

Stillwater Elks



Presents

Backyard Blazathon

BBQ Contest

We would like to extend this special invitation to all outdoor cooks to come to Stillwater, September 17th and 18th, 2021, for the Stillwater Elks BACKYARD BLAZATHON COOK-OFF.

The Cook-Off is designed to raise funds for Kickin' Childhood Hunger. It will be a place to compare cookers, cooks, and techniques. A portion of the proceeds, after reasonable expenses, will be donated to Kickin' Childhood Hunger.

Stillwater Elks Lodge Backyard Blazathon rules and regulations will be used, and included in this announcement. Be sure to note the changes in this year's rules and regulations. The grounds will open at noon on Friday the 17th of September, with a Cook's Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Friday.

Cookers will be regulated to a 20' x 20' spot.

Entry turn in times will be Saturday, September 18th at:

12:00 noon. for Poultry;

12:45 p.m. for Pork

1:15 p.m. for Beef

Winners will be announced on Saturday, September 18th, at approximately 3:00 p.m. following the fundraiser auction that starts at 2:00 pm and you are invited to attend the auction.

Top Ten places in each of the 3 categories will be announced, and the Grand Champion.

This year we are going to do a Friday Night People's Choice from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. \$20 to enter from each person, you may enter multiple items. (\$20 each time) All entry money will be awarded to the winner. Stillwater Elks Lodge will sell meals to the general public to eat the item you provide. Each person will get a chance to taste all the items then they will give their (3) tickets to which ever item(s) were their favorite. The item with the most tickets is the winner. Winner wins the pot. We suggest that each cook has at least 40 servings of their entry. Entries for this will take place when you arrive.

This year WE WILL BE adhering to Quiet HOURS and we WILL be enforcing our policy. Quiet hours start at 10 pm on Friday night. First complaint, asked to turn down the noise in question. Second complaint, loss of electricity/power. If there is a third complaint, you will be disqualified from our contest and asked to leave. PLEASE RESPECT the cookers who want to enjoy a peaceful and quite night.

The map has been updated this year, please take a minute to look at the new layout. Some numbers have changed and we have added some new spots in the pecan grove. If you need power, you will need to bring your own generator. We are considered a dry camp. Our electricity is a 110 volt 20 amp ONLY, and we suggest you bring a generator to run all your electronics. You will need to bring your own generator to guarantee power at all times. You can plug into the outside of the building or a power pole, but we CAN NOT guarantee that the power will not go out.

Additional rules and/or other changes will be discussed at the Cook's Meeting on Friday September 18th, at 6:00 p.m. We will be providing a free chuck wagon style breakfast for cook

teams only, on Saturday morning September 18th from 7 am – 8 am. Provided by the local Harley Hog Chapter.

We will have vendor spots available this year. Please call us at 405-743-3300 to inquire about spots.

Cookers,

Kickin' Childhood Hunger is our charity of choice again this year. Their mission: To engage activities which work to eliminate childhood hunger in North Central Oklahoma and to work with organizations to accomplish that purpose. In 2013 it became apparent to Roger Demaree, Marketing Manager of Kicker and Lynn Youngblood, General Manager of Forman Harley-Davidson that there was a great need in our community to raise funds to feed our children. In their research they found the facts astonishing as they learned the number of children from the Stillwater School System who receive assistance by taking home food sacks during the school year. It was then that a very special group of people, representing five local businesses came together and formed the board of Kickin' Childhood Hunger. In the past six years, the group has raised over \$500,000 and distributed the funds to over 15 organizations in North Central Oklahoma. This past year with your added help Kickin' Childhood Hunger was able to feed 38,000 hungry kids in North Central Oklahoma for weekend meals. Before the partnering with Blazathon, Kickin' Childhood Hunger has had only one major fundraiser each year to accomplish their mission.

