

American Legion Sam Houston Post 95 13th Ever Chigger Hill
BBQ Cook-off Saturday May 4, 2019 Rules & Regulations

All cook-off teams are required to submit an entry form for this event. The entry application and entry fee entitles the cooking team to one cook-off space and entry fees for brisket, pork spare ribs, pork (butt or shoulder) and chicken at a rate of \$200.00. Entry fees must be received at time of application. No credit can be extended. All checks should be made payable to the **Sons of the American Legion** and mailed to the attention of **Susan Giroux** at 1919 American Legion Dr., Huntsville, Texas 77320. Spaces are on a first-come/first-serve basis and no space will be held without application and fees. These rules may be changed at any time by the Cook-off Committee.

1. **Cook-off Entry:** Entry forms will not be accepted without full payment of entry fee and are accepted on a first-come/first-serve basis until all spaces have been taken.
2. **Team Composition:** Each team must consist of one (1) Head Cook and up to four (4) team members. Each team must have and cook on their own pit. Cooking team members may not cook for more than one team in the competition. Each Head Cook is required to attend the Head Cook's meeting at 6:00 pm on Friday. The Head Cook is responsible for the operation of the team space and all actions by members and guests of their cooking team within or outside of the designated space. The Head Cook must be onsite and available to the BBQ Committee if necessary. Each team may be responsible for providing one tasting judge that is at least 18 years of age for each judging category, must not be intoxicated and cannot be the Head Cook.
3. **Competition Categories and Rules:** Meat categories to be judged will be brisket, pork spare ribs, pork (butt or shoulder) and chicken. The base entry fee of \$200.00 includes the cook-off space, brisket, pork spare ribs, pork (butt or shoulder – shredded, chunks, pulled or sliced) and chicken. Quantities for turn-in will be announced at Head Cook's Meeting. All meat must be raw (no pre-marinating) prior to check-in. ALL MEAT IS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION DURING CHECK-IN. No garnish or sauce may be in tray at turn in. You may cook with sauce but it may not be ladled/spooned or otherwise placed on the meat at turn-in. Official turn-in times will be announced at the Head Cook's meeting. There will be a 10-minute window before and after stated turn-in times. All judging will be done in accordance with IBCA rules. If you have any questions, ask at the Head Cook's meeting. Contestants must be at least 18 years of age to participate for cash prizes.
4. **Additional competition categories:** Additional competition categories include Beans (dry pinto only), Bloody Marys, Margaritas and Open (any meat other than 4 main meats). The entry fee for each of these additional categories is \$15.00. First, second and third place trophies will be presented for the best decorated camp.
5. **Cook-off Site Setup Times:** Setup will be on Friday beginning at 12:00 pm (noon) and ending at 6:00 pm. At 6:00 pm vehicle access to the cook-off area will be blocked for security purposes. No extra vehicles will be allowed in the cooking area after 6:00 pm. Any vehicle parked outside of the cook-off teams boundaries after the designated time may be towed at the owner's expense. In case of emergency, shuttle carts/vehicles will be provided to move supplies for teams. Sites will be approximately 40' x 40' or as otherwise marked. Team equipment and decorations must fit within the area assigned. No electricity or sewer is available. Most spaces have water and will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Porta-cans will be provided. All tent structures or canopies must be secured with tent stakes, water barrels or other weighted devices. Digging of holes into the ground is prohibited.

6. **Equipment:** Cooking teams will be provided with a space only. Cooking teams must supply all necessary equipment and supplies. All teams are required to have a fire extinguisher present during times of cooking. Committee personnel may randomly inspect the cooking team's equipment. All equipment is the sole responsibility of the cooking team and may not extend at anytime outside of the designated cooking team space. Fire holes or open pits are not permitted.

