

2010 GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.
33rd Annual BBQ Cook-off
Sponsored by: Miller Lite
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LOCATION: Galveston County Fairgrounds, Jack Brooks Park, Hwy 6

ENTRY FEE: ALL EVENTS - \$250.00 per team, per spot NON-REFUNDABLE
Brisket is Mandatory with your choice of other entries. One entry each per spot
ENTRIES MUST BE PAID BY MARCH 5, 2010 OR SPOT(S) WILL BE FORFIETED

CHECK-IN: Thursday, April 15, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Friday, April 16, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

JUDGING: 7:00 p.m. FAJITA DIVISION --- Thursday, April 15, 2010
1:15 p.m. CHICKEN WING DIVISION --- Friday, April 16, 2010
6:00 p.m. BBQ CHICKEN DIVISION --- Friday, April 16, 2010
9:00 p.m. CHILI DIVISION --- Friday, April 16, 2010
12:00 p.m. PORK SPARE RIB DIVISION --- Saturday, April 17, 2010
3:15 p.m. BEEF BRISKET DIVISION --- Saturday, April 17, 2010

AWARDS: TROPHIES & PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

1st through 5th Place in the following divisions will receive Trophies & Prize Money

Chicken Wing Division, BBQ Chicken Division, Beef Fajita Division, and Pork Spare Rib Division

1st Place \$1,150.00
2nd Place \$700.00
3rd Place \$ 500.00
4th Place \$ 450.00
5th Place \$ 350.00

Beef Brisket Division – 1st through 10th Place – Trophies

1st through 5th Place – Prize Money
1st Place \$1,150.00
2nd Place \$ 700.00
3rd Place \$ 500.00
4th Place \$ 450.00
5th Place \$ 350.00

There will be an overall trophy and \$750.00 given to the best overall cooking team.

CHIEF COOK'S MEETING: SUNDAY, March 28, 2010, 1:00 P.M.

THE SPOT YOU HAVE THIS YEAR WILL BE YOURS (CHIEF COOK) AS LONG AS YOU PAY FOR YOUR SPOT(S) BY THE DEADLINE FOR THE COOK-OFF. SPOTS NOT PAID BY MARCH 5, 2010, WILL BE GIVEN TO PEOPLE ON THE WAITING LIST (CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS APPLY).

1. Cook-off teams participating in both the Seafood and BBQ Cook-offs can remain setup in their BBQ spots for the entire span from check in on Friday, April 9th at 10 AM through check-out on Sunday, April 18th at 8 AM if entry is fully paid (all BBQ spots) for both events. Some restrictions apply.
2. If a Cook-off Team does not occupy the paid Cook-off spot(s) for 2 consecutive years the team forfeits the spot(s) back to GCF&R.
3. Team Names on the Entry Form at the time of payment will be the official name of the team and WILL NOT change for the 2010 BBQ Cook-off, NO EXCEPTIONS.

