



General Information, Rules & Regulations

2026 DIME BOX HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

COOKOFF SCHEDULE, ENTRY DETAILS, CONTESTS & AWARDS

WHEN

**Friday, October 2 and
Saturday, October 3**
Downtown Dime Box, Texas

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 | 3-8 PM

Arrive, check in and set up. A **mandatory Chief Cook's Meeting** will be held at 8 PM in the Dime Box Community Center.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 9 AM-6 PM

Cookoff, optional contests, judging and awards.

WHERE

The cookoff area is in the open space behind the Dime Box Community Center.

Due to space limitations, only BBQ teams' pits, a canopy or tent, a table, chairs and cookoff supplies can be accommodated.

ENTRY FEE

There is no entry fee. However, each team must donate **one cooked brisket weighing at least 10 pounds** for the festival auction at 4 PM on Saturday, October 3.

CATEGORIES

Beef Brisket **(required)** / Chicken / Pork Ribs (Spare or St. Louis Style)

Meats may be pre-seasoned and will be checked by the BBQ Committee at 8 PM on Friday, October 2. A team that does not make its meats available for review will be disqualified.

JUDGING

Saturday, October 3

1 PM: 1/2 Chicken
2 PM: 6 Pork Ribs
3 PM: 6 Slices of Brisket

OPTIONAL CONTESTS

JACKPOT BEANS | \$20 ENTRY FEE

Cash awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entries are due by **10 AM Saturday**. Containers may be purchased at Friday night's Chief Cook's Meeting.

BLOODY MARY'S | \$20 ENTRY FEE

Cash awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entries are due by **11 AM Saturday**.

AWARDS

Three awards per category, plus one **Master Cook Award** and one **Showmanship Award**.

All teams are encouraged to compete for Showmanship.

Master Cook eligibility requires entry in every meat category. Jackpot entries are excluded from its calculations.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Awards will be presented at **4 PM on Saturday, October 3**.

DEDICATED TEAM PARKING

Team RV and vehicle parking is in the grassy area across from the Community Center, beside the railroad tracks. Enter at **Guy M. Bryan Drive (CR 425) and Ramsey Street (CR 141)**.

Questions? Contact **James Mitschke**, BBQ Cookoff Committee: **979-540-0700**.



BBQ Cookoff Entry Form

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ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

This is a fillable form whereby you can complete it electronically, save the file, and then submit it via email or text.
Or, print this form, complete it, scan or make a photocopy, then submit it.

Team Name

Chief Cook - First & Last Name

Chief Cook - Email Address

Chief Cook - Mailing Address

Chief Cook - Cell Phone

TEAM COOKS - FIRST & LAST NAMES

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having read the BBQ Cookoff General Information, Rules and Regulations, the team named below agrees to participate in the 2026 Dime Box Homecoming Festival. The team will cook a brisket weighing at least 10 pounds and donate it to the Dime Box Lions Foundation to be auctioned to the highest bidder during the festival.

Team Name

Chief Cook Signature

Date

Type your name as an electronic signature, or print the form and sign this field by hand.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Email the completed form to festival organizer **Suzanne Penley** at suzanne@suzannepenley.com. A reply confirming receipt will be sent to you.