

HANDBOOK

April 25th 2026

THIS HANDBOOK IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
PARTICIPATING TEAMS WILL RECEIVE
ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION
OF ANY CHANGES.

CHAMPIONS
BARBECUE ALLIANCE

Updated
12/01/2025



Event Sponsors



Event Sponsors at time of print

Site Plan

SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Friday Schedule

- 11:00 AM ----- Cooks Teams Begin Load In
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM ---- Tray Pick up
- 5:00 PM ----- Cooks Meeting
- 7:00 PM ----- Jackpot Desert Tum In
- 8:00 PM ----- Jackpot Steak Tum In
- 9:00 PM ----- Jackpot Cooks Choice Tum In



Saturday Schedule

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- 5:30 PM ----- Peoples Choice Voting Ends
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM ----- Raffles & Awards at Main Stage
- 7:30PM - 9:00 PM --- SIGGNO



- BEER
- MERCH
- DANCE FLOOR
- Public Gate
- ★ Cook Team Entry



Previous Winners

1ST ANNUAL - 2022
 GC - ARC Inspection
 RGC - United Logistics

BRISKET
 1ST - United Logistics
 2ND - Dynasty Enter.
 3RD- ARC Inspection

CHICKEN
 1ST- ARC Inspection
 2ND- United Logistics
 3RD- - Dynasty Enter.

RIBS
 1ST- GSS Supply
 2ND- Vista Pipe
 3RD- Ultra Enviroflex

PEOPLE CHAMP
 Coastal Chemical

SHOWMANSHIP
 Mullholland

2ND ANNUAL - 2023
 GC - West Texas Boring
 RGC - GSS Supply

BRISKET
 1ST - ARC Inspection
 2ND -West Texas Boring
 3RD- Noah's Service

CHICKEN
 1ST- Cannon Safety
 2ND- West Texas Boring
 3RD- MM Buildings

RIBS
 1ST- GSS Supply
 2ND- West Texas Boring
 3RD- Premium OFS

PEOPLE CHAMP
 ZELOUS ENERGY STX

SHOWMANSHIP
 Coastal Resources

3RD ANNUAL - 2024
 GC - Premium OFS
 RGC - Hard Rock

BRISKET
 1ST- IWS
 2ND- Conoco Team 2
 3RD- Cowboy OFS

PORK
 1ST- Hard Rock
 2ND- GSS Supply
 3RD- BOSS Crane

CHICKEN
 1ST-Reign Rentals
 2ND- AJ Logistics
 3RD- Premium OFS

RIBS
 1ST- Cowboy OFS
 2ND- Dragon
 3RD- Hard Rock

PEOPLE CHAMP
 Bell Supply STX

SHOWMANSHIP
 Coastal Resources

4TH ANNUAL - 2025
 GC - J3 Services
 RGC - Dragon

BRISKET
 1ST - API
 2ND- Meyer
 3RD- Dragon

PORK
 1ST-EXCALIBER
 2ND-CWW
 3RD-Meyer

CHICKEN
 1ST- J3 Services
 2ND- GSS Supply
 3RD- Dragon

RIBS
 1ST-FALLS CITY HS
 2ND- J3 Services
 3RD- Reign Rentals

PEOPLE CHAMP
 Bell Supply STX

SHOWMANSHIP
 Coastal Resources



We Are partnered with the Champions Barbecue Alliance (CBA) to elevate our competition to a new level!

The South Texas BBQ Bash is a "Closed or Invitational" CBA sanctioned event, exclusively sponsored by companies within or supporting the Oil and Gas . This partnership means that all scores from each category will contribute to the overall score for every team, ensuring a fair and competitive environment for all participants.

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LEADERSHIP

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Committee VP - Bernie Zertuche

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Event Coordinator - Sean O'Brien

Event Coordinator - Joey Machado

Event Coordinator - Dusty Culpepper

Event Coordinator - TBD

Event Coordinator - TBD

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BBQ TEAM REGISTRATION

Bernie Zertuche

Jeff Williams

Collin McElrath



Board of Directors

Board Chairman - Collin McElrath

Exec. Director - Kyle Hernandez

Director - Jeff Williams

Board Treasure - Mary Mattox

Board Secretary - Chrissie Lynn



TEXAS BBQ BASH MISSION

To bring communities together through BBQ, fellowship, and friendly competition while supporting and giving back to the families and communities connected to the Texas Oil and Gas industry through charitable donations, free food, and free community entertainment.

