



## **2022 Elder CDJR Black-Eyed Jamboree**

### **BBQ Cook-Off Rules and Regulations**



1. Categories: Ribs, Chicken, Brisket, Pork butt

Teams may enter as many categories as they like. Entry fee is \$75 per category or \$200 to enter all four categories with the opportunity to be named Grand Pit Master.

Please remember this is a fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit the Shriner's Hospital for Children through the Masonic Lodge 165 charities as well as the Athens Chamber of Commerce.

#### 2. **Cook-off Site Setup Times:**

Friday, July 22nd: Tents, Pits, and RV's may be brought in and set up during the early set-up, between 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm. **\*NOTE: Only the Cook-Off Area will be accessible.** Contestants may stay overnight with their equipment within the designated space. \*

General Setup:

Friday: Cooking equipment and setup will be allowed on the contest site between 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Vehicles outside of their associated area will be towed.

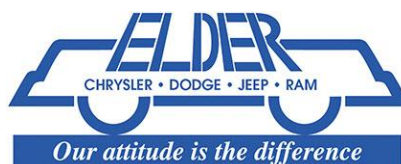
- Sites will be approximately 20' x 30' or as otherwise marked. Team's equipment and décor must fit within the assigned space. No parking outside of your designated area unless otherwise approved. Cook-off layout is subject to change needed. Any vehicle parked outside the boundaries assigned after designated setup times will be towed away at owner's expense. During listed set-up times, only cooking equipment will be allowed inside the gates at any one time.

- Convenient parking spaces will be available for other team members outside the cook-off area. No vehicles other than Cook-off RV's, travel trailers may be left inside your cooking area. Any other vehicle to be used in a site must have prior approval. All other vehicles must be outside the cooking area by Saturday at 7:00 am and will not be permitted to return to the cook-off area.

- Tents, Pits and RV's may be brought in and set up during any of the above states times. \*NOTE: All tents must be secured via stake material. Tents may not be taller than 15 feet tall. • Team gathering/socializing will be allowed Friday night, through the rest of the contest. **\*\*ALL MUSIC AND OTHER LOUD NOISE MUST CEASE BY 7:00 ON FRIDAY AND NOT DISRUPT THE SCHEDULED EVENTS. ALL MUSIC AND SOCIALIZING MUST BE CLEAN AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY. VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION WITHOUT REFUND AND REMOVAL FROM THE GROUNDS.**

- Cookers will be allowed to spend the night starting Friday before the contest in their allocated spaces. Walking around the cook-off area or other parts of the event grounds specifically in others spaces is strictly prohibited.

3.. Teams: A Cook-off Team consists of a Chief Cook and maximum of five (5) assistants with a unique team name. Team names may not be offensive and are subject to approval by the Athens Chamber of Commerce. Chief Cooks and Team Members may not cook on more than one team; disqualification is subject for doing so. Each team must have unique members.



The Chief Cook is responsible for the operation of the team space and all actions within or outside the assigned space(s) by the members or guests within the assigned space(s). The Chief Cook of the team must be physically present and available to the contest management if called upon at any time. EACH TEAM MEMBER MUST SIGN A RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT PRIOR TO MOVE IN.

#### **4. Types of cooking devices restricted:**

Open fires, fire holes, or dug pits will NOT be permitted. Fire Barrels are NOT permitted. Everything must be contained and safe.

#### **5. Equipment:**

Athens Chamber of Commerce will provide a space ONLY. Contestants must supply ALL necessary equipment and supplies. Props, trailers, RV's, vehicles, tents, generators, 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 Executive Director or Chairman. Water is not provided by the Athens Chamber of Commerce due to facility restrictions.

6. Fire Extinguishers Minimum Requirements: One (2A10BC) type extinguisher is required in each 20x30 space and at least one 40BC type extinguisher is required in each cooking area within each space. Where teams plan to use deep fat frying equipment using oil or fats, it is required that at least one 2.5 gallon (6L) type K portable fire extinguisher be present. All extinguishers must have a current date and tag. Committee personnel will randomly inspect for extinguishers. A team found without minimum extinguishers will be stopped from further cooking for their protection. \*NOTE: The Fire Marshal or Local Fire Department will be inspecting for adequate extinguishers.

7. Preparations: Pre-cooked and/or pre-seasoned meat and entries will not be allowed. All entries will and must be inspected by a member of the Cook-off committee prior to preparing. A FOOD SOURCE SHEET listing the store where perishable foods were purchased is required by the Chamber of Commerce for products cooked during the contest. These will be collected by Cook-off committee members.

8. Judging: will be divided into 5 categories: Brisket, Chicken, Ribs and Pork Butt. All measures will be taken to ensure that judges will not know whose entry is being judged. Judging fairness is our utmost concern. Judging times are as follows:

Chicken- 10:30 a.m. 5 judges portions individually plated as desired

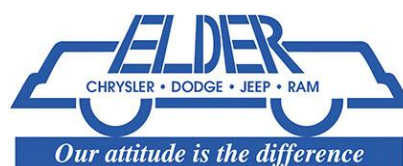
Ribs – 11 a.m. submission of 5 judges portions individually plated as desired

Brisket – 11:30 a.m. submission of 5 judges portions individually plated as desired

Pork Butt- 12:00 p.m. submission of 5 judges portions individually plated as desired

9. Awards: Awards will be given to the Top 3 Places in each category after final judging. A Grand Pit Master will be named out of teams who competed in all 4 categories. Winners will be announced from the main stage following the noon band performance and awards will be given.

10. Conduct: Chief Chefs are responsible of their team members and guests. Teams may not charge door admission to their spaces during or before the contest. Teams wishing to operate their spaces as



“Invitation Only” must secure their spaces in an appropriate manner. Directors, Cook-Off Chairman from Masonic Lodge 165, and Athens Chamber Committee personnel (with committee-related business) are always permitted in all spaces with proper identification. Please advise your security personnel. Teams are NOT required to provide general access (non-business access) or food/other refreshments to committee members or staff. Animals are NOT permitted on the cook-off grounds except for certified service animals with proper documentation.

11. Housekeeping: Each team will be responsible for cleanup within their assigned space in a timely manner.

12. Personal Entertainment: If the Cook-off committee receives complaint that music gets too loud, you will be asked to turn it down and you must comply at first request. Excessive noise will be determined by Athens Chamber Personnel, Athens Police Department, Cain Center and or City staff. Pyrotechnics of any kind are strictly prohibited.

13. Executive Decisions: Cook-off Contest Chairman from Masonic Lodge 165 and Athens Chamber Chairman reserve the right to make additional rules, regulations, and amendments as situations warrant. Decisions of the Athens Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are final. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

14. Cook-off Site Tear Down: Teams will not be allowed to start dismantling before 4 p.m. Saturday and no vehicles will be allowed in or out of the cook-off area before this time.

15. HAVE FUN!!!: Your participation helps support Shriners Children’s Texas Hospital on behalf of the Masonic Lodge 165 as well as the Athens Chamber of Commerce.

All inquiries should be submitted to the Athens Chamber of Commerce in writing at [athensTXchamber@outlook.com](mailto:athensTXchamber@outlook.com).

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