

2nd Annual BEEF Barbecue Cook-off Challenge

LOCATION: Uvalde Fairgrounds, Uvalde, Texas on Highway 90 West

DATE: Saturday, September 5, 2009

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 per team NON-REFUNDABLE (30' x 30' space). Additional adjacent spaces (30' x 30') may be purchased for \$50.00 each, if available.

Category entries are \$10.00 each. Teams are encouraged to enter all categories and may enter a category more than once.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, August 31, 2009 or as long as space is available. Entries will be limited and will be awarded on a "first come, first serve" basis as paid entry forms are received.

CHECK-IN/SET-UP: Beginning Friday, September 4, 2009 at 12 noon through Saturday, September 5 at 11 a.m.

TAKE DOWN: Saturday, September 5, 2009, 8 – 10 p.m. or Sunday, September 6 by 11 a.m.

JUDGING: There will be 7 judges. The judges will keep the official time and will be responsible for selecting a winner based on (4) categories using a 5 point system.

Entries will be judged on Appearance/Display, Aroma, Tenderness and Taste. A point system will be used to determine winners from a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the highest score.

Each contestant will receive (1) container per division entered. Each container will have a double matched theater ticket, which has been affixed to the tray with masking tape.

The contestant only, will sign the back of the detachable ticket on the tray. The contestant is responsible for removing one of the tickets and keeping it in a safe place.

BEEF FAJITAS – 1 p.m.

BEEF RIBS – 1:45 p.m.

BEANS, SALSA AND BBQ SAUCE – 2:30 p.m.

CHEF'S CHOICE – 4:00 p.m.

BRISKET – 5 p.m.

STEAK – 6 p.m.

DESSERT – 6:30 p.m.

AWARDS CEREMONY – 7 p.m.

AWARDS: Trophies (not to mention bragging rights) will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Award divisions will be beef fajitas, beef ribs, beans, salsa, BBQ sauce, chef's choice, brisket, steak and dessert.

OVERALL WINNER will receive a trophy and \$500.

A TROPHY WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO THE TEAM DISPLAYING THE BEST OVERALL SHOWMANSHIP.

ALCOHOL: In order to satisfy Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission Rules, alcohol will not be brought onto the grounds. Cold beer will be allowed to be purchased by the can at the festival. GLASS CONTAINERS ARE PROHIBITED ON FESTIVAL GROUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The goal of the 2nd Annual Briscoe Ranch Beef BBQ Cook-Off Challenge is to have fun at a casual event where cooks can show off their favorite BBQ recipes to the community in a good-natured competition for modest prize money.