IMPACT OF TEXAS BBQ BASH CHARITABLE EVENTS

The Texas BBQ Bash is a nonprofit organization founded in July 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was created as a way for the Oil and Gas industry to uplift and support families within the communities it serves.

During the height of the pandemic, as uncertainty and reduced industry spending impacted local economies, it was discovered that several elderly residents in Pyote, Texas, were struggling to survive—many living without family support, transportation, and relying on only one meal per day provided by a local citizen. In response, a small group organized a community BBQ competition to raise funds to help feed and support the most vulnerable members of West Texas communities.

In 2020 alone, the organization provided over \$50,000 in free entertainment to the community and raised additional funds that were donated to the Ward County, Texas Toys for Tots program. The team worked alongside local, county, and state officials to create safe ways to bring communities together during the pandemic.

Now entering our sixth year, Texas BBQ Bash has hosted ten free-to-attend events. In 2026, we expect nearly 10,000 attendees and over 60 Oil and Gas industry cook teams. To date, these events have generated nearly \$1 million in charitable impact across Texas Oil and Gas communities through free food, free entertainment, and direct monetary donations.

In 2026, competitive pitmasters from more than half a dozen states will compete for the honor of being named a Texas BBQ Bash Competition Pitmaster and earning the title of Best in Texas

GUN RAFFLE!!



\$20



Citadel
CP9 9mm

GUN RAFFLE

\$20



Smith & Wesson
SD9 2.0 FDE 9MM



Ruger 6.5
Grendel



Benelli M2 12ga



Tokarev USA TX3
Home Defense 12 Ga



Diamondback
DB-15 Pistol 5.56

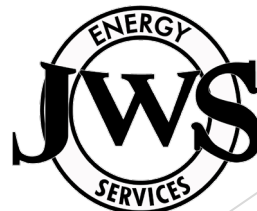


Proceeds go to the Kenedy and Karnes City VFDs

Guns sponsored by JWS Energy Services



Contact: Jeff Williams 830-299-8551



Guns Sponsored by JWS

MERCHANDISE!!

**CAPS, KOOZIES, TEE SHIRTS
RAFFLE TICKETS AND MUCH MORE!**



PROCEEDS GO TO THE KARNES COUNTY YOUTH SHOW

Team Space Info

- No parking outside of your designated area unless otherwise approved by the committee.
- Convenient parking spaces will be available for cook team members outside the cook-off area.
- No vehicles other than Cook-off RV's and travel trailers may be left inside your cooking area.
- Any other vehicle to be used in a site must have prior approval by committee as cooking site decorations.
- All other vehicles must be outside the cooking area by Saturday at 9:00 am.
- Tents, Pits and RV's may be brought in and set up during any of the above stated times.

NOTE: All tents and portable canopies must be secured via stake material or weights.

- Team gathering/socializing will be allowed between the day of set-up through the day of the event.
- Cookers will be allowed to spend the night Friday and Saturday in their allocated spaces only.

NOTE: Texas BBQ Bash will provide a space ONLY. Contestants must supply ALL necessary equipment and supplies. Props, trailers, motor homes, vehicles, tents, generators, garbage cans, etc. Coverings and/or any other part of a team's equipment must not extend outside the boundaries of the assigned space unless approved by the committee. Water shall be provided by the contestants. Contestants will supply their team with proper sanitization needs.

COOK SPOTS
40' X 40'



Team Check Ins

April 25th: Tents, Pits, and RV's may be brought in and set up the day before the event between 11:00 am and 9:00 pm.

Texas BBQ Bash will have a representative at the gate to receive you and check you in.

For help Contact

Mathew Miller - 830-299-5503

Jeff Williams - 830-299-8551

Physical Address

1480 CR 345

Karnes City, TX 78119

Team Breakdown

Deadline to have all items removed from the grounds is 12:00 noon on the following Sunday. If you are unable to meet this deadline, call Ahead. Teams are responsible for clearing their space entirely please do not leave trash behind. Trash cans and trash trailers will be provided by TX BBQ BASH.

Areas must remain clean at all times!



BBQ General Info

Cooking Spaces

All Cooking facilities, rigs, props, portable toilets, show articles or anything else involved with your team must fit within the teams allotted spot. This does include trailer hitches, tent stakes/barrels, vehicles, etc. Pits, heaters, or other combustible equipment shall not be located adjacent to pathways, exits, or other combustible walls or material

Motor Vehicles

Teams, guests, and general public are not permitted to bring golf carts, ATV's, 4-wheelers or any other motor vehicle in the BBQ contest area. Use of motor vehicles is prohibited and will be monitored by the Law Enforcement Officers.

