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PRESENTS

BIG AXE BBQ COMPETITION

TEXAS STATE FOREST FESTIVAL

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Sat., September 20, 2025

Expo Center | Lufkin

Applications are due by September 12th

After this date, teams must call.

ENTRY FEE - \$200

Includes admission to Festival, \$32 value

RV SPOTS AVAILABLE - \$50



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Team Name _____ Organization/Company _____

Team Members:

1. (Head Cook)
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Teams may cook with pellet or wood fire. Please indicate how your team will cook:

☐ Pellet

☐ Wood fire

All will be judged together

Head Cook's Contact Number _____ Head Cook's Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Electrical hookups are limited and will not be available to all participants.

☐ RV Spot Needed Available first come first reserve. Spots are \$50 and can be added to your entry fee. (30 amps- 3 point hook-ups)

As Head Cook of this team, I agree that it is my responsibility to ensure that all team members and myself adhere to all of the rules and regulations. Furthermore, myself and all team members understand that the Texas State Forest Festival is not responsible for lost or stolen merchandise nor any accidents or injuries that occur at the Texas State Forest Festival.

Head Cook's Signature _____ Date _____

Please keep a copy of
this form & mail or
email original to:

Big Axe BBQ Competition

1615 S. Chestnut | Lufkin, Texas 75901

PHONE 936.634.6644 EMAIL MMoore@mooreaccountingsvcs.com



OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. A contestant or team consists of one Head Cook and no more than three assistants.

Contestants may load in the BBQ Cook-off grounds (1200 Ellen Trout Dr., Lufkin) beginning Wednesday, September 17 - Friday, September 19 from 10am-3pm, but **MUST** be in place by 5 PM Friday, September 19. If you need to arrive after 5 PM, please call to make arrangements.

AFTER UNLOADING PLEASE IMMEDIATELY REMOVE YOUR VEHICLE!

2. All competitors will bring their own meat to the site RAW...No pre-marinating, precooking, or pre-spicing prior to checking in on location.
Categories for the competition are as follows: BEEF BRISKET CHICKEN PORK SPARE RIBS
3. You may COOK with sauce but DO NOT add sauce, marinade, sop, or juice to meat or container once the meat is prepared for judging. No garnishing or markers allowed for the judge's portions.
4. Cooks are to prepare and cook barbecue in as sanitary a manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the Big Axe BBQ Committee and/or County and State Health Inspectors. Conditions found to be unsanitary will be grounds for disqualification from this cook-off. Fires must be wood, wood substance or pellets.
5. A BBQ Pit may include gas or electricity for starting the combustion of wood or wood products but NOT to complete cooking. No holes, open fires, or dug pits will be allowed. However, a burn-down barrel will be allowed but **MUST** have some type of safety barrier placed across the top and around the sides of the barrel. Precautions **MUST** be made to prevent any fire threat. All teams must have at least ONE fire extinguisher on site.
6. Contest meats must be delivered to the designated judging location. Contest meats will be judged on Saturday, September 20.
7. Head Cook must attend the Cooks Meeting Friday at 6 PM for explanation of the rules. Tray pick-up at 4 PM - 6 PM; additional tray pick-up on Saturday 9 AM - 10 AM.
8. Requirements for IBCA - Chicken: one (1) fully jointed chicken half; Pork Spareribs: eight (8) individual pork spareribs; Brisket: eight (8) slices.
9. **BLIND JUDGING:** You will receive 1 tray per category. Each of these trays will have a numbered ticket so that the judges do not know which team's food they are tasting.
10. Any lewdness or any form of vulgarity will NOT be allowed. NO pyrotechnics or explosives are allowed. Any intentional use of the above by a team will result in disqualification, removal from grounds and, elimination from the tournament.
11. Music Bands, and/or sound equipment within your team area is allowed. HOWEVER, excessively loud music and/or sounds that interfere with announcements, scheduled live bands and entertainment on stage, or that intrude upon or interfere with the comfort of fellow contestants will NOT BE ALLOWED OR TOLERATED. Offenders will receive no more than three warnings from representatives of Texas State Forest Festival and non-compliance will be grounds for disqualification from the Cook-off and expulsion from the Barbecue Cook-off Grounds.
12. QUIET TIME is midnight Friday night until 7 AM Saturday morning. All teams will need someone with their grill/smoker at all times. Please be respectful of the neighborhood around the event site, especially on the overnight shift.
13. Covered spaces of 20'x20' will be available. Larger spaces available upon request. There is limited electricity available in the BBQ area. Please bring generator if needed. All cooking facilities, rigs, props, or show articles must fit within your team's contest space.
14. The Head Cook for each team will be responsible for the conduct of his team, guests or invitees. Additionally, the Head Cook will be responsible for his team's compliance with the rules and regulations herein set forth. EXCESSIVE USE of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. Contestants may NOT give, offer, sell, or donate alcoholic beverages to the general public. You will only be allowed to bring in beer during the load in time. Additional alcohol cannot come in during the day. Only the team members will be allowed to drink and will be issued an armband indicating that they are on the team. People walking through the cook-off area or visiting cook-off teams will NOT be allowed to drink in the BBQ area. Beer and wine will be available to the public in the food pavilion ONLY. If a team member is caught serving the public, your team will be disqualified IMMEDIATELY.
15. IBCA contest rules apply. Texas State Forest Festival reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situation warrants. Decisions of Texas State Forest Festival are final.
16. Texas State Forest Festival, its members or directors, Angelina County, and all participating landlords will not be held responsible for theft or damage to equipment or bodily injury of any kind.
17. Animal(s) of any kind WILL NOT BE PERMITTED in any contestant's contest space nor will any animal(s) be permitted on the BBQ Cook-off Grounds, EXCEPT for seeing-eye dogs.

TURN IN TIMES

CHICKEN - NOON

PORK SPARE RIBS - 1:30 PM

BRISKET - 3 PM

***\$25 JACKPOT BEANS - 10 AM SATURDAY**

All awards will be given out at approximately 4:30 PM

All decisions of the judges are final. Any questions regarding the rules & regulations, you may contact:

Melinda Moore at MMoore@mooreaccountingsvcs.com OR Brannon Ferrara at 936.635.3638

PRIZE MONEY

80% payout

RV SPOTS

Are available first come first reserve. Spots are \$50 and can be added to your entry fee. (30 amps- 3 point hook-ups)



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