Thank you,

Backyard Blazathon Committee

Rules and Regulations

- 1) Each team shall consist of a chief cook and as many assistants as the chief cook deems necessary.
- 2) Each team will be assigned a cooking space. Pits, cookers, props, trailers, motor homes, vehicles, tents or any other equipment (including generators) shall not exceed the boundaries of the team's assigned cooking space. All seasoning and cooking of products shall be done within the assigned cooking space.
- 3) Contestants shall provide all needed equipment, supplies and electricity, except as arranged for in advance. Contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire and other codes. A fire extinguisher shall be near all cooking devices.
- 4) It is the responsibility of the contestant to see that the team's assigned cooking space is clean and orderly following the contest. All fires must be put out and all equipment removed from site. It is imperative that clean-up be thorough. Any team's assigned cooking space left in disarray or with loose trash, other than at trash containers, may disqualify the team from future Backyard Blazathon.
- 5) Electrical accessories such as spits, augers, or forced draft are permitted. No open pits or holes are permitted, except at the election of the contest organizer. Fires shall not be built on the ground.
- 6) All competition meats shall be inspected by the Meat Inspector during the times established by the contest organizer. Once the competition meat has been inspected, it shall not leave the contest site. Cooking shall not begin until the competition meat has been inspected by the Official Meat Inspector. All competition meat shall start out raw. No pre-seasoned meat is allowed other than manufacturer enhanced or injected products, as shown on label EXCLUDING but not limited to: teriyaki, lemon pepper or butter injected.
- 7) Barbeque for the purposes of Backyard Blazathon Rules is cooking the three categories. All entries need to be barbequed as the end result of the item.

8) Meat shall not be sculptured, branded or presented in a way to make it identifiable. Rosettes of meat slices are not allowed. Violations of this rule will be scored a one (1) on all criteria by all five judges.

9) The three Backyard Blazathon Categories: POULTRY: any part of the chicken is legal, including Cornish game hens, turkey or any other type of bird; PORK: any cut of pork is usable; BEEF: any beef cut is usable.

10) Judging will start at Noon on Saturday. The three (3) Backyard Blazathon categories will be judged in the following order: POULTRY at NOON, PORK at 12:45 pm, BEEF at 1:15 pm. If a modified time or change in category happens, it will be published in the cook's packet well in advance of the contest and be confirmed at the cooks meeting. An entry will be judged only at the time established by the contest organizer. The allowable turn-in time will be at the time open for 20 minutes of the posted time with no tolerance. A late turn-in will not be accepted by a Rep and will receive a 0 (zero) in all criteria.

11) Garnish is optional. Any garnish is acceptable and will not be judged as part of the appearance of the meat.

12) Sauce is optional. If used, it shall be applied directly to the meat and not be pooled or puddled in the container. No side sauce containers will be permitted in the turn-in container. Chunky sauce will be allowed. Chunks are to be no larger than a fine dice, approximately 1/8 inch cubed. Sauce violations shall receive a penalty score of one (1) on Appearance.

13) Entries will be submitted in an approved Backyard Blazathon container, provided by the contest organizer. A ticket will be given to you at each of your turn-ins. Keep this ticket, it will be used to announce the winners.

14) The container shall not be marked in any way so as to make the container unique or identifiable. Aluminum foil, toothpicks, skewers, foreign material, and/or stuffing are prohibited in the container. Marked entries or containers with the above listed material will receive a one (1) in all criteria from all Judges and disqualified.

15) Each contestant must submit at least five (5) portions of meat in an approved container. Poultry, Pork, and Beef may be submitted chopped, pulled, sliced, or diced as the cook sees fit, as long as there is enough for five (5) judges. If turning in ribs, they shall be turned in bone-in. Judges may not cut, slice, or shake apart to separate pieces. If there is not enough meat for each judge to sample, the shorted judge(s) will score a one (1) on all criteria, and the judges having samples will change the Appearance score to one (1) as a penalty.

