

2019 KIDS COOK-OFF RULES & ENTRY



Saturday September 14th at the Fairgrounds

Registration & Set-Up | 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **Cooking Start** | 11:00 a.m. **Food Must be Ready for the Judges** | 1:00 p.m.

- Please pre-register on the website or by mailing in the entry form
 - \$20 per entry (individual or team of two)
 - **ALL CONTESTANTS WILL BE PROVIDED PORK CHOPS, 18" CHARCOAL GRILLS, AND CHARCOAL FOR THE CONTEST.** You may prepare the pork chops in any manner you like, but the pork chops must be the main ingredient. All entries must be prepared on the charcoal grills provided. You are allowed to use the pork chops in any way you like (intact, stuffed, chopped, smothered, etc.), but most importantly, we encourage you to be creative!
 - You may register in advance and pay your entry fee on arrival (we will be able to accept cash and cards at registration), or you may do it all at one time. **Please register by Thursday, September 5 to be guaranteed a grill and meat.**
 - Online at bigtmemorial.com
 - Email shannonmargraves@gmail.com for a registration form
 - Print the form online and mail it to PO Box 1290 Fairfield, TX 75840.
 - Give the form to any board member
1. **Kids must be in the age range of 6-18 years old and MUST be able to cook INDEPENDENTLY.**
 2. There will be two categories divided by age groups: 6-12 year olds, and 13-18 year olds . Kids may enter as an individual or as a team of 2 only. Age ranges for teams must be within the same age groups.
 3. **Each entry in both age groups MUST have an adult (over 18) mentor on site for the ENTIRE cooking time.**
 4. **For 6-12 year olds:** Mentors may assist contestants when safety is an issue, ie: please help your children if knife safety is an issue. You may also light grills, etc. Please keep assistance to a minimum. Mentors are allowed to give verbal instructions.
 5. **For 13-18 year olds:** Mentors may help start fires if needed, but may not assist in the actual cooking process. Mentors are allowed to give verbal instructions.
 6. All pork chop entries must be prepared completely on site and from a raw state within the two hour cooking time frame. Contestants will be provided with enough pork chops for a minimum of 6 servings to prepare for the judges. Any extra ingredients and/or spices are the responsibility of the contestant. Store bought or pre-made buns/bread/tortillas/etc will be allowed as the only exception to the "cooking from a raw state" rule. If you choose to use them, you may bring them in. Adding any pre-cooked or pre-marinated meat/meat alternatives/veggies to entries will not be allowed.

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7. **Contestants that pre-register before Thursday, September 5, 2019 will be provided a charcoal grill to prepare their entry, and these grills will be theirs to take home!!** Any utensils, or extras they would like to use, ie. tables, canopy tents, etc. for their cook site, must be provided by each contestant. Contestants may use an established cooksite of one of the BBQ cook-off contestants if one is available to them. We will need to know in your entry paperwork and when you check in if you need to set up at an established cook site.
8. All entries will be provided a designated space, approximately measured 10'X10'. If you need a larger space, please specify that in your entry paperwork and we will do our best to accommodate your request.
9. Be prepared to have a minimum of 6 servings ready for judging. It is perfectly acceptable to tell anyone wanting to taste your food that you only have enough for the judges. Some judges will walk around during cooking to talk to the contestants and to see how they are preparing their food.
10. **DO NOT serve any samples to the crowd from your judges tray, and only serve samples if you have extra food.**
11. Judges will score each entry based on creativity, appearance, and taste.
12. Cook sites **MUST** be kept clean and free of trash. Please come prepared with a receptacle (bags and/or a small trash can, etc) for your cook site's trash. There will be larger trash cans and dumpsters on site. Contestants must also take precautions to prepare food in as sanitary a manner as possible. Judges and board members reserve the right to shut down a cook site if unsanitary conditions threaten the safety of the food being prepared.

We will do our best to accommodate children with special needs wishing to enter the competition, and extra supportive help will be allowed if needed. Please contact Shannon Margraves by email at shannonmargraves@gmail.com with any special questions and/or requests.

We're very excited to bring this event back to the Big T Memorial Cook-Off this year! Please come out and join us for a day of fun and creativity! We want all the kids entering to come out and have fun above all else. We hope this event sparks some creativity in our area youth, and we hope they will discover new skills they can use to do amazing things in the future! Grab your aprons and lets get cooking!

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Big T Memorial Cook-Off 2019 Kids Cook-Off Entry Form

Participant's Name: _____ Date of birth: __/__/__

Age Division (circle one): 6 to 12-year-olds 13 to 18-year-olds

Mailing Address: _____

Parents name: _____

Parent's Phone number (Where you can be reached during event): _____

Parents Email: _____

I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the above-named minor child, and that I give my permission for him/her to participate in the cooking event. I assume full responsibility for my child and his/her actions during the cooking event, and I release and hold harmless all board members and staff of Golden Circle Special Needs Association and Big T Memorial Cook-Off from any liability arising from participation in the cooking event. I also give permission for the below-named adult mentor (if applicable) to be responsible for my child during the event.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Adult Mentor Name: (if different from parent): _____

PARENT/ADULT MENTOR MUST BE PRESENT AT THE COOK SITE FOR THE ENTIRE CONTEST! NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Mentor's Phone Number (Where you can be reached during the event): _____

I certify that, by signing this form, I am over the age of 18 and that I agree to be responsible for the above named minor child and his/her actions during the cooking event.

Mentor Signature: _____

Team name (if applicable): _____

Team Member's Name (if applicable): _____