



# **SAVE THE DATE!!**

## **OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

### **AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BAR-B-Q COOK-OFF!!**

#### **Calling ALL Bar-B-Q Cookers!!**

This year's Annual Austin County Fair Bar-B-Q Cook-off will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. On Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Chef's Choice and Margarita Jackpot competitions. These are optional competitions. However, you must have a Cook-off team entered to compete in either of the Jackpot competitions. Margaritas will be judged at 7:00 p.m. and Chef's Choice at 8:00 p.m. Prize money is based on the number of entries. Winners will be announced at 9:30 p.m. **ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES FOR CHEF'S CHOICE OR MARGARITA JACKPOT COMPETITIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12:00 NOON ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024.**

**NEW THIS YEAR!!! WE'RE HAVING A ST. LOUIS STYLE RIB SHOOT-OUT!!! ONE WINNER WILL WIN \$1000.00!! EACH TEAM GETS ONLY 1 ENTRY INTO THE RIB SHOOT-OUT, SO START PERFECTING YOUR RIBS NOW!!**

Friday is also the beginning of the Austin County Fair. On Saturday, the pageants will be in the Expo Building starting with the Lil' Pageants at 9:00 a.m., concluding with the Queen's Contest starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, there will be Mutton Bustin' in the arena leading on to Bull & Bronc Riding starting at 7:30 p.m. Conjunto band Los Texmaniacs will be joined on stage by Texas Tornados music legends Flaco Jimenez & Augie Meyers at 8:00 p.m. Tejano Roots Hall of Fame artists, Los DeltaBoyz take the stage at 10:00 p.m. to continue the Conjunto theme, which is a combination of German and Mexican cultures and music.

Attached, you will find the Entry Form and Rules and Regulations for the 2024 Austin County Fair Bar-B-Q Cook-Off. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN THE FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.** The Registration Form (which requires all team members' signatures) may be turned in at check-in. Teams that competed last year will have the choice of their same space but the deadline to reserve that space is Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. After that date, all spaces will be released on a first come basis. Spaces with electricity are limited, so please get your entry in ASAP!!

Questions? Call:

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Bar-B-Q Cook-Off Co-Chairs



# AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BAR-B-Q COOK-OFF RULES & REGULATIONS

## GENERAL RULES

- 1) The Austin County Fair Association and the Bar-B-Que Committee has the right to modify or expand these rules and regulations. Decisions of the Committee and Judges of the Contest are final.
- 2) Last years' entries will have first choice to reserve their same space as last year. **DEADLINE TO RESERVE YOUR SAME SPACE AS LAST YEAR IS SEPT. 13, 2024.** After this date, all spaces will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. All entries must be in the fair office no later than **Friday, September 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**
- 3) The Austin County Fair Association is not responsible for theft or damage to equipment or property of contestants.
- 4) The Team Coordinator of each team will be held responsible for the conduct of its members and any persons who are or have been in his/her space.
- 5) Excessively loud (in the discretion of the Chairman) amplified music, horns or public-address systems are prohibited.
- 6) Due to insurance regulations, no ATV's, golf carts, etc. may be brought onto the Fairgrounds by participants or guests.
- 7) Excessive use of alcoholic beverages or consumption of alcoholic beverages in violation of Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code by a member of a team or person in the contestant's space could be grounds for disqualification and eviction from the Contest/Grounds.
- 8) Each contestant must comply with all pertinent laws and ordinances, including without limitation, City of Bellville and Austin County rules and the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.
- 9) **NO DOGS/PETS WILL BE ALLOWED ON FAIRGROUNDS OR AT CAMPSITE !!!**

## CHECK-IN

- 1) Please check in at the Cook-Off Headquarters in the Cook-Off Area. Teams may set up between 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2024 and 6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2024. Meat will be inspected at check-in.
- 2) Chief Cook meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at the Cook-Off Headquarters. Teams will receive their containers at the Chef's meeting.
- 3) Each team will have a space of approximately 40x40. There are limited spaces for electricity. These spaces must be reserved in advance with an additional charge of \$ 25.00. Generators will be allowed. **Please Note: There will be an additional charge of \$ 25.00 for anyone parking in the R.V. parking lot.**
- 4) Only one service vehicle will be allowed in cook-off area. There will be absolutely no in and out traffic after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2024.

## Beverages

- 1) No alcoholic beverages are to be served to anyone under 21.
- 2) Liquor in bottles must be kept out of sight.
- 3) No glass containers allowed

## COOKING AND JUDGING

- 1) Meat may not be pre-seasoned, marinated, or pre-cooked. Meat will be inspected at check-in. Each team can check-in up to two (2) briskets.
- 2) Fires must be wood or wood substance. No electric or gas fires allowed.
- 3) Holes or dug pits are not permitted. Heat shields must be provided for cookers capable of damaging surface of contest area. No open flames of any kind are permitted (e.g. tiki torches or campfires). Each team must bring a fire extinguisher.
- 4) Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. Show provides space ONLY!
- 5) **NO GARNISH IS ALLOWED IN THE TRAY OR ON THE MEAT AT TURN IN TIME.**
- 6) Judging will be as follows:

Beans (Pinto)	10:00 a.m.
Chicken	11:00 a.m.
Ribs (Pork)	1:00 p.m.
Brisket	3:00 p.m.
- 7) Results will be announced at approximately 5:00 p.m.