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4. **There is NO LONGER a bean division. The bean division has been replaced by the Chicken Wing division.**
5. **The Chicken Wing division can include in the sample the whole wing, wing tip, drummettes or a combination.**
6. **Chicken Wing division samples CANNOT be fried.**
7. **Chicken Wing samples can be in the style of hot wings, BBQ wings, or any other flavor option.**
8. **ENTRIES WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 270 SPOTS PAID IN FULL and received at the Fair Office by March 5, 2010! No more than 270 spots will be available for the contest. Chief Cooks from the 2010 Cook-off have preference until March 5, 2010.**
9. **The Cook-off Committee will place the Cook-off Teams reserved port-a-cans in the teams spot within the space only. It is the Cook-off Teams responsibility to move the port-a-can to the desired area for your spot.**
10. The West Cook-off Entry Gate will close at Noon on Thursday, April 15th and will not open on Friday, April 16th. All traffic must enter through the East Cook-off Entry Gate at that time.
11. **FRYING OF ANY MEAT SAMPLE IS NOT ALLOWED.**
12. BBQ Chicken samples cannot include hearts, livers, gizzards, feet, tail, neck, wingtips, drummettes or feathers. BBQ Chicken samples cannot include bacon wrapping, stuffing or condiments in the sample container. If assorted chicken pieces or half bird is submitted wings can be included in the sample container. Wings ONLY are not permitted in the BBQ Chicken Division.
13. Beef Fajita is to be the BEEF SKIRT STEAK CUT ONLY (sirloin steak or any other cut is not allowed).
14. The Cook-off Superintendent and/or Cook-off Committee Members can inspect any cook-off area at any time, with or without cause, to determine rule compliance.
15. Cook-off Teams are responsible for providing their own trash cans and bags.
16. Any Cook-off Team who has had previous incidents involving personal injury or inappropriate behavior will not be invited to participate in future events.
17. Any Cook-off Team requiring assistance with unloading, moving, or placing equipment (i.e. air conditioners, generators, refrigeration units, trailers, etc.) must request assistance by signing up on the Equipment Movement list located at the Cook-off Committee Building. Equipment will be moved on a first come, first serve basis only per the placement on the list. Equipment will not be moved if this process is not followed.
18. No vehicles will be allowed to park in the designated Vendor/Sponsor and Committee Reserved parking areas at any time. This area is located directly outside the West Cook-off Gate. All vehicles parked in these areas are subject to tow without notice.
19. Extra cook-off arm-bands will be \$20.00 each. This will allow the wearer entry to the fair on Wednesday, April 14 through Saturday, April 17, 2010.
20. **ONE ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR EACH SPOT**
21. There will be a Chief Cooks meeting on Sunday, March 28, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at the Galveston County Fairgrounds. The rules will be explained at this time. Any questions that you may have will be addressed at this meeting. Armbands and vehicle passes will be distributed to the chief cooks at this time.
22. A team will consist of a Chief Cook and up to four (4) assistants.
23. All Team Members must be 21 or older.
24. ALL participants will be required to sign and return an Indemnity Form. Please make certain all team members have signed the Indemnity Form before the Chief Cook's meeting on March 28, 2010 or you will not be allowed to participate in the Cook-off.
25. Teams with 4 or more spots will be allowed to move onto the fairgrounds on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. All vehicles must be removed by 3:00 p.m. as the gates will be locked. No further vehicle traffic will be allowed after 3:00 p.m.
26. All Teams having Private Entertainment (i.e. D.J.'s, Bands, Karaoke, etc.) must read and complete Attachment "A" of the rules.
27. All Teams having Private Security must read and complete Attachment "B" of the rules.
28. All teams renting a tent must read and complete Attachment "C" of the rules.
29. No tents will be set in any cook-off spots without the Chief Cook or representative being physically onsite during the tent placement to assure proper location. Phone calls to the Chief Cook or representative to determine proper location will not be allowed. If a tent is improperly placed it is the team's responsibility to have the tent placed in the appropriate spot. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
30. Participants may not enter the contest area before 10:00 am, Thursday, April 15, 2010 unless the team has 4 or more spots.
31. Check-in will be from 10:00 am until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the EAST Gate, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the WEST Gate, and from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2010, EAST GATE ONLY. All participants must be set up before 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 16, 2010.
32. All teams on the West side (spots 1-110) of the cook-off area will be required to enter the cook-off through the commercial exhibit gate (West gate). If you are in these spots please line up on the Concrete

