

**BAYTOWN YOUTH FAIR
BBQ COOK-OFF
April 17-18, 2026**

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Health Notice / Safety Notice:

To stay in compliance with the City Of Baytown Health Department. Cook areas must be treated as an invite only/tailgate party. Please have bleach water for sanitizing food prep areas. Cleanliness is especially important. No food can be given out unless the receiver is part of the cook off team invites/tailgate party.

NO food can be sold by teams.

One 10lb fire extinguisher is required per paid team.

*If one is not in the area - BYF will provide one in the amount of \$150.

The excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification and removal. Underage drinking will be automatic disqualification.

Glass bottles should be kept in a secure area of your cookoff spot. If glass is found after cleanup it will be charged back to the team in the amount of \$250.

***Teams exhibit at their own risk. BYF its members or agents, assume no liability and will not be held responsible for injury, theft, damage of any kind.**

**ENTRY FEE IS \$150.00 PER SPACE.
40X40 SPACE.**

- All means of BBQing is allowed
- Teams will supply all equipment and supplies. This includes but is not limited to cookers, generators, power plants, water, buckets to catch all pit run-off, and trash cans inside their space. There is no electricity or water in the BBQ spots, you must be self-contained.
- All contestants can start moving in at 5 PM on Thursday, March 19th. You must use the area assigned to your team.
- Move out will be at 7AM **Sunday Morning NO ACCEPTIONS!**
- Each team will be allocated a 40' x 40' space. All the team's property must be confined to their allocated space. Only one travel trailer will be allowed in each space. You will be asked to move anything that is not in your space.
- Do not dump food waste onto the ground. There will be trash pick up each morning and roll off dumpster on the grounds.
- There are no rain dates nor refunds. (This includes acts of God) Due to unpredictable weather it is suggested that contestants bring suitable shelter for their space/team.
- BYF reserves the right to reject any entry or to remove any contestant or team found to be breaking the regulations or whose conduct is found to be unfavorable to the event or its guests. Removal from the grounds/misconduct of regulations could warrant a disqualification of all awards won. It is the Head Cook's responsibility to inform all guests of the rules and to ensure they are being followed or it could result in disqualification.

- Ice will be available through the BBQ Committee and must be paid in cash.
- No Pets Allowed. (This excludes service animals) ● Golf Carts, Atv's, or Sxs's are NOT allowed on the property. (This excludes event staff)
- Drive through gate will be closed at **5:00pm** on Friday and 11:00 am on Saturday
- No alcohol will be allowed through the pedestrian gates.
- No markings of any kind will be allowed on any entry containers. Any attempt to mark a container will result in disqualification from the event in which the container was designated. Damaged or accidentally marked containers must be exchanged prior to the event's turn-in-time.

TURN IN TIMES

***BOXES ARE ACCEPTED 15 MINUTES BEFORE TURN IN TIME.**

1 MIN. AFTER IS CONSIDERED LATE.

Friday, April 17th

6:00 pm - Cooks Meeting under the barn.

7:00 pm. - Fajita , 8 pcs for judging. (MUST BE BEEF) (NO GARNISHING)

7:30 pm. - Margarita (NO GARNISHING)

7:45 pm. - Calcutta under the barn

Live music following Calcutta

Saturday, March 18th

10:00 am. – Chicken, 8 pcs and ½ Chicken for presentation, (Grill marks okay on bottom of chicken) use larger box provided for chicken turn in

11:00 am. – Chef's entree. (JUDGES WILL CUT IF NEEDED)

12:00 pm. - Chef's dessert. (JUDGES WILL CUT IF NEEDED)

1:30 pm. – Pork SPARE ribs, 8 pcs for judging. (NO GARNISHING)

4:30 pm. – Brisket, 8 pcs for judging. (NO GARNISHING)

6:30 pm. – Awards presentation/Live auction.

Live music following awards