

Copperhead Community Backyard Barbecue Cook-Off Registration

This event will be held at Camp Copperhead in Spavinaw. The campgrounds area will be open for you to register your team on Friday, June 5th. You must bring your own BBQ rig. Primitive Camping is available for \$10 per night for each person (10 & under are free) and RV Spaces are available for \$45 per night for 2 people, \$10 per additional person they are water and electric site. There will be no registration fee for cook teams. Grand Champion must cook all 4 meats. A trophy will be awarded for Peoples Choice & Grand Champion. Specialty prizes will be awarded for 1st place other categories. A Shrimp Boil will be held Friday evening after the cooks meeting at 7pm.

Entries:

Backyard BBQ Competition

Categories: Ribs - Beef - Chicken - Wild Game

People's Choice Plates

Each team will be required to cook a 10lb pork butt for our people's choice plates to be sold as a fundraiser. We will not supply the meat.

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Rules

1. This is an amateur cooking contest, and it is intended there be no further distinctions regarding entry classifications.
2. All BBQ entries must be cooked on site. This means no parboiling at home then finishing onsite.
3. Fires shall be of wood fired or pellet only use of electricity or propane to cook is not allowed.
4. Only ONE team per barbecue pit will be allowed. Where cooking rigs contain two separate pits, two teams may cook (one team per pit). Multiple entries for contest meats from any one team will not be allowed.
5. Barbecue, for the purpose of this contest, is defined as raw or uncured meat prepared over a wood or pellet fire, basted or not, as the cook sees fit.
6. No pre-seasoning or pre-cooking of the meat is allowed until it has been inspected and approved for cook-off use. Any meat found not in compliance with this rule will be disqualified.
7. Once meat and chicken have been inspected, approved and tagged, they must not leave the contest area.
8. All entries must be prepared in as sanitary a manner as possible. All applicable local health department rules and regulations must be complied with.
9. All applicable local fire department rules and regulations must be complied with.
10. All fires used to prepare meat in this contest must be of wood or charcoal. No gas or electric cooking equipment will be allowed.
11. Fires are not to be built on the ground. Holes or pits will not be allowed except when approved by the contest committee.
12. Absolutely no firearms or explosives will be allowed.
13. The decision(s) of the host contest committee head judge and judges are final.

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Cook/Team Responsibilities

1. Each team is responsible for the maintenance and cleanup of its cooking area. The head cook will be responsible for the conduct and behavior of team members and guests. Any team leaving its space in such a condition that the space requires additional clean-up will be disqualified from participation at future events.
2. Each cooking team will designate one person as head cook. There may be as many assistants as the head cook deems necessary.
3. Each team should be equipped with a readily available and visible working fire extinguisher. Minimum suggested is 5lb. ABC.
4. Coolers & Pets on a leash are allowed in the campgrounds. Pets require a Pet Pass to be purchased. Pets and Coolers are not allowed in the festival area. Beer is permitted in the campgrounds. No Bar will be open for this event.
5. Competing cooks are not allowed to judge and judges are not allowed to cook. Judges must not be associated with any cooking team or team member in any way that would cast suspicion upon the integrity of the judging process. These rules are intended to be fair and equitable to each and every contestant.
6. This is a family friendly event, please be considerate of minor children presence. Zero tolerance for bad behavior. Smoking permitted in smoking areas only.
7. Any golf carts, utvs or atvs will need to be permitted at the ticket office.

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Judging Turn-In Requirements

1. No sauces, garnishes or foil will be allowed in the judging container. Sauces may be used during the cooking process but cannot be applied for entry presentation or judging.
2. Each contestant should submit sufficient product, sliced to facilitate adequate judging of the entry by 6 judges. At events with a large number of entries that may require a preliminary judging round, the contest committee will inform the cook at the head cook's meeting of the expected number of judges so that sufficient product can be turned in for the preliminary judging and the final judging round. If not enough product is provided, the judges will be instructed to do the best they can but not penalize the other contestants they are judging. The chicken turn-in will be from one chicken and half will be sliced into bite-size pieces stacked around the remainder of the chicken. The chicken can be butterfly but will remain in one piece throughout the cooking process.
3. A blind judging system is based on a duplicate numbered ticket (e.g. theatre ticket) which will be utilized in all judging categories. Blind judging consists of one-half of the double ticket being enclosed in a small envelope and being secured (usually by duct tape) to the **BOTTOM** of the turn-in container. The second half of the ticket is placed inside the judging container. When receiving the judging containers, the head cook prints his name on his half of the ticket in the presence of contest committee personnel. Any container that appears to have been deliberately marked or altered will be referred to the head judge who will rule on disqualification. Damaged containers will be replaced by the head judge. Damaged containers and all tickets must be turned in to the head judge at this time in order to receive a new container.
4. All entries will be scored on a scale of 1 through 10 in each of the judging criteria, with 10 being the best.
5. Until announcements are made, the taped envelope should remain attached to the top three category winners' judging containers. At the time winners are announced, the taped envelope will be removed from the container (on stage) and opened by one contest official. A second official will announce the number. The head cook or team member must present the corresponding half of that ticket to the head judge who will confirm that the numbers match, and announce the head cook's name and team name.
6. There should be no tags remaining on meat after it has been cut and put into containers. 7. If there is a tie, the brisket score will be used to break the tie. If there is still a tie, the ribs score will be used next as the tie breaker. The chicken score will be used as last tie breaker.

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Register/Check in

- All Cook Team Members must check in at Ticket Office
- Must Pay for any overnight camping.
- Pets must have a Pet Pass
- ATVs must be permitted

Friday

Check in at Ticket Office 10am-6pm

Cooks Meeting 7pm

Fish Fry following cooks meeting

Saturday Turn in times:

Wild Game noon

Chicken 1pm

Ribs 2pm

Pork 3pm

Beef 4 pm

Taster Kits on Sale at 4:30pm

Winners Announced at 5:30pm Main Stage