

**City of La Feria Independence Day Celebration**  
**Veterans Memorial Park/Sports Complex**  
**904 Pancho Maples Drive, La Feria, Texas**  
**Saturday, June 29, 2013**

**“RULES”**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SMOKIN Heroes’ Bar-BQ Cook Off**



**Location:** Veterans Memorial Sports Complex, 904 Pancho Maples Drive, La Feria, TX

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

**Entry Fee per team:**

\$125.00 will qualify you to cook one or all meat categories. The categories are Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, BBQ Chicken. Entry Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE

\$25.00 Jackpot Categories: Pinto Beans, Pan de Campo and Fajitas  
75% Pay Out for Jackpots: 1<sup>st</sup> – 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 25%

**Set up Time:** Friday, June 28, 2013 starting at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. or  
Saturday, June 29, after 6:00 a.m.

Friday, June 28: The grounds are open to the teams, their families and friends.

6:00 a.m. Cook Off Team Check-In (Late Arrivers)

7:00 a.m. Meat Inspection

**Judging:** 11:00 a.m. BBQ Chicken Division

12:00 p.m. Beans

12:30 p.m. Pan de Campo

1:30 p.m. Fajitas (NO sirloin fajitas)

2:30 p.m. Pork Spare Ribs Division (NO BABYBACK RIBS)

4:00 p.m. Brisket

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. This will be a Blinded Entrance on all categories.

1. ONE ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR EACH 30X30 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 7:00 a.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: **Brisket** – turn in Seven (7) slices approximately 1/4” to 3/8” thick, **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 Pork Spare Ribs and the Brisket in a taco/sandwich form. The Chicken Half may be sold as quarters or half.
11. Jackpot items may also be sold once they have been judged as well.
12. 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.
13. The cooking teams **can not** sell any other item other than the meat items that they have entered in the competition. Call or email Ben Guerrero if you need clarification.
14. The Cook-Off committee can inspect any cook-off area at any time, with or without cause, to determine rule compliance.
15. During the event we ask that all teams place their trash within the teams 30x30 spot. A dumpster will be provided at the end of the event.
16. A fire extinguisher will be required in each team area.
17. No electric or gas fires will be allowed for the BBQ Chicken, Beef Fajitas, and the Pork Spare Ribs division, **with the exception of the dry pinto beans jackpot**. These fires must be of wood or wood substance. All pits may be inspected by the Cook-Off committee at anytime.
18. 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.
19. 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!**
20. The designated area for each team is 30x30 spot. **On the Day of the event**; 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 30x30 spot for more than 30 minutes until the end of all judging which should end around 5:00 p.m.
21. The La Feria Independence Day Celebration committee is not responsible for theft, damage, or accidents; that may occur on Friday, June 28 or Saturday, June 29, 2013.
22. The Cook-off Committee reserves the right to make additional rules as the situations warrant.
23. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE COOK-OFF COMMITTEE AND THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.**