

La Feria Independence Day Celebration
Fire it up....!!

1st Annual Bar BQ Cook-Off
Saturday, July 2nd
“RULES”

Location: Veterans Memorial Sports Complex, West Pancho Maples Drive La Feria, TX

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Entry Fee per team:

\$120.00 will qualify you to cook one or all meat categories. The categories are Beef Fajitas, Pork Spare Ribs, BBQ Chicken. Entry Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE

Up to \$1100 in cash prizes, based on registration.

Set up Time: Saturday, July 2, 2011 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Cook Off Check-In

12:30 p.m. Meat Inspection

Judging: 3:00 p.m. Beef Fajitas Division

4:00 p.m. BBQ Chicken Division

5:30 p.m. Pork Spare Ribs Division (NO BABY BACK RIBS)

Once the time is set and 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 before or after that time will not be accepted for judging.

1. ONE ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR EACH 20X20 SPOT
2. Props, trailers, coverings (including stakes), or any other equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the space provided. (NO STAKES ALLOWED ON PAVED AREAS)
3. A team will consist of a Chief Cook and up to three (3) assistants.
4. All Team Members must be 21 or older.
5. Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by judging committee. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be immediately corrected or the team will be subject to disqualification.
6. All meats must be prepared on site. Meat inspection will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. Meat cannot be marinated or seasoned before inspection.
7. Judging of ALL DIVISIONS will be on the following:
 - a) Aroma, b) Taste, c) After Taste, d) Appearance, and e) Tenderness

8. Garnish will not be allowed in any division. Only meat is allowed in the containers in all divisions; no pickles, onions, sauces, etc. poured on top. BBQ Chicken samples cannot include bacon wrapping, stuffing or condiments in the sample container.
9. Turn in amount: **Fajitas** – turn in One (1) pound approximate, **Pork Spare Ribs** – turn in Five (5) individual cut ribs (bone in) **NO BABYBACKS Chicken** (to include wing, breast, leg, and thighs)
10. Once you have turned in your final entry; the teams may then sell their Fajitas and the Pork Spare Ribs in a taco form. The Chicken Half may be sold as quarters or half.
11. There will be a Cook-Off team meeting two weeks before the event to discuss and agree on a set price for the food. The teams will be provided with a product and price sign to be posted at their booth by the Cook-Off Committee.
12. The cooking teams **can not** sell any other item other than the meat items that they have entered in the competition. Call or email me if you need clarification.
13. The Cook-Off committee can inspect any cook-off area at any time, with or without cause, to determine rule compliance.
14. During the event we ask that all teams place their trash within the teams 20x20 spot. A dumpster will be provided at the end of the event.
15. A fire extinguisher will be required in each team area.
16. No electric or gas fires will be allowed for the BBQ Chicken, Beef Fajitas, and the Pork Spare Ribs division. These fires must be of wood or wood substance. All pits may be inspected by the Cook-Off committee at anytime.
17. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of the team and guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be considered grounds for disqualifications.
18. All personal alcoholic beverages must remain in the cook-off area. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in disqualification! **NO GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK! ANYONE GIVING ALCOHOL TO MINORS (UNDER 21) WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW!**
19. The designated area for each team is 20x20 spot. To keep from disturbing other teams, we recommend that only the cooking team be at the site assigned. Family and guest may go by and visit, but not linger within the 20x20 spot for more than 30 minutes until the end of all judging which should end around 7:00 p.m.
20. The La Feria Independence Day Celebration committee is not responsible for theft, damage, or accidents.
21. The Cook-off Committee reserves the right to make additional rules as the situations warrant.
22. ALL DECISIONS OF THE COOK-OFF COMMITTEE AND THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.