

# Cook County Cook Off Classic BBQ Competition

## Official Entry Form

Entry Deadline: October 17, 2022

Official Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name cannot be changed once accepted.)

Categories in which you can enter and compete: (select 1 or more)

- Boston Butt \$75
- Chicken \$75 (thighs only)
- Pork Ribs \$75
- Brunswick Stew \$75
- All four (4) categories \$250
  - Each team should prepare enough food for 5 judges and also extra for those participating in the "People's Choice Award"

Team Contact and Chief Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) \_\_\_\_\_

What type of grill will your team be cooking on? \_\_\_\_\_

What size tent\grill space will you require? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your team bring a camper/RV? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what size? \_\_\_\_\_

What time do you plan to arrive to setup your team's space? \_\_\_\_\_

(Teams can arrive anytime after 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> to set up.)

**Spaces will be assigned upon arrival.**

**\*\* REMINDER: THIS IS A NON- SANCTIONED EVENT \*\***

**\*NEW – FOOD VENDING:** Teams will be allowed to vend food to the public if desired. Teams that choose to vend must pay \$125 Food Vendor Fee. Teams that vend must remain open to the public during the duration of the advertised event time of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Other activities happening at that time include live music (Full Band) and Kid’s Zone (activities, blowups, etc.) Vendors are allowed to sell sodas & water, however NO sell of alcoholic beverages allowed. Vendors who choose to vend will not be eligible for the “People’s Choice” award portion of the competition.

\_\_\_\_ YES, I would like to vend food at the event during advertised event hours. (submit menu with registration)

If yes, will you serve from your competition space or need a separate location? \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**, Will you be participating in the “People’s Choice Award”? \_\_\_\_\_

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Participants agree to indemnify and hold the Adel Cook Chamber of Commerce, Cook County Livestock Association, and all other Sponsors (and its employees, agents and volunteers) harmless from any and all claims made against same, including, without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, or reasonable attorney’s fees arising out of our in connection with 1) any structure created by Participants, 2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by Participants, 3) any act of Participants, its agents, invitees, representatives, employees, and team members, and 4) any claims made on account or resulting from involvement in the contest.

I agree to abide by all **Rules and Regulations** of the **Cook County Cook-Off Classic Backyard Barbeque Competition** contained in the application. I further agree to notify all members of the team I represent about these important rules and guidelines. I understand that failure to abide rules will result in disqualification of team:

Team Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

(signature required)

Please return registration along with entry fees to the address below no later than October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Payable to:**

Adel Cook County Chamber of Commerce  
100 S Hutchinson Ave  
Adel, GA 31620

Direct all question to the Adel Cook Chamber of Commerce by contacting:  
229-896-2281 or [cookcochamber@windstream.net](mailto:cookcochamber@windstream.net)

The Event Committee reserves the right to reject any application. If an application is not accepted, entry fees will be refunded. **No refunds of entry fees will be made once a team has been accepted into the contest. HELD RAIN OR SHINE**

## Contest Rules and Regulations

1. COOKED ON SITE: All Meats must be cooked on-site without pre-cooking or pre-marinating. Boiling of the meat beforehand is not permitted. A team or cook must have their meat inspected before cooking. (See Schedule of events for inspection times.) Only after official inspection can the meat be marinated, rubbed, etc., as the cook wishes. Note: Pre-trimming is acceptable prior to meat inspection. All meat must remain on team's site after inspection and ready for turn-in.
2. BRUNSWICK STEW: Does not have to be cooked on site to enter competition category.
3. SANITATION: Cooks are to prepare and cook meat in a sanitary manner. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee and local health department. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be immediately corrected or the cook will be subject to disqualification. All meats must be kept at a temperature of 140 degrees Fahrenheit or higher while cooking or being held after cooking and be kept at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower before cooking. All cooking areas must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner and left as they found it on arrival. No pets are allowed in the cooking area. Water will be available during the competition; however, individual hook up will not be. Each team must provide their own drip pan, water hose of at least 100 ft. and fire extinguisher. Water access is NOT provided for Campers/RVs.
4. CAMPERS/RV: Campers/RVs are allowed on event grounds and should be self-contained. Water, sewer, and electrical hookups are not available.
5. COOKS MEETING: At Least one member, including the person listed as Chief Cook, **must** attend the mandatory Cook's meeting. Turn-in boxes will be distributed, and questions will be answered at this time.

