

2009 HERITAGE GATHERING BBQ COOK-OFF

Benefiting 2009 Heritage Scholarships

Saturday May 2, 2009

IBCA SANCTIONED ~ STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**Set-up -All Day- Friday, May 1st
Austin County Fairgrounds - Overnight Camping Allowed**

50% PAYBACK

ENTRY FEE \$100 PER TEAM & 1 COOKED BRISKET

BRISKET, PORK SPARE RIBS, ½ CHICKEN

**JACKPOT BEANS & MARGARITAS:
\$20 Additional Fee ~ MUST pay full Registration Fee**

ON TIME DEADLINE: April 10, 2009

Entries may be accepted until date of event, with a late fee of \$25.00

Due to large number of teams expected, we may refuse late entries

Awards Ceremony Saturday at 5:30pm

Make checks payable to **Heritage Gathering** Mail entries to
Heritage Gathering BBQ Cook-Off, 13 East Main St., Bellville TX 77418

Forms, rules and information about the Heritage Gathering available at 979-865-3407,
www.heritagegathering.com or E-mail: bellvilleheritagegathering@sbcglobal.net

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BBQ COOK-OFF Registration Form
May 1 - 2, 2009

Team Name: _____

Head Cook: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Additional Team Members

Team Registration and Entry Fee – \$100.00 before April 10, 2009

Team Registration and Entry Fee – \$125.00 after April 10, 2009

**All spaces will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. All spaces are approximately 40X40.*

***Electricity (\$25.00 additional fee) and water hookups are available on first come, first serve basis.*

****Generators will be allowed.*

All checks made payable to: Heritage Gathering
Mail Registration and Entry Fees to: Bellville Chamber of Commerce
ATTN: Heritage Gathering
13 East Main St.
Bellville, Texas 77418

Registration and Entry Fee may also be dropped off at:
The Bellville Chamber of Commerce located at 13 East Main St., Bellville, Texas 77418.

Please check off all categories you will be participating in:

Brisket Pork Spareribs ½ Chicken

Jackpot Beans *ADD \$20.00 additional Entry Fee. Must pay full Registration Fee.

Margaritas *ADD \$20.00 additional Entry Fee. Must pay full Registration Fee.

We shall indemnify, defend and hold The Heritage Gathering, Austin County Fair Association, The City of Bellville, and IBCA, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any and all claims, suits, actions, damages and causes of action which the Heritage Gathering, Austin County Fair Association, The City of Bellville, and IBCA may incur arising out of any personal injury, bodily injury, loss of life or damage to any property, or violation of any relevant federal, state or local law or ordinance, or other cause, resulting from the following services, operations, event or use of the property authorized pursuant to the Heritage Gathering BBQ Cook-off. I have read the rules of the event and agree to abide by all rules, including those of the Austin County Fair Association and City of Bellville facilities.

Head Cook Signature: _____

For more information or questions, please visit our website at www.heritagegathering.com
Or contact Ernest McCoslin at 832-541-4051 or heritagegathering@sbcglobal.net

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Rules & Information
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1. **TEAMS & ARRIVAL:** A contestant or team consists of one (1) chief cook and no more than four (4) assistants. Teams may check into the BBQ Cook Off grounds between Noon and 10:00 pm Friday, May 1, 2009 or between 6:00 and 8:00 am on Saturday, May 2, 2009 but **MUST** be in place by 8:00 am on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Limited vehicle use on Cook Off grounds will be allowed after 10 pm, Friday May 1st.
***Chief Cooks meeting will be held at 8:00 am Sat. May 2, 2009 at Cook-off Headquarters.**
2. **COOKED ON SITE** – All meats will be cooked on-site, as defined in the IBCA By-Laws without pre-cooking or marinating. Random inspections may be performed to assure that meat is not prepared prior to the official start of competition as defined by the promoter.
***Meat will be inspected at check in.**
3. **SANITATION** - Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by IBCA judging committee. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be immediately corrected or the cook will be subject to disqualification.
4. **ENTRIES PER PIT** - IBCA recognizes only one entry (one chief cook) will cook on a given pit. Notwithstanding, multiple entries in the same category by the same cook and multiple entries from the same piece of meat **shall not** be allowed.
5. **BBQ PIT** - Any commercial or homemade, trailered or untrailered, pit or smoker normally used for competitive barbeque. Also, **BYC** (Backyard Cooker) - Any cooking device by design or nature that is inherently portable and by design is intended for recreational cooking. A BBQ Pit may include gas or electricity for starting the combustion of wood or wood products but NOT to complete cooking.
***A fire extinguisher shall be readily available.**
****No open ground fires are allowed.**
6. **CATEGORIES** – Cook-off promoters shall advise contestants in advance of applicable meat categories and/or cuts of meats and/or types of cookers.
The categories are as follows:
Beef Brisket
Pork Spare Ribs
Chicken – one half (1/2) fully jointed domestic chicken that includes a breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick. **(NO Cornish Game Hens)**
Beans – dry Pinto Beans cooked on site – nothing larger than the bean to be put into the turn-in cup.
Margaritas – must be prepared on site.
7. **DOUBLE NUMBER SYSTEM** - The system requires that two tickets bearing the same number be utilized, one firmly attached to the top of the judging tray in a manner which hides the number and the other ticket easily removed by the head cook for retention. Winning number will not be revealed until time to announce each place in each category. At that time, the secret numbers attached to the tray/cup will be removed and announced to allow unbiased voting.
8. **JUDGING TRAYS** - Styrofoam tray with hinged lid and without dividers or the best readily available judging container which is approximately 8 inches square on the bottom half. A single sheet of aluminum foil should be supplied in each tray. All judging containers shall be clean and free of any markings. Marked containers may be disqualified at the Head Judge's discretion. Cooks are responsible for insuring that the containers they receive remain clean and undamaged.