Propane heaters are permitted for heating purposes but will be used at the discretion and responsibility of the team using them. BBQ pit fires must be wood or wood substance (charcoal). BBQ pits may include gas or electricity to start natural fiber substances to complete cooking.
7. **Entries Per Pit** - Each team must have and cook on their own pit. More than one pit can be used by an individual team but pits cannot be shared by multiple teams. Only one entry in each cook-off category can be submitted for Judging by a given team.
8. **Behavior and Conduct:** Head Cooks are responsible for the conduct of their team members and guest.
 - a. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification. Under NO circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to anyone under the age of 21. Each team must monitor its own area as it pertains to minors. Cook-off committee members or their agents will be permitted to all areas of the cook-off and will have authority to handle matters in accordance with the law.
 - b. No drinks, goods or food sales are permitted to the general public by anyone except those authorized by the cook-off chairman.
 - c. There will be no lewd, violent or inappropriate acts, behavior or events allowed on the grounds of the BBQ cook-off by cookers, guest, staff, etc.
 - d. All minors must be properly supervised at all times by an adult parent or guardian. Any person having a minor deemed by the Security Officer to be unruly or dangerous will be asked to leave the premises immediately.
 - e. All pets must be leashed and properly supervised at all times. Any person having an animal deemed by the Security Officer to be unruly or dangerous will be asked to leave the premises immediately.
9. **House Keeping:** Each team will be responsible for cleanup within their assigned space in a timely manner. Garbage cans will be provided. Periodic trash pick-up will be provided. Each team should bring an additional supply of trash liners for their own use. Upon check out each team is required to place excess trash, debris, etc. in the dumpsters provided.
10. **Entertainment:** Outside live entertainment (bands, karaoke, singers, etc.) will be allowed in team cooking areas. PAs, radios, live entertainment, etc shall be played at a reasonable sound level. Excessive noise will NOT be allowed between the hours of 12:00 am and 7:00 am. Any entertainment (skits, shows, demonstrations, contests, etc.) must be requested in writing, for committee approval, when entry form is submitted. **Pyrotechnics of any kind are strictly prohibited.** Requests made by the Security Officer for noise to be adjusted must be obeyed.
11. **Transportation:** The use of motorized vehicles is prohibited in the cook-off area between 8:00 pm on Friday and 6:00 pm on Saturday except for cook-off committee members. Mobility vehicles and motorized wheel chairs are allowed only for those in need of such devices.

12. **Restocking:** Vehicles will be allowed to re-enter the BBQ Cook-off grounds for restocking purposes on Saturday from 8:00 am to 10:00 am and then extra vehicles must be removed from the cooking areas no later than the 10:00 am ending time. There will be no exceptions to this rule except with the consent of the cook-off chairman.
13. **Judging and Awards:** Full measures will be taken to insure that judges will not know whose entry is being judged by using a secret, double number system. Judging will be performed in accordance with IBCA rules and guidelines and their decision will be final. Cooking teams are required to have a representative present and claim tickets must be available.

Guaranteed 100% Payout

Cook-Off Categories and Prize Money:

Grand Champion: 7.00% and trophy
 Reserve Grand Champion: 5% and trophy

Brisket, Ribs, Pork (butt or shoulder) and Chicken:

1st place: 7% and trophy 2nd place: 5% and trophy 3rd place: 4% and trophy
 4th place: 3.5% 5th place: 2.5%

Bloody Mary, Margaritas, Beans and Open:

1st place: 100% of category entry fees and trophy
 2nd and 3rd place: trophy

Best Decorated Camp:

1st, 2nd and 3rd place: trophy

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion:

To qualify for Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion a team must enter all 4 meat categories (brisket, pork spare ribs, pulled pork and chicken). The winner is determined by the highest combined score of all 4 meat categories. In case of a tie for Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion, brisket points will be the first tie breaker, followed by ribs, then chicken then pork (butt or shoulder), then jackpot beans, then open if necessary.

14. **Clean Up:** It is the responsibility of the contestants to see that their cook-off space is cleaned and all trash is taken to the provided dumpster prior to leaving. All fires must be extinguished and concrete blocks and other building materials and props must be removed from site. All equipment used by the team (including tents, canopies, RVs, etc.) is to be removed from the site by 4:00 pm on Sunday. Any property left on the premises after 4:00 pm Sunday will become the sole ownership of the Post 95 BBQ cook-off committee. Any space left in disarray or with loose or bundled trash, other than at trash containers, will disqualify the team from future participation in Post 95 BBQ cook-off events.

Any violation of these rules may be grounds for disqualification, eviction from the BBQ cook-off and/or denial of future participation. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to anyone under the age of 21. Each team must monitor its area as it pertains to these rules. The American Legion Post 95, the Sons of the American Legion, the American Legion Riders, the IBCA organization and all volunteers will not be held responsible for accidents, theft or damage to persons and/or equipment.