



Hector Mendieta Memorial Scholarship Fund Inc.

Tunes & Tails BBQ Cook-Off

Cooking Rules

February 09 & 10, 2018

In honoring a great man, may great things happen for others!

The Tunes and Tails BBQ Cook-Off Committee welcomes you to the 2nd Annual Hector Mendieta Memorial Scholarship Fund Inc. Tunes & Tails Fishing Tournament and BBQ Cook-Off. All teams are required to submit an entry form to this event. A completed entry form entitles the cooking team to one space at a rate of \$250.00 (including 5 wrist bands for the concert following the Cook-Off) or \$200.00 (without 5 wrist bands for the concert following the Cook-Off). For the entry to be considered complete, payment must be received prior to allowing any teams to select their space. Spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and no space will be held without an entry form and fee being paid.

1. **Entry Forms:** Teams must submit entry forms and payments for the 2017 Tunes & Tails BBQ Cook-Off on or before the date of the event. To ensure the proper size of shirt for each team member, entry fees and payments must be received on or before **February 09, 2018**.
2. **Team Competition:** Each team must have a head cook and can consist of up to 4 other team members. Each team must HAVE and COOK on their own pit and team members may not cook for more than one team during the competition. Each Head Cook is required to attend the Head Cooks' Meeting Friday, September 15, 2017 @ 7 PM. The Head Cook is responsible for the operation of the team space and all team actions within or outside of the designated space by members or guests of his or her team. The Head Cook must be available to the Cook-Off Committee when necessary. Each team may be responsible for providing one tasting judge at least 18 years of age. This person may not be intoxicated and CANNOT be the Head Cook. Each team that pays \$250.00 as their entry fee will be provided 5 wristbands to gain access to the concert events during the entire weekend.
3. **Cooking Categories and Rules:** Cooking categories to be judged will be:
 - a. **Brisket, Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs, Beans and Hector's Choice**
 - i. Quantities for turn in will be announced at the Head Cooks' meeting. All meat must be raw. No pre-marinated meat is permitted prior to start of event. Meat will be inspected by BBQ Committee BEFORE being allowed to select team space. **No garnish or sauce may be in turn-in tray for judging.** The use of sauce is permitted during cooking, but should be well cooked into the meat. It may not be ladled, spooned or otherwise placed on the meat during turn-in for judging. Judging containers will be provided prior to the Head Cooks' Meeting. Food for judging turned in using containers other than those provided by Head Judge will be disqualified.
Hector's Choice: Must be cooked onsite and cannot be one of the competition meats. **Head Cook's significant other must be willing to eat it in front of BBQ Committee Member! (Not required, but trying to avoid gross entries).**
4. **Equipment: The Tunes and Tails BBQ Committee will provide teams with space only.**
 - a. Teams must provide all necessary equipment and supplies. Each team must provide drip pans and ground protection during pit use. All teams are required to have a fire extinguisher present with a current tag during all times of coking. Committee personnel will randomly inspect for fire extinguishers. Props, trailers, motor homes, RV's, tents, generators, coverings and/or any other part of the team's equipment is the sole responsibility of the cooking team and may not extend past the designated team space.

- i. Fire holes or open pits are not permitted.
- ii. Pit fires must be from wood or wood substance (Charcoal). BBQ pits may utilize the use of propane to start fires only.
- iii. No gas or electric cookers allowed except to cook the beans (crockpots).

Event staff is not responsible for theft and/or any type of damage to equipment of Cookers (Pits, Vehicles, Campers, belongings, ETC).

5. **Cook-Off Set Up Times:**

- a. Set up time begins at 8 AM Friday, February 09, 2018. If a Head Cook has not completed, signed and submitted a registration form **AND** paid before 09/15/2017, the team will not be able to park in a spot and begin set up until all registration and payment is received.
- b. All teams will need to complete set up by 9:00 PM Friday. During set up time, all equipment may be brought in and set up. Immediately upon completion of set up, all motorized vehicles need to be removed from the cook off area.
- c. Cook-Off sites will be approximately 30'X40' or as otherwise marked. A team's equipment and decorations must fit within the marked/designated areas.
- d. There will be no electricity or water provided.
- e. All tent structures or canopies must be secured.

