

OFFICIAL COOKING TEAM APPLICATION
For the 2023 WING DANG DOODLE FESTIVAL

Wing Cooking Contest

Gaddis Park, Forest, Mississippi

September 30, 2023 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Team Name: _____

Chief Cook & Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

****Entry Fee is \$25.00****

**** Chicken Wings will be provided for each team****

All wings will be judged in one category, regardless of the preparation method.

1st place-\$1000

2nd place-\$750

3rd place-\$500

4th place-\$250

5th place- \$100

Most Spirited Booth-\$250

Complete payment of entry fee must be included with this application.

Deadline: September 11, 2023

An information packet will be sent to each team after this deadline.

Make checks payable to:

Forest Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 266

Forest, MS 39074

(601) 469-4332

Check the best that describes your set up

Grill on trailer _____ Food Truck _____ Other _____ (please describe)

Length and Width of trailer/food truck _____

Chief Cook: _____ Date: _____

Gaddis Park is an alcohol and drug free facility.

WING DANG DOODLE FESTIVAL RULES AND REGULATIONS 2023

We are excited that you have chosen to be a part of the 18th annual Wing Dang Doodle Festival. Below are the rules and regulations made by the Wing Dang Doodle Cooking Team Committee.

1. All teams must be prepared to accept wings Saturday morning, September 30th, at 7 a.m. and be responsible for proper storage and safe handling while in team's possession. Wings may be picked up on Friday, September 29th, at 4 – 5:30p.m. at Gaddis Park at the Tyson Food trailers. You can receive your booth number at that time or by calling (601)507-1202. **Quantity of wings picked up on Friday will be verified on Saturday morning. All teams will need to have a representative at the team briefing meeting @ 7:45am Saturday morning at the stage to get final judging instructions.**
2. We ask that there be NO solicitation at the cooking team booths. If you would like to distribute information or sell items, please purchase a vendor booth. Vendor booths will be located between stage and pavilion.
3. Each team could be cooking up to 80 to 120 lbs. of wings. All wings shall be cooked on site. Preparation of the wings is allowed off site, but all wings must be cooked on site.
4. Cooks are to prepare and cook wings in a sanitary manner. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by judging committee. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be immediately corrected or team shall be disqualified.
5. Open pits or ground fires are prohibited.
6. Chamber will provide whole wings to teams. Preparations such as folding or cut up are at the discretion of the team so long as cooked wings are presented bone in.
7. All wings will be judged in the same category regardless of the preparation method.
8. Teams will be provided with paper trays and napkins to serve ticket holders. All other materials including tents, tables, and supplies are the responsibility of each team.
9. Each team designated area must be cleaned and trash bagged upon completion of festival. Garbage bags will be provided by the chamber at the team meeting.
10. Wings will be served to ticket holders starting at 10:30 am until teams run out of chicken. Ticket holders shall receive 1 wing per ticket. Passing out more than 2 wings or giving away wings will result in disqualification! Team must collect tickets. Each team will need a container to collect tickets at their booth. Tickets received by team from ticket holders cannot be re-used. Each team will be given an envelope. When the team is sold out of wings, team is to count the tickets, place them in the envelope and fill the envelope out. Then, turned it into the hospitality tent.
11. No more than 10 tickets can be taken per person at a time and that the wings must be served only in the paper trays provided by the chamber.

12. Turn in time for judging will be provided to each team when wings are picked up. If your wings are not ready at the time specified, you could be disqualified.
13. A Styrofoam tray will be provided for entries. An entry shall consist of the equivalent of 10 whole wings.
14. Entry tray shall not be altered in any way. Only wings shall be included in entry tray. Garnishes, condiments, or decoration of any kind are prohibited.
15. Judging will be based on a secret double number system. Two sealed envelopes will be attached to the judging tray. **Remove the envelope from the top of the judging tray. Fill out ALL requested information on the enclosed card. Keep the card until the winners are announced. The envelope on the bottom must not be removed or opened. Do not write anything, anywhere on the judging tray or the envelope attached to the bottom.**
16. You must have the card to claim your prize, and the Chamber of Commerce office must have all of the information in order to direct the prize money to the correct person, group or team. Winners will be announced by number and not by team name. **Remember** to keep the envelope and card that you removed from the top of the judging tray.
17. Cash Prizes will be awarded in each category along with Trophies.
 - a. First prize-\$1,000
 - b. Second Place-\$750
 - c. Third Place-\$500
 - d. Fourth Place-\$250
 - e. Fifth Place-\$100
 - f. Most Spirited Booth-\$250
18. Most Spirited Booths will be selected by the wing judges after all wings have been judged.
19. The judging of wings shall include three criteria. Appearance, texture & tenderness, and taste. Each criterion shall be weighed equally. In the event of a tie, taste will be the first tie breaker, followed by appearance.
 - a. Appearance is simply whether or not the wing looks appetizing. Torn skin, burnt skin, broken bones, and sauce retention are factors.
 - b. Texture & tenderness evaluates the outside and inside of the wings. Under cooked or over cooked wings is a factor. Any undercooked wings served to the judges will disqualify entry immediately.
 - c. Taste is the most subjective criteria. The personal preference of the judge is the main factor.
20. **Award ceremony will be at 2:30pm. Team must be present to receive their awards. No vehicles can enter the inside of the circle until the award ceremony is over.**
21. All rules and decisions made by the Wing Dang Doodle Executive Committee are final.
22. Gaddis Park is a drug free, alcohol-free facility.
 - If you have any questions during the festival, representatives will be at the hospitality tent to help you.