

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

# RED RIVER BBQ BATTLE

October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2017

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

CHIEF COOK: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEES:

COOKOFF:	\$90	\$ _____
BEANS: # _____	\$10	\$ _____
STEAK: # _____	\$10 ea	\$ _____
SALSA: # _____	\$10 ea	\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee is \$90 to enter all three cooking categories. Any food sales are subject to any and all applicable State, County and Local Health Department regulations. Steak, Beans and Salsa competitions are \$10.00 each. **Entry fees must accompany entry form and are not refundable.**

Entries may also be mailed to the Vernon Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1538, Vernon, TX 76385 or brought by the office at 1614 Main Street between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. **YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE YOUR OWN WOOD.** Late entries will be first come/first served.

PRIZE MONEY: 80% Entry fee payback to first 3 places in each category.  
Total payback based on the number of entries

GRAND CHAMPION: TROPHY + \$500

RESERVE CHAMPION: \$250

TROPHIES: 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACES - Brisket, Ribs and Chicken

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as stated on the enclosed pages and will see that other members of the team do the same.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received _____		Payment Method _____		Office Use Only:	
				Amount \$ _____	Space # _____

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## LONE STAR BARBECUE SOCIETY COOKOFF RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestants must check in at Judging Area to receive cooker's packets any time after 12:00 noon on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. Contestant's gate will close at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Late entries report to judging area.
2. Categories for the Red River Barbecue Battle are: BRISKET, RIBS (NO BABY BACKS), CHICKEN, STEAK, BEANS and HOMEMADE SALSA. There is no limit to the number of steak or salsa entries per team, but each requires a \$10 entry fee.

BRISKET: Seven (7) full slices approximately 1/4 to 3/8 inch thick (approximately the size of a pencil). If meat is sliced too thick, the cook will be required to take it back and correct it.

RIBS: Spare ribs only - No Baby Backs  
Seven (7) full individual spare ribs

CHICKEN: 1/2 chicken fully jointed containing a breast portion, leg, thigh and wing

BEANS: Must be started at the site from dry pinto beans. You may cook with condiments. Fill the cup provided to within one (1) inch of the top of the cup with juice that almost covers beans. When beans are placed in the bean cup, the cup must contain NOTHING larger than a bean. ONE cup of beans only will be turned in from anyone pot of beans. Multiple paid entries from anyone cooking team will be subject to monitoring by the Head Judge and/or cookoff official.

STEAK: One full steak

SALSA/HOT SAUCE: 1 pint of salsa.

Sauces or marinades may be used during cooking. NO SAUCE, marinade or other condiments may be added to the meat turn-in tray. NO sauces or juice should be "puddled" in the tray.

3. Cooks are to prepare and cook barbecue in as sanitary a manner as possible. Head cooks are responsible for maintaining a trash free cooking site. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the Red River BBQ Battle Committee and/or the County and State Health Department Inspectors. Conditions found to be unsanitary will be grounds for disqualification from this cook-off. The local Health Department requires a covered area for food preparation (cutting, serving, etc) and bleach water for cleaning. Fires must be wood or wood substances. NO gas or electric fires are allowed, except for beans. 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. Contestants will furnish everything he/she needs to cook.
4. All cooking, except for salsa/hot sauce, must be done in the designated area. All meat must be smoked or barbecued and submitted in the containers provided. (No other forms will be accepted for judging.) Meat is subject to inspection by cook-off officials. Official Start Time is immediately following each individual meat inspection on Friday. Pre-cooked, pre-marinated, pre-seasoning or pre-anything is NOT ALLOWED.

### **Failure To Observe These Specifications May Result In DISQUALIFICATION**

5. JUDGING: Contest meats will be judged at the following times:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>WINNER ANNOUNCED</u>
Salsa	Friday	6:00 p.m.	Approximately 9:30 p.m.
Steak	Friday	8:00 p.m.	Approximately 9:30 p.m.
Beans	Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Approximately 5:30 p.m.
Chicken	Saturday	12:30 p.m.	Approximately 5:30 p.m.
Spare Ribs	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Approximately 5:30 p.m.
Brisket	Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Approximately 5:30 p.m.
Grand Champion	Saturday		Approximately 5:30 p.m.

There will be 20 minute "window" for each category. You may turn entries in 10 minutes before or 10 minutes after the above scheduled times. Turn in times WILL NOT be announced.

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**THERE WILL BE A COOKER'S MEETING AT 9:00 A.M. SATURDAY MORNING!** All cooks must be registered by this time. Bean cups and trays may be picked up on Friday after you have checked in and receive your completed meat inspection form. Tickets will be assigned upon acceptance of the trays. Chief Cooks should leave one number taped to the top and keep the other. This will be the only method of identification for your entry. FOIL will be provided in trays and **MUST** be used. Barbecue will be judged on Aroma, Appearance, Texture, Taste and Overall Impression and will be under the direction of a Lone Star Barbecue Society certified Head Judge. The decisions of the local taste judges are final!

6. Prize money will be awarded as described on the entry blank. GRAND CHAMPION will be determined by awarding points for places 1-10 in Brisket, Ribs, and Chicken, but you must enter all three categories to be eligible. Points will be calculated at the time winners are announced. **YOU MUST GIVE YOUR NAME TO THE EVENT SECRETARY WHEN CLAIMING TROPHY, OR PRIZE MONEY,** since your identity will be unknown until you present your ticket number. Brisket will be the first tie breaker.
7. Contest spaces of approximately 25' X 25' will be available for each team. Larger spaces can be accommodated if requested on your entry form. All cooking facilities, rigs, props, etc. must fit within your team's contest space. A Travel Trailer or Motor Home will be allowed in the contest space, but space must be requested on your entry form. All other vehicles must be outside the area.
8. The Chief Cook for each team will be responsible for the conduct of his team, guests or invitees. As well, the Chief 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. No loud amplification of radios and tape/CD players after 12:00 midnight. Contestants must not give, offer, sell or donate alcoholic beverages to the general public. Teams will not offer Barbecue for **SALE**. No contest meat should be sampled by judges prior to judging. Any offensive conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the Cook-off and expulsion from the Red River BBQ Battle Grounds.
9. Live animal(s) of any kind **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED** in any contestant's contest space, nor will any live animal(s) be permitted on the Cook-off Grounds.
10. The Vernon Chamber of Commerce, its members or directors will not be held responsible for theft or damage to equipment, or bodily injury of any kind.

**HOMEMADE SALSA/HOT SAUCES**  
RULES

1. Must submit one pint of salsa/hot sauce. You will be given a container to pour your salsa into and that will be the container used for judging. Be sure to bring your salsa to the Judging Area by 6:00 p.m. Friday.

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**\*SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS\***

\*Each team will be given 1 gift bag upon arrival.

\*Casserole Beans will supply 1 bag of uncooked pinto beans per participating team. These beans may be used for Bean category entries.

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