Trash

TX BBQ BASH will provide trash can with liners and and trash trailers. It is the team's responsibility to empty the trash containers and place the trash bags adjacent to the team spot for pick up. Volunteers will put bagged trash in the trash trailers.

Amenities

Electric hookups are available with some spaces. Bring your own extension cords, generators will be placed strategically among spaces. Water hookups are available in some areas. Please bring your own water hoses and/or portable containers as the water may not be convenient for your spot.

ICE

ICE is available in limited supply. 200 - 20lbs bag have been sponsored and will be kept in Freezers. **The Ice is for the day of the event only.** Please come iced down when you arrive.

ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT

NO Glass Containers



Each team must comply with all pertinent laws and ordinances, including, but not limited to, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. Failure to comply with laws, ordinances and rules will result in immediate expulsion from STX BBQ BASH and forfeiture of future invitations.

Each team MUST provide food when alcohol is being served.

- 1) At no time may a person under the age of 21 be served alcohol of any nature.
- 2) STX BBQ BASH prohibits service to a minor, even in the presence of a legal guardian.
- 3) Teams found to be serving minors or teams not protecting access to alcohol by a minor will be immediately expelled from STX BBQ BASH and expelled from future events.
- 4) Teams violating these rules may face legal action under Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.
- 5) Alcoholic beverage service to the general public must end at 12:00 a.m.
- 6) Teams may not charge for beverage service, including "mandatory donations or tips."
- 7) Teams may not sell tickets to be redeemed for beverages, either prior to or during the event.
- 8) There will be no selling of commodities or materials to other teams during STX BBQ Bash or during setup.