## OPTIONAL - JACKPOT COMPETITIONS

1. Jackpot competition will be held on Friday, October 4, 2024. This competition is optional.
2. Entry fee is \$ 15.00 per category. Teams may enter one entry per category.
3. Margarita Contest - 7:00 p.m.

Margaritas will be judged on taste and appeal. The BBQ Committee will deliver a container to your booth prior to turn-in. Please turn your entry in at the American Legion Hall. Entries may be turned in beginning at 6:50 p.m. and no later than 7:00 p.m.
4. Chef's Choice Contest - 8:00 p.m.

The Chef's Choice entry must be a seafood that is cooked on the pit. Chef's Choice will be judged on presentation, taste, and smell. The BBQ Committee will deliver a container to your booth prior to turn-in. Please turn your entry in at the American Hall. Entries may be turned in beginning at 7:50 p.m. and no later than 8:00 p.m.
5. Prize money will be based on the number of entries and paid as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	- 40% of entry fees
2 <sup>nd</sup>	- 20% of entry fees
3 <sup>rd</sup>	- 10% of entry fees
6. Results will be announced at approximately 9:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

## MOVE OUT

1. Contest area must be cleared out by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 6, 2024.
2. The Cleaning Service will pick-up all trash at campsite Sunday morning. Please have trash bags in front of your campsite. You will be required to put all trash in the dumpster once the cook-off area has been cleaned. Any team that leaves trash on the grounds after the area has been cleaned will be assessed a fee the following year.

All cook sites must be cleaned before moving out. Absolutely No Ashes, Beans, Meat or Trash left on cook sites.

**25th Annual Austin County Fair Bar-B Que Cook-Off**  
**Entry Form**  
**Saturday, October 5, 2024**

**ENTRY FEE:** \$175.00 per team. Each team will receive 3 Day tickets to the Austin County Fair. This form and all fees are due in the Austin County Fair Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 27, 2024.

**AWARDS:** Overall Champion - \$ 200.00 & Trophy

Prizes will be awarded for each category – Brisket, Chicken, Ribs & Beans

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$ 150.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$ 100.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$ 75.00

**RIB SHOOT-OUT!!!**

**1 WINNER = \$1000.00!!!!**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Showmanship - \$ 100.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Showmanship - \$ 75.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Showmanship - \$50.00

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Cook: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee: \$ 175.00 per team \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity: \$ 25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

R.V. Space: \$ 25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(This fee is for R.V. space in the R.V. parking area)

**OPTIONAL – Friday Night Jackpot Competition:**

Chef's Choice: \$ 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Margarita Contest: \$ 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to ACFA. **WE DO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS (with a 3.5% convenience fee)**

MAIL ENTRY FORM & ENTRY FEE TO: **Austin County Fair Association, P.O. Box 141, Bellville, Texas 77418**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number/Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR**  
**25th ANNUAL Bar-B-Q COOK-OFF**  
**October 5, 2024**

**TEAM REGISTRATION FORM A**  
**Forms A & B Must be Complete - See Reverse Side**

**MUST BE TURNED IN AT CHECK-IN TO THE BBQ COMMITTEE**

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM COORDINATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CHIEF COOK: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL TEAM MEMBERS: 1) \_\_\_\_\_

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

6) \_\_\_\_\_

## TEAM REGISTRATION FORM (B)

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Our team has read and understands the rules and regulations of the 2024 Austin County Fair Bar-B-Q Cook-off and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions thereof.

We agree to hold harmless the Austin County Fair Association, the County of Austin, the City of Bellville, the Mewis Trust, et. al., for any and all loss of property and/or person and from all accidents that may result from our participation in the Austin County Fair Bar-B-Q Cook-off or said activities surrounding the Austin County Fair in Bellville, Texas.

We further agree that by signing this agreement, do hereby grant the Austin County Fair Association and its legal representatives and assignees the irrevocable and unrestricted right 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 Austin County Fair Association and its' representatives and assignees from all claims and liability relating to said photography.

**Participant's Signature**

**Print Name**

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## DETAILS

Friday, September 13, 2024 5:00 PM      Deadline to Reserve Spot for Previous Cookers

Friday, September 27, 2024 5:00 PM      Cook-Off Entries Due in Fair Office

Friday, October 4, 2024

### Move In & Jackpot Contests

8:00 AM -      Teams Set-Up (#1 Possible Time)  
10:00 PM  
12:00 PM      Deadline to Turn In Jackpot Entries  
7:00 PM      Margarita Contest  
8:00 PM      Chef's Choice Contest  
9:30 PM      Winners Announced

Saturday, October 5, 2024

### BBQ Cook-Off & Rib Shoot-Out

6:00 AM -      Teams Set-Up (#2 Possible Time)  
8:00 AM  
8:00 AM      Chief Cooks Meeting  
9:00 AM      No More In & Out Traffic  
9:00 AM      Lil' Pageants Begin  
10:00 AM      Beans Judging  
11:00 AM      Chicken Judging  
1:00 PM      Ribs (Pork) Judging  
3:00 PM      Brisket Judging  
3:00 PM      Mutton Bustin'  
5:00 PM      Results Announced  
5:30 PM      Queen's Contest  
7:30 PM      Bull & Bronc Riding  
8:00 PM      Los Texmaniacs  
10:00 PM      Los DeltaBoyz

Sunday, October 6, 2024

### Move Out

10:00 AM      Teams Must Be Moved Out & Area Clean