

1st Annual Houston Summer Fest BBQ Cook-off

This event sponsored by the City of Houston is to raise funds for local charities, The Food Pantry and CASA.

This year is a non-sanctioned Cook-off, and the following rules will apply:

1. Contestants may begin checking in on Saturday before the competition begins at **4:00** a.m. The deadline for check-in is 6:00 a.m. Meat will be inspected at check in.
2. Teams will consist of one (1) Chief Cook and up to four (4) team members. Each team must cook on their own pit. Each team shall provide their own meats. All meats must be cooked on site.
3. All fires to prepare meat in this contest must be of wood/wood products, or charcoal. No gas or electric cooking equipment will be allowed for contest meats. Propane may be used to start your fire. No fires will be allowed on the ground and/or dug pits permitted. Please provide ash cans. **Each Team Must Bring An UP to Date Tagged Fire Extinguisher.**
4. Pre-seasoning or cooking of any meat shall not begin until it has been inspected. This will be done during check-in.
5. Chief Cook shall be responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests. The excessive use of alcoholic beverages shall be grounds for disqualification. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be **sold/provided** to anyone not in your group.
6. It is the responsibility of the Bar-B-Q team to see that the contest area is kept clean, and the area is clean following the contest. If you leave your area trashed, you will not be invited back. Each Bar-B-Q team is responsible for the safety in their cook site. Monitor spectators and the public at your site.
7. Please keep music to a minimum, respect your neighbors. This is not the battle of the speakers. Keep speakers turned towards your cook spot.
8. Entry fee will be \$50.00 per team (Remember this is a fundraiser). Each team will be allowed one cook spot. A second additional (joining) spot is available for an additional \$50.00. **(This does not allow for an additional team entry.)** Pop-up trailers and motorhomes are not allowed, equipment may not exceed the boundary of the contestants' assigned space. All sites are primitive. Electricity and water at any specific sites may/may not be available.
9. Cooks Meeting is at 6:00am. on Saturday morning. Containers will be provided at this time. **This is a mandatory meeting. All Chief Cooks must attend. In addition to covering important times and rules, each team will be provided a container for participation in the Peoples' Choice BBQ Category.**

Meat categories will be collected at 1:00 p.m. Chicken, 2:00 p.m. Pulled pork, 3:00 p.m. Tri Tip, and JackPot Beans At 4 p.m. A ten minute window is allowed five minutes before and five minutes after. Judging trays turned in after that time will not be accepted for judging.

Categories:

1. **Tri Tip** – Each Team should submit seven slices of cut ¼” thick inch judging container. No garnishments. This Tri Tip will be judged.
2. **Pulled Pord**– Each team wishing to enter this event shall provide a half pound portion of pulled pork .
Chicken – ½ fully jointed (wing tips and all)
3. **Peoples’ Choice** – Collected at 4:00 p.m. This award will be given to the team that raises the most donations collected by giving samples to guests and spectators, most creative BBQ site, and friendliest cooks.
4. **Jackpot Beans** – Each team interested will cook beans on site and turn in containers provided with nothing larger than the bean in it.

Recognition and Awards Ceremonies will be conducted at 5:00 PM.

We ask that everyone have a truly safe and enjoyable time. The City of Houston, local businesses, and/or anyone associated with the Summer Fest Cook-Off will not be responsible for theft or damage to equipment, or bodily injury of any kind. Decisions of the Committee Chairperson and judges are final. Thank you in advance for participating in the City of Houston Summer Fest Cook-Off BBQ Fundraiser.

Summerfest BBQ competition registration

Name: _____
 Team Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State Zip: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Team Members:

VENDOR CONTESTANT FEE OF \$50.00 _____ (Any or All)
 Brisket -- Pork Spare Ribs -- Chicken

CONTESTANT FEE \$30.00 _____ (Any or All)
 \$10.00 _____ Jack Pot Bean

Total Amount Paid: _____

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Signature of Head Cook: _____

Submit/Mail
Entries to:
Kevin Buck
601 S Grand Ave
Houston MO. 65483