



# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Austin County Fair Bar-B-Q Cook-Off

Dear Bar-B-Q Cookers,

You're invited to the 20<sup>th</sup> **Annual Austin County Fair Bar-B-Q Cook-Off** which will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018. On Friday, October 5th, we'll hold the Chef's Choice and Margarita Jackpot Competitions. These competitions are optional; 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 will be based on the number of entries. The winners will be announced around 9:30 p.m. **Absolutely no entries for the Chef's Choice or Margarita Jackpot Competitions will be accepted after 12:00 NOON on Friday, October 5, 2018.**

The Austin County Fair Association has decided to not hold the Summer Music Fest this year. Instead, we are adding on to our annual Fair and having a Fair Fest and BBQ Cook-off October 5-7, 2018. Fair Fest will officially kick-off our Fair week. Over the weekend, we will have a Port-a-Potty Decorating Contest (maybe your team would want to enter that too?) and our Queens Contest will be Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Austin County Exposition and Convention Center. For the kids, we will have a Petting Zoo, an Odor Eaters Stinky Sneaker Contest and the Lil' Wrangler Rodeo and Mutton Bustin'. For evening entertainment, Saturday night we will have bull riding in Koerth Arena and music under the C. W. Brandes Entertainment Pavilion.

Enclosed you'll find the Entry Form and Rules and Regulations for the 2018 Bar-B-Q Cook-Off. **All entries must be in the fair office no later than Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** The Registration Form, which requires signatures of all team members, may be turned in the day your team checks in. Teams that competed in last year's Cook-Off will have the choice to be in their same Cook-Off space. Deadline to reserve your same space as last year is **Thursday, September 6, 2018**. After that date, spaces will be released on a first come basis. Spaces with electricity are limited, so please be sure to get your entry form in ASAP!

Please go to our website, [www.austincountyfair.com](http://www.austincountyfair.com) for further information regarding times, rules and entry forms on any of the events listed above or to purchase tickets in advance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the Bar-B-Q Chairmen named below.

Sincerely,

Kathy Ignasiak  
(979-877-5153)  
Bar-B-Que Cook-Off Co-Chair

Rachel Schubert  
(979-885-8372)  
Bar-B-Que Cook-Off Co-Chair



## Austin County Fair Bar-B Que Cook-Off

Saturday, October 6, 2018

### RULES and REGULATIONS

#### GENERAL

- 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. 6, 2018.** After this date, all spaces will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. All entries must be in the fair office no later than Thursday, September 27, 2018 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 5, 2018 and 6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Meat will be inspected at check-in.
- 2) Chief Cook meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2018 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, June 24, 2017.**

## 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

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.

1. Fires must be wood or wood substance. No electric or gas fires allowed.
2. 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.
3. Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. Show provides space ONLY!
4. **NO GARNISH, NO SAUCE AND NO GLAZE IS ALLOWED IN THE TRAY OR ON THE MEAT AT TURN IN TIME.**
5. 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.
6. Results will be announced at approximately 5:00 p.m.

## OPTIONAL – JACKPOT COMPETITIONS

1. Jackpot competition will be held on Friday, October 5, 2018. This competition is optional.
2. Entry fee is \$ 10.00 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 Turnverein Pavilion. 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 Rib Eye Steak and you may garnish your dish if you choose to do so. 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 Turnverein Pavilion. 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 Turnverein Pavilion.

## MOVE OUT

1. Contest area must be cleared out by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 7, 2018.
2. Dustbusters 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 Dustbusters has cleaned the cook-off area. Any team that leaves trash on the grounds after Dustbusters has cleaned the area will be assessed a fee the following year.
3. All cook sites must be cleaned before moving out. Absolutely No Ashes, Beans, Meat or Trash left on cook sites.

# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Austin County Fair Bar-B Que Cook-Off Entry Form

## Saturday, October 6, 2018

**ENTRY FEE:** \$ 150.00 per team. Each team will receive 2 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 October 4, 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Showmanship – Trophy

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: \$ 150.00 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: \$ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Margarita Contest: \$ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Checks payable to ACFA**

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

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**

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

**AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR**  
**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Bar-B-Q COOK-OFF**  
**October 6, 2018**

**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: Please Print
- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
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  - 6) \_\_\_\_\_

# TEAM REGISTRATION FORM (B)

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

Our team has read and understands the rules and regulations of the 2018 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 and the City of Bellville, 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 sing 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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