1. **There will be a Chief Cook's meeting Saturday at 9:00 a.m.** . At this time, the rules will be discussed and explained. Any questions that you may have will also be addressed at this meeting.
2. Check-in will begin at 12:00 noon Friday, September 4 through Saturday, September 5 at 11:00 a.m. **ALL COOKOFF TEAMS MUST ENTER THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS THROUGH THE FAR WEST GATE OF THE UVALDE FAIRGROUNDS. SIGNS WILL BE POSTED.** All contestants must be set up by 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 5.
3. Contestants may not enter the contest area before 9 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2009.
4. The Cook-off Committee will provide one (1) 30' x 30' space for every entry paid, area permitting, for this cook-off. Additional 30' x 30' spaces may be purchased for \$50.00 each, if available. Entries will be limited and will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis with paid entries. **PROPS, TRAILERS, MOTORHOMES, TENTS, COVERINGS OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE TEAM'S EQUIPMENT MUST NOT EXCEED THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SPACE PROVIDED.** These vehicles WILL NOT leave the cook-off area until after announcement of winners on Saturday, September 5, 2009.
5. A team will consist of a chief cook and four (4) assistants.
6. Each team will be responsible for their own equipment and ingredients. Water and electricity are not available at each cook site. There will be a designated area within the cook site area for water. Contestants must supply all equipment and supplies needed. All teams must supply some form of grease catch pan with absorbent for each pit.
8. Holes or dug pits are not allowed.
9. **TEAMS ARE NOT TO SERVE ALCOHOL TO THE PUBLIC.** Beer and cold drinks will be sold and served by the festival. No glass bottles, pets or firearms are allowed in the cook-off or festival grounds.
10. ALL AMPLIFIED SOUND MUST BE TURNED TO A MINIMUM NO LATER THAN 10:00 P.M. FRIDAY.
11. ALL ITEMS BROUGHT IN BY A COOKOFF TEAM MUST BE REMOVED WHEN THE TEAM LEAVES THE COOKOFF SITE.
12. 20 lb bags of ice will be available throughout the cook-off on a cash only basis.
13. Armbands will be given to the chief cook and four (4) assistants at the chief cook's meeting or at the time of check-in. These armbands will be put on at time of check-in. The armband will be your ticket to enter the festival grounds at the walkthrough gates during festival hours. Additional armbands may be purchased during check-in for \$10.00 each. Without an armband on your arm, you will have to pay the gate admission fee. **Armbands will be enforced beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 5, 2009.** Please do not try to pass the armbands, as this will be grounds for immediate disqualification.
14. Entrants exhibit at their own risk. The festival provides daytime and overnight security (Friday and Saturday nights). Uvalde Festival and Events Association, Inc. Southwest Texas Junior College and the City/County of Uvalde, its members, volunteers or agents, assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss or theft of any exhibitor's display.
15. Once accepted, an entrant is committed to show.
16. There are no rain dates, no refunds.
17. Uvalde Festival and Events Association, Inc. reserves the right to reject any entry or to remove any contestant or team found to be breaking festival rules or whose conduct is found to be unfavorable to the festival or its guests. **The head cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualifications and removal.**
18. All cooking teams, their employees and associates agree to greet and provide professional service to all festival guests. They also agree to work with festival volunteers and staff in a positive manner. Any vendor, exhibitor or contractor of Texas Labor Day Weekend Celebration who chooses to exhibit an unprofessional code of conduct, will be asked to leave the festival.
19. Uvalde Festival and Events Association, Inc. and the Barbecue Cook-off Committee reserve the right to add rules and regulations as circumstances warrant.

COOK-OFF ENTRY FORM

Completed entry form and release form must be submitted for each cook-off team entered. Cash, Money Order or Cashier's Check only will be accepted. Make Money Order or Cashier's Check payable to: **UFEA** (Uvalde Festival and Events Association) Applications must be received by Monday, August 31, 2009 before 5 p.m. Entry fee is \$50.00.

TEAM
NAME: _____

CHIEF COOK: _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS: _____
CITY STATE ZIP

FOUR (4) TEAM MEMBERS

NAME	COMPLETE ADDRESS	PHONE
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Equipment Description (Motorhome, Pit, etc.) To be in cook-off area.

Applicants (Team Name) _____, hereby agrees to allow Uvalde Festival and Events Association, Inc. and the Texas Labor Day Weekend Celebration Committee to use any and all pictures, statements, videotapes or any other Publicity related information or materials for the further promotion of these or similar events or promotions.

Chief Cook is responsible for the conduct of his/her team members and guests.

Signature of Chief Cook Date

No personal checks. Make money orders, company checks or cashier's checks **payable to: UFEA** (Uvalde Festival & Events Association).

Mail to: BBQ Cook-off
C/O Southwest Texas Junior College
2401 Garner Field Road
Uvalde, Texas 78801

For more information contact cook-off chair person: Jan Elliott (830) 278-2161 or cell (830) 591-4795.

OUR TEAM WILL BE ENTERED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

___ **Brisket** x (\$10.00) ___ **Beef Fajitas** x (\$10.00) ___ **Beef Ribs** x (\$10.00)

___ **Steak** x (\$10.00) ___ **Beans** x (\$10.00) ___ **BBQ Sauce** x (\$10.00)

___ **Salsa** x (\$10.00) ___ **Dessert** x (\$10.00) ___ **Chef's Choice** x (\$10.00)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: CATEGORY TOTALS ___ x \$10.00 + \$50.00 team entry fee + extra spaces\$ ___ = \$ _____



Concert Stage

Dance Slab **E**

VENDORS