

**OCTOBER 2008**  
**HOUSTON PUMPKIN FESTIVAL AND BBQ COOK OFF**

Holiday Entertainment Complex - 1500 Elton @ Gulf Frwy.  
Between Edgebrook And College

**COOK OFF ENTRY FORM**

**FRIDAY 24th, SATURDAY 25th, & SUNDAY 26th, October**

Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association Sanctioned Event

ENTRY FEE: \$150.00 (entry fee enters teams into all cook off categories and reserves a 30'x30' area )

NO WATER OR ELETRICAL HOOK UPS WILL BE PROVIDED AT COOK OFF SPACES.

\*Water will be available on property at office. You must provide you own generator if you require electric.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Head Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Cooks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Supplies of beer must be bought from Holiday Entertainment at festival.

Case of Beer \$20.00 ea. (Bud Light, Miller Light) COOK OFF ENTRY FEE \$ 150.00

CASES OF BEER \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NO CHECKS

\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_ Cash

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name On Card: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit security # on back of card \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature **X** \_\_\_\_\_

Our team has read and understands the rules and regulations of the 2008 Houston Pumpkin Festival And BBQ Cook Off received and all do agree to abide by the terms and conditions thereof. We agree to hold harmless Holiday Entertainment, its members, the Houston Pumpkin Festival And Cook Off Committee, and The City Of Houston, for any and all loss of property and/or person and from all accidents that may result from our participation in the Houston Pumpkin Festival And Cook Off Committee or said activities surrounding the Houston Pumpkin Festival And Cook Off Committee in Houston, Texas. We further agree that by signing this agreement, do hereby grant Holiday Entertainment and its legal representatives and assignees the irrevocable and unrestricted rights to use and publish photographs of us, or in which we may be included, for editorial, trade, advertising and any other purpose and in any manner or medium. We hereby release the Holiday Entertainment and its representatives and assignees from all claims and liability relating to said photography.

**You must obtain temporary food permit from the City of Houston If you intend to sell Food.**

**Certificate of Insurance Required naming Holiday Entertainment and City of Houston as additional insured.**

**No outside beer will be allowed to be brought on to the property, Beer may be purchased onsite from Holiday Entertainment. Additional Ice May be purchased onsite also.**

Signature Required **X** \_\_\_\_\_

FAX or MAIL Registration Entry Form and Payment to;  
Holiday Entertainment, 1500 Elton Street, Houston, TX, 77034

## **Houston Pumpkin Festival And Cook Off Judging**

Friday, October 24      Saturday, October 25      Sunday, October 26  
7:00pm Fajitas      1:00pm Chicken      1 pm Brisket  
4:00pm Ribs      4:00pm Awards

### **DECISIONS OF THE COOK OFF CHAIRMAN & JUDGES ARE FINAL!!**

1st through 3rd place trophies awarded in Chicken, Fajitas, And Ribs categories.

1st through 5th place trophies awarded in Brisket category.

Trophies will also be given for cleanest area and showmanship

First place Brisket \$500.00 plus paid entry for to 2009 Pumpkin Festival Cook-off