NOTICE

**NO DRINKING
UNDER 21**

**Please drink responsibly
and
NO underage drinking!**





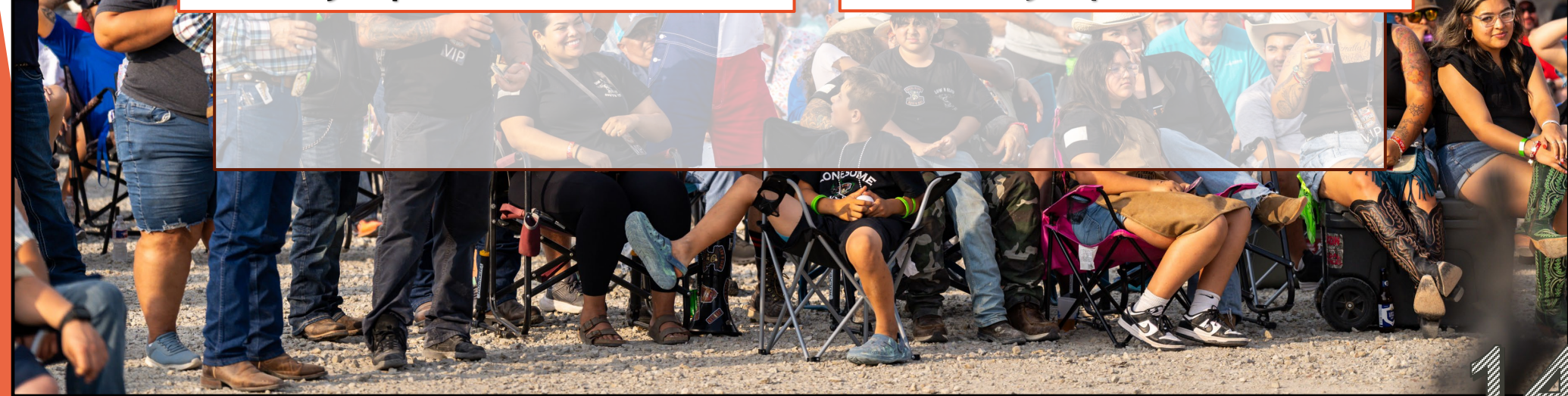
BBQ BASH HOURS

TEAMS & FRIENDS

Friday April 24TH 11AM
Sunday April 26TH 12 NOON

GENERAL PUBLIC

Saturday April 25TH 11AM
Saturday April 25TH 11PM



Show Times

Chris Gonzales 12:30 - 1:30

Jesse Joe 2:00 - 3:00

Caleb Michael 3:30 - 4:30

Vinny Tovar 5:00-6:00

BBQ AWARDS 6:00 - 7:30

Siggnno 8:00-9:30

DJ Plays 9:30 - 11:00



Car Show



BEST IN SHOW – PRE 1990 ~ BEST IN SHOW – POST 1990

BEST PAINT ~ BEST ENGINE ~ BEST INTERIOR

BEST CHEVY

BEST MOPAR

BEST FORD

BEST IMPORT

BEST MOTORCYCLE

BEST OFFROAD TRUCK

BEST TRUCK

BEST LOW RIDER

TOP 30 & PEOPLES CHOICE

\$30 ENTRY FEE - REGISTER DAY OF SHOW OR ONLINE

SHOW 11AM - 3PM AWARDS@ 3:30PM

LOAD IN 9AM -11AM

www.texasabbqbash.com

Parking



RV PARKING RULES

RVs are allowed in your 40' x 40' cook spot.

RV's must be spotted in place on Friday between 11am - 9pm. Teams can Stay Both Friday Night and Saturday Night. RV's can not be removed Until Sunday Morning following the cook off. RV's must be removed by no later then 12 noon on Sunday.

FRIENDS AND PUBLIC PARKING

Friday - Parking and access in and out of the Limited access gates will be allowed.

Saturday - Parking and access in and out of the Limited access gates will NOT be allowed. On the day of the event, access points noted on the site plan as Limited Access are for emergency egress only. Before 9am on Saturday have all non-essential vehicles removed and relocated to parking lot West of the venue. Any vehicles left inside the venue after 9am on Saturday will not be allowed to leave.

There will be to many people walking around inside the venue, to risk someone getting ran over.

Meat Inspection

Meat Inspections can begin on Friday as soon as Cook Teams are Checked in



Texas BBQ Bash wants to thank the Head Cooks and their teams for continued support of Texas BBQ Bash, the community outreach, their team building and charitable exercise.

The Head Cooks are solely responsible for their team's compliance with the rules and regulations. If there are any problems, questions, or concerns, the Head Cook should notify the Meat Inspectors and/or a BBQ Bash Committee Member immediately so the potential problem can be addressed in a timely manner

SPECIFIC POLICIES & PROCEDURES

ALL contest meats (briskets, chickens, pork butts & pork ribs) must be available in their raw state for inspection. Contest meats may not be precooked, presoaked, salted, seasoned, or marinated prior to inspection.

- The Head Cook must be present when the Meat Inspectors arrive at the team site.
- If the Head Cook is not present the Meat Inspectors will move to another team and will return to inspect that team at the completion of the inspection process.
- ALL contest meats (briskets, chickens, pork butts & pork ribs) must be available for inspection in their raw state when the Meat Inspectors arrive at the team site.
- If all the contest meats are not available for inspection when the Meat Inspectors arrive at the team site, the Meat Inspectors will move to another team and return to that team at the completion of the inspection process.



TEXAS BBQ BASH WILL BE UTILIZING A QR CODE TO CAPTURE VOTES
each team will receive a QR Code to post up at their cook spot to collect the votes

People's Choice

1. Judging for the Best Appetizer (*Must be an edible food or liquid product*)
 2. Teams may prepare any consumable food or drink for the People's Choice Appetizer category. Appetizer foods do not require inspection by the committee.
 3. If serving alcohol drinks, it must be served along with some type of food. Can not be, Margarites, beer, etc... Only...
 4. People's Choice is voted on by the public — **one vote per person using the provided QR code.**
 5. **Each team is expected to prepare and serve a minimum of 250–300 single-serving appetizers to attendees.**
 6. This is an open category — dishes can vary, and desserts are welcome!
 7. People's Choice is a vital part of the Texas BBQ Bash.
 8. It's how we fulfill our mission to provide free food to the community — the very foundation of this organization, born during the COVID pandemic out of a desire to help those in need.
- **Please plan, participate, and have fun with this event!**

ANY TYPE OF COOKING METHODS MAYBE USED FOR PEOPLES CHOICE, EXCEPT FOR EARTH PIT



Show·man·ship



/ 'SHōmən ,SHip/

noun

skill at entertaining, theatrical presentation, or performance.

"Bud had a flair for showmanship and understood what the public wanted to see"

Showmanship is voted on by the Texas BBQ Staff Members.