## Judging Process

6. BLIND NUMBER PROCESS: A blind judging system will be used. Each team will be issued a number. However, this number will be changed before submitted to the judging area. Prize money will be available after award ceremony.
7. JUDGING TRAYS: Styrofoam trays with hinged lids and without dividers will be given to each team for all entries. All trays should be clean and free of any markings. Marked entries will be disqualified at the Bar-B-Que Committee's discretion. Chief Cooks are responsible for insuring containers remain clean and undamaged. Entries **will not** be accepted if presented in anything other than Styrofoam trays provided by event organizers.
8. JUDGING TRAY CONTENTS: **No garnishes, decorations, condiments, sauces or tin foil** are allowed in turn-in-box – making this a "meat only" contest. ONLY use the turn in containers provided. ANY violation of this item or item #7 above **WILL disqualify your entry**. Meat can be basted in sauce while cooking, however additional sauce containers will not be allowed and your entry **WILL be disqualified**.
9. TURN IN TIMES: A window of 15 minutes before the turn-in times will be recognized. Judging trays presented before or after the turn-in window will not be accepted. (See Schedule of Events for turn-in times)

10. JUDGING CRITERIA: A team of 5 judges will be assigned to each table/category. Each entry will receive 5 scores. Judges will assign a score from 6.0 to 10.0 for each sample after having tasted all samples (comparison-style judging) using ½-point increments. Individual scores will be given for Appearance, Taste, and Tenderness. Scores will be available the week following the cook-off and mailed upon request.
11. DEADLINE: All registration forms, with appropriate entry fee, must be delivered on or before October 17, 2022. (Check or money order)

## People's Choice Award & Vending Information, Rules and Judging Process

12. OPTIONS: This year we have two (2) options for teams based on feedback and issues from past events. Teams may choose to be a Food Vendor **OR** to be considered in the People's Choice Award but **WILL NOT** be eligible for both. If your team chooses to be a Food Vendor then you will be allowed to sell food items you have cooked. If your team chooses to enter the People's Choice Award category you must be entered into the contest in **ALL** categories of entries (Boston Butt, Chicken, Pork Ribs and Brunswick Stew) and you must prepare enough of each entry for judging and People's Choice Award samples. Other Food Vendors/Trucks may be present during the event, but none will be to serve any of the items of entry in this competition, for example Bar-B-Que.
13. FOOD VENDOR:  
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14. PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD Judging Process:  
**People's Choice Award**: All teams are strongly encouraged to participate in this area however, it is not a requirement. Teams will be asked to offer BBQ "samples" to attendees who have purchased tickets from event organizers. Purchase will include five tickets that can be used at participating tents along with one ballot to cast their vote for "People's Choice". Ballots will be collected by event organizers at a designated area on the competition grounds. The team with the most ballots turned in will be named "People's Choice" winner of the competition. Note: Team's who are "Vending" are not eligible for "People's Choice" award. No early sales will be allowed. Event staff will have a ticket sales table set up in a designated area throughout the duration of the publicly advertised time frame of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. People's Choice Award will be announced during along with competition awards at 2:30 p.m. on the entertainment stage. \*\* NOTE: samples are classified as a small portion of meat and/or stew. Teams will be provided with 2 oz cups for stew samples and samples of meat. Teams are not required to give full pieces of chicken or ribs on the bone. Teams should collect one ticket per sample by the guest.

## Turn in Schedule

**Meat Inspection:** Upon completion of setup of Team's cook area (no later than 9:45 p.m.)

**Cook's Meeting:** Friday, 10 p.m. MANDATORY

<u>Turn in Time</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Place</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</u>
10:30 a.m.	Brunswick Stew	\$250 & Trophy	\$100 & Trophy	\$75 & Trophy
11:15 a.m.	Ribs	\$500 & Trophy	\$200 & Trophy	\$100 & Trophy
12:00 p.m.	Chicken	\$250 & Trophy	\$100 & Trophy	\$75 & Trophy
12:45 p.m.	Boston Butt	\$500 & Trophy	\$200 & Trophy	\$100 & Trophy
	Samples:	People's	Choice	Award
2:30 p.m.	Present	Awards		

\*A pork rib entry is defined by the Sanctioned Contest Network as the portion containing the ribs and further classified as a spare rib. Baby back ribs are allowed. Country style ribs are not a valid entry.

\*Teams may cook with any type of wood, pellets, gas, and/or charcoal. Teams can use their grill of choice for competition. Local fire and safety laws may prevent the use of any type of gas anywhere on the ground at any time, and if so, these laws shall prevail.

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