

**Lexington 45th Homecoming
Bar-B-Que Cook-Off On The Square
Friday April 30 and Saturday May 1, 2010**

Meat Category Rules and Instructions

1. Contestants

- A. By order of the City of Lexington, **no pits** are allowed in the cook-off area until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and spaces will be assigned.
Pit check-in will be Thursday 5:00 - 9:00 P.M. and Friday 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
- B. There will be a **MANDATORY** head cook meeting at 7:00 PM on Friday. Each team's chief cook will be responsible for his/her team members. Any changes will be discussed at this time.
- C. Each team **MUST** keep their area clean. ****ABSOLUTELY NO GLASS CONTAINERS!!!!****.
- D. **ABSOLUTELY NO VEHICLES** in the cook-off area. All RV's and/or travel trailers will be kept on the street at the back of the cookoff area with spaces behind assigned by Cookoff officials.
- E. The Cook-off will be held on the Northwest side of the square next to the Chamber Building.
- F. Each team will provide their own equipment and pits to cook their own meat.
- G. **IMPORTANT:** The chief cook is responsible for the conduct of their team members and/or visitors in their assigned area. We will absolutely not tolerate any under-age drinking. A team may be disqualified if found providing liquor to under-aged individuals. Intoxicated or boisterous individuals should be asked to leave, or a police "escort" will be provided. Please let's keep the cook-off area a friendly, family-oriented, fun event for everyone.
- H. **Any teams cooking and providing crawfish/shrimp in large quantity are asked to keep their area clean of the waste. The Mason's Lodge patio should not be used by cook-off teams or their visitors to eat crawfish/shrimp. Teams that are not in compliance with this rule will either not be allowed the following year.**

2. Cooking

- A. Use only "brisket" in the beef division, "pork ribs" (not country style) in the pork division, and a whole "chicken" in the chicken division.
- B. Each brisket must weigh at least 8 pounds, pork ribs must weigh at least 4 pounds, and chicken must weigh at least 1 1/2 pounds.
- C. All meat will be inspected by Cook-off official prior to cooking.
- D. All meats may be pre-seasoned and must be cooked on premises.
- E. All fires for Bar-B-Que must be wood or wood substance. No open pit fires allowed.
- F. Each team will cook their own meat.
- G. All Bar-B-Que Pits **MUST** be removed from the premises no later than **3:00 P.M.** Sunday and your area cleaned before you leave.

3. Meats to Turn In

- A. Brisket: 7 slices no thicker than a No. 2 pencil
- B. Ribs: 7 complete ribs individually cut
- C. Chicken: 1/2 chicken uncut.
- D. Foil is allowed at turn-in, however, the foil must just cover the bottom of the container (small square). The foil will be removed prior to judging.

4. Judging

- A. Turn in times will be staggered: Chicken @ 12:00, Pork Ribs @ 1:00 and Brisket @ 2:00
- B. Judging will begin at 12:15 P.M. on Saturday.
- C. The top five in each division will be auctioned off.
- D. Prizes will be awarded for top 5 places in each division, also Master Cook prize.
(Beans and Open not included)
- E. Auction will begin at approximately 4:00 P.M. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Chamber.

5. Awards

- A. Each team placing in the top five will be required to furnish a fully cook meat appropriate for the category won (example: complete slab of ribs, a full brisket, whole chicken). This will be given to the purchaser of your category.
- B. Each Buyer will be given a certificate for their purchase. The Buyer will present the certificate for redemption of the meat purchased to the cook team. The cook team will bring the certificate to the Chamber building to receive their prize money.

6. Entries and Fees

- A. There will be an entry fee of \$60.00, of which 60% will be jackpotted as prize money.
- B. If you are entering all the categories: Jackpot Beans, Jackpot Open and Meat, the total fee will be \$80.00. Jackpot categories are \$10.00 for each contest.
- C. For more information contact:
Kevin Allen at (512) 461-2011 or email cowboywaydesign@aol.com or lexingtonchamber@verizon.net
- D. **Disclaimer form must be signed and returned with entry form for entry to be valid.**
- E. Early entries may be mailed to:

Kevin Allen
PO Box 27
Lexington, TX 78947

OR

Seal your entry and disclaimer form with payment and drop through the mail slot at the Lexington Chamber office.

Make checks payable to Lexington Chamber of Commerce.