16) The following cleanliness and safety rules will apply:

a. No use of any tobacco products or illegal substances while handling meat.

b. Cleanliness of the cook, assistant cooks, cooking device(s) and the team's assigned cooking space is required.

c. Shirt and shoes are required to be worn.

d. Sanitizing of work area should be implemented with the use of a bleach/water rinse (one cap/gallon of water). Each contestant will provide a separate container for washing, rinsing and sanitizing of utensils.

e. First aid is not required to be provided by the contest, except at the election of the contest organizer.

f. Prior to cooking, meat must be maintained at 40° F or less. g. After cooking, all meat: Must be held at 140° F or above OR Cooked meat shall be cooled as follows: Within 2 hours from 140° F to 70° F and Within 4 hours from 70° F to 41° F or less h. Meat that is cooked, properly cooled, and later reheated for hot holding and serving shall be reheated so that all parts of the food reach a temperature of at least 165° F for a minimum of 15 seconds.

18) There will be no refund of entry fees for any reason, except at the election of the contest organizer.

CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION & EVICTION of a team, its members and/or guests: A cook team is responsible jointly and severally for its head cook, its team members and its guests.

- a. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages or public intoxication with a disturbance.
- b. Serving alcoholic beverages to the general public.
- c. Use of illegal controlled substances.
- d. Foul, abusive, or unacceptable language or any language causing a disturbance.
- e. Excessive noise, including but not limited to that generated from speakers, such as radios, CD players, TVs, public address systems or amplifying equipment, will not be allowed during quiet time, designated to start at 10:00 p.m. on contest nights and will last until 7:00 a.m. unless otherwise determined by the event. Please do not play your music louder than our outdoor entertainment.
- f. Fighting and/or disorderly conduct.
- g. Theft, dishonesty, cheating, use of prohibited meats, or any act involving moral turpitude.

JUDGING PROCEDURES:

The Backyard Blazathon allows for blind judging only. Entries will be submitted in an approved container provided by the contest organizer. The container may be re-numbered by the Contest Rep or authorized personnel before being presented to the judges.

- 1.) Judging will be done by a team of 5 persons at each judging table, who are at least 16 years of age. Only Judges, Contest Reps and necessary support staff are allowed in the judging area during the judging process. No other activities are permitted in the judging area, during the judging process.
- 2) Each judge will first score all the samples for the appearance of the meat. The turn-in containers will then be passed around the table and each judge will place a sample from each of the containers in the appropriate box on the judging plate. Judges shall not lick their fingers while taking these samples; paper towels, gloves, unscented wipes or damp washcloths are preferred. The judge will then score each entry for taste and tenderness, before moving on to the next entry.
- 3.) The scoring system is from 1 to 5, all whole numbers between one and five may be used to score an entry. 5 excellent, 4 above average, 3 average, 2 bad, 1 inedible.
- 4) A score of zero (0) is a penalty or disqualification and requires approval by the Backyard Blazathon Chairperson. Grounds for penalty/disqualification: All judges will give a zero (0) in Appearance for pooled sauce or less than 5 samples of meat. All judges will give a zero (0) in all criteria for sculptured meat, a marked turn-in container, foreign object in the container, incorrect meat. All judges not receiving a sample will give a one (1) in all criteria.
- 5) The weighting factors for the point system are: Appearance - .5600, Taste - 2.2972, Tenderness - 1.1428.
- 6) Results will be tallied. If there is a tie in one of the categories, it will be broken by the computer, as follows: The scores will be compared (counting all five judges) for the highest cumulative scores in taste, then tenderness, then appearance. If still tied, then a computer generated coin toss will be used.
- 7) In the event of lost, destroyed or missing score cards the remaining score cards will be averaged in each category and those averages shall be used as the missing scores on replacement score cards. After there are five total score cards the normal procedure will be followed.
- 8) Total points per entry will determine the champion within each meat category.
- 9) Cumulative points for the 3 Backyard Blazathon categories will determine the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

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