BLUES, BREWS & BBQ COOK-OFF 2021

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Due to current space availability, the number of teams that can be accommodated is limited. Teams will be allocated space on a first come, first serve basis.

2. Teams will supply all needed equipment and supplies. CHEMICAL TOILETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A FEE OF $85.

3. Madison County Crime Stoppers will not be responsible for theft, personal injury, or property damage. Decisions of the committee Chairs and Judges are final.

4. The Cook-Off will be held at the American Legions Grounds on Hwy 75 North (800 N May St) in Madisonville, TX.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Teams can check in and start setting up on Thursday November 18, 2021.

2. It is the responsibility of each team to see that their trash contest area is kept clean and is policed following the cook-off. Trash receptacles and trash bags will be provided.

3. Each team will be allocated spaces approximately 30’ X 40’. All props, tents, coverings, and equipment must be confined to the assigned space. Teams should bring such suitable shelters as the weather may require. Tents with stakes are acceptable.

4. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of his team members and guests. **NO GLASS BEVERAGE BOTTLES ARE ALLOWED AND ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST BE CONSUMED FROM CUPS OR FROM CANS COVERED BY A KOOZIE OR NAPKIN - - NO OPEN UNCONVERED BEER CANS OR GLASS BOTTLES ARE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS.** *Please remember state law requires that you be 21 years or age to consume alcohol.* **NO FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS.**

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5. A minimum entry fee of $175/team must be received by November 15, 2021. **IF YOU ARE RESERVING A CHEMICAL TOILET, ENTRY FEE & CHEMICAL TOILET FEE ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 15, 2021.**

6**.** For safety purposes, NO motorized bikes, golf carts, bicycles, etc. are allowed to be used by contestants on the grounds.

7. A Chief Cook’s meeting will be held in the judging barn on the grounds **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE END OF THE KID’S COOK OFF** **ON FRIDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 19, 2021. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOUR CHIEF COOK OR A TEAM MEMBER BE PRESENT.**

8. **CALCUTTA IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHIEF COOK MEETING.**

9. We have a Live Auction on Saturday afternoon after the judging is over and **WE WOULD APPRECIATE A DONATED AUCTION ITEM FROM YOUR TEAM FOR THIS EVENT TO HELP WITH THE FUNDRAISING.**

COOKING

**1. Categories for cook-off are Chicken, Beef Brisket, and Ribs.**

Brisket – turn in 7 slices of brisket for judging

Chicken – whole half chicken (with wing, thigh, drumstick, and breast portion)

Pork Spare Ribs, St Louis (**NO COUNTRY STYLE, BABY BACK, OR LOIN BACK**) turn in 7 ribs for judging.

**2**. Only one cut of meat from each category will be judged per team. Garnish/decorations, etc are prohibited; aluminum foil will be provided in containers.

**3.** Fires **must be** wood or charcoal. No electric, gas, or pellet grills allowed. Holes or dug pits are not permitted.

**4.** Sample containers will be furnished at chief cooks meeting.

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**5. DOUBLE BLIND JUDGING:** All entries will be submitted in identical containers which have been assembled and brought to the site by the Head Judge. The container is a 9X9 hinged foam tray with a matched pair of identically numbered theater tickets affixed to the tray. Each cook will be provided with a piece of foil for each turn-in, which will be placed in the bottom of each tray. The meat is placed on the foil.

**JUDGING**

1. A First, Second, and Third Place trophy AND cash prizes will be awarded in all categories. The top ten contestants will be announced as soon as all judging slips are totaled.

2. Judging schedule sheet attached. The judges for **categories** will be seated 5 to a table with 3 tables and a final tables and a final table of 5 judges. Therefore, your sample container should have enough competition meat to accommodate at least 7 judges.

3. **MEMBERS OF THE COMPETING COOKING TEAMS WILL JUDGE BLOODY MARY’S, MARGARTIAS, AND OPEN. HAVE YOUR JUDGE IN THE JUDGING AREA LOCATED IN THE BARN AT LEAST 15 MINUTES EARLY.** All sample cartons will be furnished to each participating team when your entry fee of ten dollars ($10.00) is collected at the barn. Contests will be held beginning at 9:00 am in the barn area on Saturday November 20, 2021.

**RULES GOVERNING VEHICLES-PARKING ON MSCA GROUNDS**

**(CONTESTANTS/GUESTS/HELPERS/PUBLIC)**

One vehicle may be parked in your 30 X 40 area, PROVIDED YOU DO NOT BLOCK THE ALLEY-WAYS. All others must be parked in the area on the south side of the grounds across the gravel road. The walk-ways and alley-ways MUST be open in case of a fire or accident to allow emergency vehicles access. NO EXEMPTIONS!!!!

**YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

**WE THANK YOU FOR COMING.**

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**SATURDAY SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 20, 2021:**

**CONTEST TURN IN SCHEDULE: $10/ENTRY**

**9:00 AM: BLOODY MARY CONTEST**

**9:30 AM: MARGARITA CONTEST**

**10:00 AM: OPEN CONTEST**

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**CATEGORIES TURN-IN SCHEDULE:**

**12 PM: CHICKEN**

**2 PM: PORK SPARE RIBS**

**4 PM: BRISKET**

**\*JUDGING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TURN IN**

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