6. **Behavior and Conduct:**

- a. Head Cooks are responsible for the conduct of team members and guests.
- b. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be ground for disqualification. ***Under NO circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be given to minors. Each team must monitor its own area as it pertains to minors.***
- c. Event security and BBQ committee members will be permitted to all areas of the Cook-Off, including tents, etc. Security will have authority to handle matters in accordance with the law.
- d. No alcohol, goods or food sales are permitted to the general public.
- e. Team alcohol consumption should be limited to team and guests on Friday and Team only for Saturday. The event will be selling beer as a fund-raising activity.
- f. There will be no lewd or inappropriate acts or behavior allowed on the grounds of the event by cooks, guests, staff, etc. Any cooks found participating in or allowing inappropriate activities in cooking areas will be disqualified from the Cook-Off, cookers event will be shut down and the team involved will be removed from the premises immediately as deemed by Event security and the Law.
- g. Disqualified teams will not be allowed to participate in future Tunes & Tails Cook-Off's or events.

7. **Housekeeping:**

- a. Each team is responsible for cleanup within its assigned space.
- b. Cleaning is expected in a timely manner throughout the event. This is a charity event with food being provided to the public. The use of clean cooking methods and cooking areas is expected.
- c. Teams are to provide trash bags or liners. Trash pickup will be provided periodically, so please ensure that trash bags are tied, not packed full and are ready for pickup.
- d. ***Upon checkout, each team is required to pick up and remove trash, debris, food, etc., and place in the dumpster provided.***

8. **Entertainment:**

- a. Live entertainment (i.e., bands, singers, karaoke, etc.) will not be allowed in team tents. ***This is a charity event. Entertainment will be provided for fundraising purposes.***
- b. PA's and radios are allowed, but must be played at a reasonable volume level. A security officer will determine excessive noise and any requests made to teams to be turned down or shut down must be obeyed.
- c. A noise curfew will be in effect from midnight to 7:00 AM during the event. **Please, no excessively loud music anytime.**
- d. ***Any questions regarding security officer requests not being obeyed, see Behavior and Conduct section.***

9. **Transportation:**

- a. ***The use of motor vehicles in Cook-Off area will be prohibited during event hours.***
- b. Hours of vehicle operation will be posted with event registration.
- c. The use of golf carts and UTV's will be allowed in Cook-Off area only by team members and only for the purpose of restocking supplies, turn in food, etc. The use of any motorized vehicle in pavilion area or near/by general public will be prohibited.
- d. The use of motorized vehicles in an unsafe manner at any time as deemed by Security officers or Event committee members will be grounds for disqualification and removal from event.
- e. Guest and general public are not allowed to bring or operate golf carts, motor vehicles, bicycles, roller skates, skate boards, remote control toys, or any other motorized vehicle except wheelchairs into contest/event area.
- f. The use of drones is not allowed in contest/event area at any time.
- g. ***Security officers and event committee members have the discretion to remove any drone or flying device by use of shotgun.***

10. **Cleanup:**

- a. **Prior to leaving, it is the team's responsibility to see that designated cooking area is clean.**
- b. All fires must be put out. Any concrete blocks or other building materials used must be hauled away.
- c. Dumpsters provided are for trash only.
- d. All equipment, including tents, canopies, campers, BBQ pits, etc., used by Cook-Off teams must be removed by 12:00 PM Sunday, February 09, 2018.
- e. Any space left in disarray, bundled or loose trash, not thoroughly cleaned will disqualify team from future participation in Tails and Tunes events.

ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION AND/OR EVICTION FROM EVENT. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO MINORS. THE TUNES AND TAILS EVENT, FOUNDATION, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, ASSOCIATES, SPONSORS, STAFF, EVENT CHAIRS, COUNTY, ETC., WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, THEFT OR DAMAGE TO PERSONS AND/OR EQUIPMENT.



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