- Road on the West side of the fair grounds, follow the designated signs. Thursday morning April 15, 2010 we will lead you on to the fairgrounds. If you are in this section you will be given a BLUE vehicle pass, which is only good for the commercial exhibit gate (West gate). If you are in the other areas of the cook-off you will be given a YELLOW vehicle pass, which is only good at the cook-off gate (East gate). On Thursday, April 15 after 12:00 p.m. and on Friday, April 16, all teams on the West side (spots 1-110) must enter through the EAST gate, as the West gate will not be open. Your BLUE vehicle pass will grant you entrance into the EAST gate ONLY after the West gate closes.
33. Cook-off teams on the West side of the cook-off area will be given two BLUE vehicle passes per spot. Cook-off teams on the East side will be given two YELLOW vehicle passes per spot. This pass must be displayed on the dash of your vehicle. Any vehicle without a pass will be towed from the cook-off area.
 34. Arm Bands will be given to the Chief Cook and assistants (maximum of 5 arm bands) at the Chief Cooks meeting or at check-in. These arm bands will be your ticket to enter on Wednesday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m., Thursday at 10:00 a.m. April 15th and Friday at 10:00 a.m. April 16th, if you are without your armband, you will be required to pay admission. Please do not try to pass the arm bands, as this will be grounds for immediate disqualification.
 35. All teams parking campers (travel trailers) outside of YOUR cook-off spot must park them in the designated camper parking area only. Contact the fair office to reserve your spot. If your camper is found to be parked in any area other than a designated spot it will be towed.
 36. When the end gates close on Thursday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. there will be no further vehicle traffic until Friday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. On Friday, April 16th at 2:00 p.m. the EAST in-bound gate will be closed to further traffic. At 3:00 p.m. Friday, April 16th all exit gates close and there will be no further vehicle traffic allowed in the contest area until Sunday morning, April 18th at 8:00 a.m. Driving in the cook-off area after the gates close is prohibited such action will result in disqualification from all events. All vehicles on the cook-off grounds after the gates close must be within their own cook-off spot and cannot be moved until gates open on Sunday morning, April 18th.
 37. Check out is Sunday morning, April 18, 2010. All vehicles, pits, trailers, generators, tents, etc. will not be moved from check in until check out on Sunday morning. There will be no movement of vehicles until that time.
 38. All persons without team armbands will be required to leave the fairgrounds at 2:00 a.m. All persons with armbands are to be in their own spots. All loud music will be turned off at this time.
 39. The Cook-off Committee will provide one (1) approximate 30 x 30 foot space for each cook-off spot, area permitting, for the cook-off. Props, trailers, motor homes, tents (including stakes), coverings, or any other equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the space provided. Spaces are not always back to back or perfectly square. Map is not drawn to scale.
 40. Participants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. Cook-off Committee will provide space only.
 41. An official cook-off clock will be at the Cook-Off Committee Office. All Fajita Division samples will be requested at 6:45 p.m. and shall be delivered to the designated Cook-off area by 7:00 p.m. All Chicken Wing Division samples will be requested at 1:00 p.m. and shall be delivered to the designated Cook-off area by 1:15 p.m. All BBQ Chicken Division samples will be requested at 5:45 p.m. and shall be delivered to the designated Cook-off area by 6:00 p.m. All Pork Spare Rib Division samples will be requested at 11:45 a.m. and shall be delivered to the designated Cook-off area by 12:00 p.m. All Beef Brisket Division samples will be requested at 3:00 p.m. and shall be delivered to the designated cook-off area by 3:15 p.m. Judging in all categories will be in two (2) phases depending on the amount of entries.
 42. CHICKEN WING DIVISION – Entry Optional: Chicken Wings (wings, wing tips, or drumettes) ONLY
BEEF FAJITA DIVISION – Entry Optional: BEEF SKIRT STEAK CUT ONLY
BBQ CHICKEN DIVISION - Entry Optional: two birds recommended
PORK SPARE RIB DIVISION - Entry Optional: Pork spare ribs only. NO BABY BACK RIBS, COUNTRY STYLE RIBS, ETC.
BEEF BRISKET DIVISION - ALL TEAMS MUST ENTER: Beef brisket will be the only type of meat to be judged within this division. Participants must cook a minimum of ten (10) pounds of meat.
 43. Judging for ALL DIVISIONS will be on the following:
 - a) Aroma, b) Taste, c) After Taste, d) Appearance, and e) Tenderness.
 44. Garnish will not be allowed in any division. Do not put carrots, celery, sauce, dressing, etc. in with the Chicken Wings. Only meat is allowed in the containers in all divisions; no pickles, onions, sauces, etc. poured on top; no foil inside and no markings on the outside. Do NOT pour sauce on the Chicken Wings while they are in the containers, they may be tossed in sauce prior to putting them in the container.
 45. Fajita Division Judging will begin at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 15, 2010.
Chicken Wing Division will begin at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 16, 2010.
BBQ Chicken Division Judging will begin at 6:00 p.m., Friday, April 16, 2010.
Pork Spare Rib Judging will begin at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, April 17, 2010.
Beef Brisket Judging will begin at 3:15 p.m., Saturday, April 17, 2010.