Second Place Brisket \$250.00

Third Place Brisket \$100.00

Fourth Place Brisket Trophy Only

Fifth Place Brisket Trophy Only

First Place Ribs awarded \$150

Second Place Ribs \$100

Third Place Ribs \$50

First Place Chicken awarded \$150

Second Place Chicken \$100

Third Place Chicken \$50

Grand Champion Trophy

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. The Cook Off area has limited spaces with each space being 30' x 30'.  
Teams are limited to one space per team only
2. Deadline for these entries will be 5:00 pm Oct 1, 2008  
After Oct 1, 2008 5:00pm Late fee entry will be \$250.00  
Late Entry Cut Off Date Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
all spaces will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis.  
**ABSOLUTELY NO HAY OR SHAVINGS**
3. Props, trailers, tents, motor homes, fencing, or any other part of contestant or team equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space.
4. One cooking pit & one self-contained motor home, camper or vehicle Allowed per space  
NO fires shall be built on top of the ground.
5. All other vehicles must be removed from the cook off area by 1:00 pm on Friday, and by 9:00 am Saturday and Sunday. No exceptions.
6. ELECTRICAL AND WATER will not be provided at spaces, water will be available at office.
7. Participates and attendees are required to wear appropriate clothing at all times including shoes & shirts.
8. No hot coals or heavy trash is to be put in trash barrels or boxes.
9. The Chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guest.
10. Persons associated as a member, committee person, Director, etc. of Holiday Entertainment may NOT be listed as a cook team member.
11. No contestant or member of the public will be allowed to bring golf carts, motor vehicles, carts, bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, or any type of transportation into the contest area with the exception of wheelchairs for handicapped individuals.
12. Incoming pedestrian traffic will be restricted to the cook off committee & contestants wearing cooks armbands from midnight to 8:00 am each morning.
13. NO LOUD OR DISRUPTIVE MUSIC WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER 1:00 AM
14. NO TENT STAKES OR STAKES OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED
15. Items left after 5:00pm Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> will be subject to rental or towing charges

## **CHECK-IN**

### **Check in Times for Cook off Teams are:**

- Thursday - October 23, 2008 8:00 am – 12:00 mid  
(If late check-in is needed on Thursday after 6pm call 713-946-2611 in advance)
- Friday - October 24, 2008 8:00 am -- 12:00 noon

1. All cook off participants must enter Front Gate off of Elton St.
2. Cook Off Area will not be accessible to vehicle traffic after 1 pm on Friday for move in or stocking.

## **MOVE –OUT:**

Move out will not be allowed until 6:00pm on Sunday, Oct 26th. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Allowed move Out Times are 6pm - 8:30p and 12a-1am

Monday until 12 midnight, Items left after 12midnight Monday subject to storage and or towing charges.

## **COOK OFF RULES & REGULATION**

### **Beverages:**

1. All initial supplies of beer must be bought at check-in from Holiday Entertainment.  
Case of Beer \$20.00 ea. (Bud Light, Miller Light)
2. No alcoholic beverages are to be served to anyone under 21.
3. Liquor in bottles must be kept out of sight.
4. No glass containers allowed.
5. No alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, or water may be sold in food booths or cook off booths.
6. Under no circumstance will outside Beer, Ice, or Cold Drink vendors be allowed into the cook off area.

### **Cooking Spaces:**

1. Appropriate number & type of portable fire extinguisher must be mounted in full view, must be current.
2. Houston Fire Marshals will randomly inspect for fire extinguishers.
3. Contest areas must remain clean at all times and cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by judging Committee and City of Houston Health Inspectors. Infractions identified shall be immediately corrected or the cook will be subject to disqualification. All trash must be set out in front for pick up.
4. ALL TENTS MUST BE BARRELED, NO STAKE TENTS ALLOWED.

### **Meat Entry Rules:**

1. Each submitted entry must have it's own individual pit per space.
2. Fire must be wood or wood substances, no electric or gas fires are allowed for meat entries.
3. Inspection & tagging of briskets will begin at 9:00am Saturday morning following cooks meeting  
Please return promptly to your space to avoid delay.
4. Only two (2) briskets per space per pit allowed to be tagged.
5. Contestants must cook their own entry. Pre-cooked, salted, seasoned, or marinated meat is not allowed.
6. Only 1 cut of all entries will be judged per space.

## **AWARDS/ JUDGING**

Judging, Awards and Trophies will all take place on the Main Stage.

Immediately Following the announcement of the winners, teams need to proceed to the main stage to receive prizes and photos will be taken at that time. Please have your teams together and ready to prevent delay.

### **Awards & Trophies Times: Ceremonies Start at 4pm Sunday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>**

4:00pm - Award for Cleanest Team Area

4:05pm - Award for Best Vendor Booth Decorations

4:10pm - Award For Best Showmanship

4:15pm - Chicken Awards

4:30pm - Fajitas Awards

4:45pm - Ribs Awards

5:00pm - Brisket Awards

5:15pm - Award For Cook Off Grand Champion

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These times are set in place for safety issues due to the haunted house being open.

**SAFETY FIRST!**

*Good Luck Cookers!*