

Big T Memorial Cook-Off 2022 Kids Cook-Off Challenge Rules

- ❖ Saturday, September 10, 2022, at the WL Moody Reunion Fairgrounds (*under the 2 covered pavilions to the East side of the Civic Center*)
- ❖ \$25 per individual entry
- ❖ Check-in and set-up will begin at **3:00 PM**
- ❖ Cooking starts at **4:00 PM**
- ❖ Food must be ready for the judges by **5:00 PM**
- ❖ **ALL CONTESTANTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH MEAT, 14" CHARCOAL PORTABLE GRILLS, AND CHARCOAL FOR THE CONTEST.** You may prepare your meat in any manner you like, but the meat must be the main ingredient. All entries must be prepared on charcoal grills and at the designated cooking site. You are allowed to use the meat in any way you like (intact, stuffed, chopped, smothered, on a sandwich/slider, in a taco, kabobs, ect.), but, most importantly, we encourage you to be creative!
- ❖ Please register online at <https://bigtmemorial.com/extra-events/> (to guarantee your meat and supplies), but you may pay your entry fee on arrival (we will be able to accept cash and cards at registration). **Please register by Monday, September 5, 2022 to be guaranteed a grill and meat!** *We will do our best to accommodate any last-minute entries, but we cannot guarantee that we will have enough to go around on the day of the competition.*

RULES:

1. **Kids must be in the age range of 8-17 years old and MUST be able to cook INDEPENDENTLY.** There will be two categories divided by age groups: 8-12 year olds, and 13-17 year olds. Kids may enter as an individual only; no teams.
2. **Junior Division, 8-12-year-olds: will receive 1 pound of ground beef.** *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.*
3. **Senior Division 13-17-year-olds: will receive 2 boneless pork loin chops.** *Mentors may help start fires if needed, but may not physically assist in the actual cooking process. *Teens must cook independently, including knife skills.**
4. **Each entry in both age groups MUST have an adult (over 18) mentor ON SITE for the ENTIRE cooking time.** Parents must sign a permission form if someone other than the parent/guardian will be supervising the cook on-site.
5. **ONLY 1 (ONE) person will be allowed in the cooksite with the contestant.** All other people in your party must stay outside of the roped-off area. *We will not allow extra children that are not competing in the challenge to be in the cooking area with the contestants.* **THIS RULE WAS MADE FOR SAFETY PURPOSES AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
6. All entries must be prepared on-site and from a raw state. Contestants will be provided enough meat 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/chips/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.

7. **Contestants that pre-register before Monday, September 5, 2022 will be provided a 14” portable charcoal grill to prepare their entry, and these grills will be theirs to take home!!** The grills we are giving away this year are designed as “camp grills” or “tabletop grills”. Bringing a sturdy table is recommended. Any utensils, or extras they would like to use, ie. tables, cutting boards, knives, etc. for their cook site, must be provided by each contestant. Contestants must cook in the designated spots under the pavilion to make it easier for the judges to judge the contestants’ cooking skills. All entries will be provided a designated space, approximately measured 10’X10’.
If a contestant wishes to cook on a grill they already own, they may do so. It MUST be a charcoal grill. Please make sure your grill can be used within a 10x10 space. **Anyone using their own grill will not receive one to take home.***
8. Judges will score each entry based on **creativity, appearance, and taste**. The tasting portion of the judging will be a blind taste test. Judging will be done using a double ticket system (one ticket on a turn-in tray, cook keeps the other matching ticket). The tasting judges will not be walking around the cooking site, so they will not know who turned in what tray. Contestants will be provided with a turn-in tray. Please keep this tray clean, and do not put any marks on the container in any way.
9. Cook spaces 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 for you to dispose of your trash after cooking is complete. Please clean up your work area after turning in your entry. 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 bigtmemorialcookoff@gmail.com with any special questions and/or requests. We want to include everyone in our competition!

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 youth, and we hope they will discover new skills they can use to do amazing things in the future.

Grab your aprons and let's get cooking!