46. Meat for the Pork Spare Ribs and Beef Brisket Divisions shall be inspected anytime from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010. There will be no inspections of the Chicken Wing, BBQ Chicken or Beef Fajita Divisions. Pork Spare Rib and Beef Brisket Division contest meat may be cooked anytime after it has been inspected. Pre-cooked, salted, or marinated Pork Spare Ribs or Beef Brisket meat is not allowed. All entries must be cooked on the Cook-off grounds. All meat may be inspected by the Cook-off Committee at anytime. If your inspection meat is not in your area when the committee-persons come by for the inspection, it will be the team's responsibility to bring the meat to the cook-off committee office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010. No sample container for that particular contest will be distributed until the meat has been inspected.
47. A fire extinguisher will be required in each team area. Each team will be inspected for a fire extinguisher. If your team does not have a fire extinguisher by 8:00 p.m. Friday, you will be subject to disqualification.
48. No electric or gas fires will be allowed for the any division. These fires must be of wood or wood substance. All pits may be inspected by the Cook-off Committee at anytime.
49. Holes or dug pits are not permitted.
50. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of the team and guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be considered grounds for disqualification.
51. All personal alcoholic beverages must remain in the cook-off area. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in disqualification! Alcoholic beverages and ice may be brought in until check-in closes on Friday, April 16th at 2:00 p.m. After that time, these items must be purchased from the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK! ANYONE GIVING ALCOHOL TO MINORS (UNDER 21) WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ON THE LAW!**
52. No food or beverages may be given to the general public. Only individuals who are invited guests of a team may be served food prepared by that team. All personal alcoholic beverages must remain in the cook-off area.
53. It is the responsibility of each team to see that the contest area is kept clean and the area is cleaned and policed after the contest. Any space left in disarray or with loose or bundled trash (this includes hay) will disqualify the team from future participation. Trash receptacles will be placed throughout the cook-off area for each team's use.
54. Protests of any team, equipment, or sample (any division) must be turned into the Cook-off Committee no later than one (1) hour prior to judging of that division with the \$100.00 non-refundable fee.
55. No dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds except those aiding the Handicapped.
56. Firearms or Concealed Handguns are prohibited on the Galveston County Fairgrounds during the Cook-off Event. Anyone found possessing Firearms or Concealed Handguns during the Cook-off will be **DISQUALIFIED** from this year's event and banned from all future Galveston County Fair & Rodeo Cook-offs.
57. Participants will not be permitted to bring any wheeled transportation, i.e. Golf Carts, Three Wheelers, Four Wheelers, Motorcycles, Bicycles, etc. into the contest area at any time.
58. All generators and sound systems must be turned OFF during announcements of rules, at judging time, and while winners are being announced.
59. All sound system speakers must be turned into your cook-off spot and not turned outward.
60. Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. is not responsible for theft, damage, or accidents.
61. The Cook-off Committee reserves the right to make additional rules as the situations warrant.
62. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE COOK-OFF COMMITTEE AND THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.**

2010 GCF&R BBQ COOK-OFF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 28, 2010

1:00 p.m. Chief Cooks Meeting to review rules

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

10:00 a.m. Gates OPEN for TEAMS with 4 or more spots

3:00 p.m. Gates CLOSED (no further traffic)

Thursday, April 15, 2010

10:00 a.m. IN Gates OPEN for early cooker check-in and set-up

12:00 p.m. WEST IN Gate CLOSED

4:30 p.m. Chief Cooks Meeting - Sample Container Pick-up Chicken, Fajita, Chicken Wings

5:00 p.m. EAST IN Gate CLOSED

6:00 p.m. EXIT Gates CLOSED (no further traffic)

6:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Fajita Division Turn-in

8:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fajita Division Second Cut Numbers Called

8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fajita Division Second Cut Turn-in

Friday, April 16, 2010

2:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. All Persons without armbands must leave the park.

10:00 a.m. EAST IN Gate OPEN for cooker check-in and set-up

1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Chicken Wings Division Turn-In

2:00 p.m. EAST IN Gate CLOSED, Check-in CLOSED

2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Chicken Wings Division Second Cut Numbers Called

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chicken Wings Division Second Cut Turn-in

3:00 p.m. EXIT Gates CLOSED, no further traffic in Cook-off area

3:00 p.m. Chili Entry Cut-off

3:30 p.m. Chief Cooks Meeting – Chili Sample Container Pick-up

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pork Spare Rib and Beef Brisket Inspection

5:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. BBQ Chicken Division Turn-in

7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. BBQ Chicken Division Second Cut Numbers Called

7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. BBQ Chicken Division Second Cut Turn-in

8:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Chili Division Turn-in

Saturday, April 17, 2010

2:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. All Persons without armbands must leave the park.

10:00 a.m. Chief Cooks Meeting (Ribs, and Brisket) Container Pick-up

11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Pork Rib Division Turn-in

1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pork Rib Division Second Cut Numbers Called

1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pork Rib Division Second Cut Turn-in

3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Brisket Division Cut Turn-in

4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Brisket Division Second Cut Numbers Called

4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Brisket Division Second Cut Turn-in

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Sunday, April 18, 2010

2:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. All Persons without armbands must leave the park

8:00 a.m. Gates Open for check-out & clean-up