THERE IS NO SEWER AND NO DUMP STATION – PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND IF YOU ARE BRINGING AN RV.

### **ENTRY TURN-IN TIMES**

Open Category Any – 11:00 am

Beans – 12:00 pm

Chicken – 1:00 pm

Pork Ribs – 2:00 pm

Brisket – 3:00 pm

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

4:30pm

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Mailing Address: Calvert Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 132, Calvert, TX 77837

Email: [info@calverttxchamber.com](mailto:info@calverttxchamber.com) (if you are paying by credit card at check-in, please email your registration packet in advance). Make sure you reference BBQ Cook-Off in the Subject Line of your email. Our Website: [www.calverttxchamber.com](http://www.calverttxchamber.com)

Contact Phone Number **for BBQ Cook-Off ONLY** – 979-219-0400

Calvert Chamber Phone Number – 979-459-3030

**I have read, understand and agree to abide by all rules provided herein. I also understand that this is not a sanctioned event but a fundraiser being held by the Calvert Chamber of Commerce.**

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**Signature of Registrant/Legal Guardian**

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**Date**