

Jim Wells County Fair Cook-Off

Dear Friends and Cook-Off Teams,

On behalf of the Jim Wells County Fair Association, I invite you and your Cook-Off Team to our 1st Annual Bar-B-Que Cook-Off to be held Friday and Saturday, **October 18th and 19th, 2024**, in Alice. The Cook-Off will again be in conjunction with the kick-off weekend to our Jim Wells County Fair. Again, the proceeds from the Cook-Off will go to support our sale entries, general scholarship fund, and other charitable activities.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Cook-Off rules, *tentative* turn-in times (please look on the reverse sides of all pages for additional information), and an entry form. You can also find a copy of all forms on our website at: www.jimwellscountyfair.com Our event is IBCA sanctioned and representatives from the IBCA will be on hand to oversee the judging. If you would like to be a part of our annual Cook-Off please mail or fax the entry form to me at the address provided.

Will again have a limited number of electrical and water hook-ups available for \$100 while supplies last. However, as the numbers of entries grow, it may be difficult to fulfill all requests. We will try, but cannot promise to fill all requests. All pits, trailers and trash will have to be removed by 6 pm Saturday October 19th, 2024.

As a reminder, the Committee organizes the Cook-Off event, but anything having to do with alcohol sales and consumption is entirely under the direction of Fairgrounds management. The purpose of our BBQ event is to help support Jim Wells County Fair and the hardworking young people involved. Fairgrounds' concessions and catering staff will be selling any and all alcoholic beverages (beer) to contestants and the public during our event and have strict laws to follow. You may phone or fax the information to the Fairgrounds.

We look forward to your participation and a great Cook-Off weekend.

Thank you,

Kim Scarborough
BBQ Cook-Off Coordinator

1st Annual Jim Wells County Fair Cook-off

Benefiting the Youth of Jim Wells County

++ IBCA Sanctioned ++

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Jim Wells County Fairgrounds

Alice, Texas

****** *Cash Prizes* ******

Categories: Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs, Brisket, and Beans (50/50 Jackpot)

OFFICIAL RULES

Administration

- One team per pit, maximum 5 members per team.
- **The bar-b-que contest will be located at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds.**
- Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. The bar-b-que management will provide space only.
- The Jim Wells County Fair Association and the sponsors are not responsible for any theft or damage.
- The bar-b-que chairman reserves the right to make additional rules or regulations as situations warrant.
- Decisions of the Committee Chairman and Judges are final.
- All teams must have paid their entry fee, and check in and set up their space between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18th, 2024. The Committee Chairman must be notified for earlier or later Check-in.
- Move out time will be after Awards on Saturday, October 19th, 2024.
- There will be trash cans and dumpsters on site, but it will be each team's responsibility to keep their area clean and safe. **YOU MUST DISPOSE OF ALL YOUR OWN TRASH INTO THE LARGE DUMPSTERS.**
- Each team will be allocated an approximate space (at least 30 ft X 30 ft.) Props, trailers, motor vehicles, tents, etc. or any part of the contestant's equipment may not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. **Each team is restricted to one (1) vehicle in the space.**
- Spaces with water and electrical hook-ups are limited and will be assigned on a first come basis when teams sign up and must be paid in advance.
- Stakes of any kind may **not** be driven into the pavement.
- The chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of their team and guests.
- **ALCOHOL will be sold on site, NOTE: State Law requires that you must be 21 years of age to consume alcohol. Anyone violating this law will be accountable for the consequences.**

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- Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification.
- No rude or obnoxious behavior will be tolerated. We ask that you not blare your music and respect others' requests to turn it down. Music volume should be kept to a minimum after 10:00 p.m. and completely shut down by midnight. **Blaring music and/or rude behavior will not be tolerated. After a warning, offenders may be disqualified.**
- Vehicles must fit in your assigned spot. For safety reasons, no vehicles should move within the BBQ cooking area after 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.
- Please park vehicles in an orderly manner outside of the cooking areas to allow for the flow of traffic. Violators may be towed.
- We ask that trash be placed in the provided cans and dumpsters.
- No pets or other animals will be allowed in the contest area. (Seeing eye dogs are the only exception.)
- For safety reasons, no golf carts, ATV's, bicycles, scooters, hover boards, skateboards, water balloons, water guns, sling shots, firearms, etc. will be allowed in the contest area.
- Failure to comply with the above measures may lead to disqualification and requests to leave the premises.

Cooking/Judging

- ***IBCA Contest Rules Apply - Contest Rules Available at the Link Below***



- <https://ibcabbq.org/organization-documents/>
- All teams entering the brisket category will turn in seven (8) full slices. All teams entering the rib category will turn in seven (8) full pork spare ribs. All teams entering the chicken category will turn in one (1) fully jointed complete chicken half.
- NO Pre-cooked Beans allowed. Pre-soaking of beans is permitted.
- **Overall Grand and Reserve winners will be based on all three categories: chicken, ribs, brisket.**
- Turn in times are: Beans: 11:00 am, Chicken: 12:00 pm, Ribs 1:30pm and Brisket: 3 pm.
- **NO GARNISH or SAUCE** is allowed in the tray at turn-in. Meats may be cooked with sauce and/or other liquids, but once the cooking is complete, sauces and/or liquids cannot be added after the meat is placed in the judging tray.
- All entries must be cooked over wood or wood substance fires.
- Teams may not share cooking equipment or entries. Each space must have a separate cook and equipment.
- More details at the **Chief Cooks Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening.**
- Samples for the public are appreciated.

General Information

- Beer and sodas will be sold during the Cook-off.
 - The Jim Wells County Fair Occ-Offi will go on rain or shine!!
- For Additional information, contact Kim Scarborough @(361)537-9978 or the Fair Office

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