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9. **JUDGING TRAY CONTENTS** – The Head Judge will advise all cooks of the exact quantities and cuts of meats that will be placed in the judging trays. This will normally be accomplished at the cook's meeting. The Head Judge or designated representative will inspect all trays at the time of turn-in in order to assure compliance with the turn-in criteria. All garnishes and condiments are prohibited, as they do not reflect true quality of the cooked meats. Meats may be cooked with sauces, but once the cooking is complete, sauces cannot be added before the meat is placed in the judging tray. **(No pudding in the bottom of the tray.)**

Recommended amounts are as follows:

Brisket:	seven (7) full slices approximately 1/4" to 3/8" thick
Pork Spare Ribs:	seven (7) individual cut ribs (bone-in)
Chicken:	1/2 fully jointed chicken (to include breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick. (NO Cornish Game Hens))

**Amounts are subject to change at judge's discretion.*

10. **TURN-IN TIME** - Turn-in times for each category shall be pre-set. Once this time is set and/or announced no changes will be made. A turn-in window of ten (10) minutes before and after the set turn-in times will be recognized. Judging trays received after that time will not be accepted for judging.

Tentative Turn in Times:

Friday Night

8:00 pm Margaritas

Saturday

11:00 am Beans

1:00 noon Chicken

2:30 pm Ribs

4:00 pm Brisket

11. **JUDGES** - A minimum of five (5) judges per table will be utilized during initial judging. Subsequent levels of judging will utilize a minimum of seven (7) or a maximum of nine (9) judges per table. **Head Cooks are prohibited to participate as judges.**
12. **JUDGING QUANTITY** – Judges will assign a score from 1 to 10 for each tray sampled. A maximum of Twenty (20) trays or containers will be assigned to each judging table. Judges will not be required to sample and judge in excess of this number during any event. It is recommended that a predetermined number of top results from each preliminary judging table be sent on to the subsequent levels of judging.
13. **ANNOUNCING WINNERS** - Announcements of winners will be based on the number of competitors in each category. Two (2) or more people will verify the ticket numbers. If the number of entries is less than ten (10), all places will be announced.
14. **PRIZES** – A Grand Champion will be named at the Heritage Gathering cook-off. In the event of a tie for Grand Champion, brisket will be the first tie breaker, followed by ribs, then chicken, and then by any other category.

Jackpot Awards for Jackpot Beans and Margaritas:

Prize money will be based on number of entries and paid as follows:

1st 25% of entry fees

2nd 15% of entry fees

3rd 10% of entry fees

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- 15. SOUNDS** - Music and or sound equipment within your team area is allowed. However, excessive loud and/or sounds that interfere with announcements, or which intrude upon or interfere with fellow contestants will not be allowed or tolerated. Offenders will receive no more than three (3) warnings from the contest organizers. Non compliance will be grounds for disqualification from the cook-off and expulsion from the cook-off grounds.
- 16. ANIMALS** – Due to the large volume of people that will be in attendance at this event, and the possible volume of music that may be played, it is suggested that teams do not bring pets with them. However, if you have a large crowd friendly/loud noise tolerant/well mannered pet that will not be a distraction to anyone and you choose to bring them, they must be on a leash or kenneled at all times even in your competition space.
- 17. MOVE OUT** - Contest area must be cleared out by Noon on Sunday, May 3, 2009. All cook sites must be cleared before moving out. *Absolutely no ashes, beans or trash left on cook sites.*

ADDITIONAL RULES:

1. The Heritage Gathering BBQ Committee has the right to modify or expand these rules and regulations.
2. Only two service vehicles will be allowed in each team's area.
3. The Chief Cook of each team will be held responsible for the conduct of its members and any persons who are or have been in his/her team space.
4. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages or possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in violation of Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code by a member of a team or person in the contestant's space could be grounds for disqualification and eviction from the Contest.
5. Each contestant must comply with all pertinent laws and ordinances, including without limitation, City of Bellville, Austin County and the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.
6. No alcoholic beverages are to be served to anyone under the age of 21.
7. No glass containers.
8. All liquor in bottles must be kept out of sight.
9. Holes or dug pits are not permitted. Heat shields must be used for cookers capable of damaging surface of contest area. No open flames of any kind are permitted (e.g. tiki torches or camp fires).
10. Each team must bring a fire extinguisher.

Thank you for participating in this year's event!
Have a great time and GOOD LUCK!