Criteria:

60% Set up

30% Community engagement

10% Event Promotion (Social Media)

Past Winners

1st Annual - Mulholland

2nd Annual - Coastal Resources

3rd Annual - Coastal Resources

4th Annual - Coastal Resources

5th Annual - ??????????





Jackpot Rules



\$200 Entry
Pays top 3 in each Category
1st Place in each Category to receive Buckles

Do NOT have to compete in all four categories

Friday

1. Ribeye - **Competitor provides their own Steak**
 - No garnishing
 - Turn in at 6:50 - 7:00pm
2. Dessert - Anything goes
 - Open garnish inside the box provide by CBA
 - Turn in at 7:50 - 8:00pm
3. Cooks Choice - Savory Only
 - Open garnish inside the box provide by CBA
 - Turn in at 8:50 -9:00pm

Saturday

4. Bloody Mary - Anything goes
 - Garnishing allowed above the rim
 - Turn in at 9:50 - 10:00am

KIDS COOK JACKPOT RULES - \$50 Entry

Steaks provided by The Chopping Block

1" thick Cut Ribeye Steak

- ✓ TROPHIES
- ✓ CASH PAYOUT
- ✓ BELT BUCKLES

1. Eligibility

1. Cooks must be at least 6 years of age and no older than 17 on the event's date.
2. Cooks must be able to trim, season, cook and present their steaks entirely unassisted.
3. Cooks must be able to use their own:
 1. Preparation table (Only one cook per table)
 2. Seasonings and cooking utensils
 3. Food Gloves
 4. Grill (Only one cook per grill)
 5. Charcoal

Turn in at 3:50- 4:00 PM



1. General Rules

1. Cook entrants will be divided into two groups:
2. Junior Division: 6-12 years of age
3. Senior Division: 13-17 years of age
4. **Cooking will done in the Arena inside the show barn**
5. Bash Personnel will be there to monitor and assist
6. Cell Phones in the cooking area are prohibited
7. Kids can use handwritten notes, but no cell phones
8. Kids must be able to trim, season, cook and present their steaks entirely unassisted

The
Chopping Block
Meat Market



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GRAND CHAMPION

\$1,500 - TROPHY & BELT BUCKLE
FREE ENTRY IN THE NEXT STX BASH
1ST PICK COOK SPOT IN NEXT STX BASH



Additional Prizes!!!

SHOWMANSHIP
\$500 TROPHY & BELT BUCKLE

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
\$1,000 - TROPHY & BELT BUCKLE

PEOPLES CHOICE
\$500 - TROPHY & BELT BUCKLE

Pork Ribs

1st Place - Trophy & Belt Buckle
2nd Place - Trophy
3rd Place - Trophy
4th - 10th - Call out, and award

Brisket

1st Place - Trophy & Belt Buckle
2nd Place - Trophy
3rd Place - Trophy
4th - 10th - Call out, and award

Chicken

1st Place - Trophy & Belt Buckle
2nd Place - Trophy
3rd Place - Trophy
4th - 10th - Call out, and award

Pork Butt

1st Place - Trophy & Belt Buckle
2nd Place - Trophy
3rd Place - Trophy
4th - 10th - Call out, and award

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

- There will be Law Enforcement and Medical onsite during the event, both uniformed and plain clothes officers
- If someone in your area is having an emergency, clear the area and call for help and remain calm.
- Refer to the map of the venue and note the numbered cook spot in which the emergency is in occurrence. Staff members will have radios to communicate to a committee member.

CALL 911



FRIDAY

- 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM ---- Move In & Registration
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM ----- Tray Pick up
- 5:00 PM ----- **Cooks Meeting**
- 7:00 PM ----- Jackpot Steak Turn In
- 8:00 PM ----- Jackpot Dessert Turn In
- 9:00 PM ----- Jackpot Cooks Choice Turn In

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Tray Pick up
- 10:00 AM ----- Jackpot Bloody Mary Turn In
- 11:00 AM ----- **Gates Open to the Public**
- 12:00 PM----- Chicken Turn In
- 1:00 PM ----- Pork Ribs Turn In
- 2:00 PM ----- Pork Butt Turn In
- 3:00 PM ----- Brisket Turn In
- 4:00 PM ----- Jackpot KIDS Q
- 5:30 PM----- Peoples Choice Voting Ends
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM ----- **Raffles & Awards at Main Stage**



TURN INS OPEN 10 MINUTES BEFORE TURN IN TIME*