



**Elizabeth's Best BBQ Cookoff**  
**Sponsored by The Elizabeth Community Fair Board**



**COOK-OFF ENTRY FORM**  
**Saturday July 20th 2024 9:00am – 5:00 pm**

**CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM NAME / BUSINESS or ORGANIZATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRICITY NEEDED? VERY LIMITED SUPPLY AND SUPPLY YOUR OWN LONG EXTENTION CORD (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO**

**Additional Comments:**

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**GENERAL RULES:**

- 1. \$100.00 ENTRY FEE**, which includes the following
- Wings (50-75ea), Ribs (4-6 racks) and Tri Tip Beef (4-5ea)
  - Two Fair Passes
  - Paper products provided for the public wing tasting and for judging

**THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY COOKS MEETING AT 10:00 AM!**

**2. INGREDIENTS & PREPARATION:**

Everything must be cooked at the competition. All meat products must be cooked from the raw state with no pre-marinating or pre-injecting. You will be provided with amount of each product to prepare at the competition. Any pre-cooked items will result in disqualification. Any seasoning or ingredient necessary to create unique taste is acceptable. Individuals must follow State and local health codes.

Teams must bring their own tables, chairs, cooking utensils, cooking equipment, paper towels, a trash can and trash bags. Canopies and tents will be each teams responsibility.

**3. JUDGING OF THE ITEMS:**

There will be three categories: Wings, Baby Back Ribs, Tri Tip judged by a panel of five judges.

## **Judging will be based of three principles:**

- A) Taste
- B) Tenderness
- C) Appearance

## **NO GARNISHES ALLOWED AND NO ADDITONAL CUPS OF SAUCE**

There will also be a People's Choice Award. The People's choice award will be decided during the public tasting beginning at 3:00pm and ending at 5:00pm or until samples run out. When fairgoers purchase \$10 worth of taste tickets they will receive one People's choice vote. The award will not be divided into divisions but overall. Three prizes will be given in each category except for People's Choice.

Each team will be given three labeled containers for turn in.

Turn in time for the Wings is 3:00 pm; Each team must turn in 6 wings for judging

Turn in time for the Ribs is 3:30 pm: Each team must turn in 6 ribs for judging

Turn in time for the Tri Tip is 4:00 pm: Each team must turn in 6 portions for judging

With a five-minute leeway time

## **4. PUBLIC TASTING AT 3:00 PM:**

At 3:00 we will begin public tasting of the wings. Patrons will buy tickets allowing them to go around and sample each contestant's product. They will also be given a paper boat to put items in. **One ticket = 1 wing, or 1 rib or 1 strip of tri tip beef.** We will do our best to supply someone serve the fair goers but you may need to serve them. The fair board will provide a jar and/or people to collect tickets at your booth. The tasting will continue while the items last or until 5:00. Awards will be given out shortly after the tasting.

## **5. REGISTRATION:**

Upon arrival at the event, the team captain must check in with the registration person for area assignment, and additional information concerning the cook off. Cooking can begin after your registration and set up on cookoff day. We highly recommend you have a food license. Alcoholic Carry Ins are not allowed. There will be alcohol for sale on site.

## **6. BOOTH SET UP:**

You can begin setting up your area at any time after 6:00 am on Saturday July 22nd. Team's area must be set up by 9:30 am. Area space will be approximately 15-ft x 15-ft. Elaborate area designs and/or decorations are encouraged but will not judged as a part of the contest and are not mandatory. Public displays and demonstrations are also encouraged as a part of crowd involvement but not mandatory. After your space is set up you **must** move your vehicle to one of the parking lots off the premise or off of the road, as we can't block the fire exit.

## **7. BOOTH TEAR DOWN:**

Areas must be cleaned up by the end of the day. All equipment must be off the premises immediately following the event. Please clean up any trash that is within your booth space and deliver all garbage to the dumpster or where directed. There will be a barrel provided for coals.

For those of you who are frying their wings, event staff will be able to direct you to the grease drop off where you can dispose of your old grease after the cook off. We will also have a barrel available for ashes.

## **8. APPLICATION & FEES:**

Cook off applications and fees must be received or postmarked by July 5th. There will be no walk-up competitors accepted. Entry fee checks can be made payable to the Elizabeth Community Fair. You will receive confirmation and acceptance before the cook off. Due to limited space, we will only allow up to 12 competitors. All entry fees are non-refundable.

### **PLEASE RETURN THE ENTRY FORM AND ENTRY FEE TO:**

**Elizabeth Community Fair**

**Attn: Codie Koester**

**11762 S Derinda Rd**

**Elizabeth IL 61028**

### **For additional information contact:**

**Codie Koester- 815-821-3962**

**Or by email [elizabethil.communityfair@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethil.communityfair@gmail.com)**