

# Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club

Founders Day Cook-Off

April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## Reminders:

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### BEAN CATERGORY

Sunday there will be a bean category and not a potluck category.

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### HEAD COOK MEETING

A representative (head cook) must attend the head cooks meeting **Friday at 5:00.**

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**Sponsorships are welcome.**

**A Raffle will be held to generate additional revenue.**

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### MEAT TURN IN

Sauces, garnishes etc. may NOT be added to turn ins. Turn in thirty (30) bite size pieces.

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### CLEAN UP

All cook spaces must be clean and free an of any grease spots before you leave the area when the cook off ends. Your spot must be inspected by a cook-club official and signed off on prior to leaving.

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### CITY REGULATIONS

No music, radios, "boom boxes" or other sound systems may be played or operated **during the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM** so as to be audible by more than 10 feet away from a camp site.

You may not drill holes or drive objects into the paved surfaces of any City Street. Please use buckets of sand/cement to secure your posts.

Do not park your automobiles in or along the right-of-ways on Ranch Road 12, HWY. 290, Mercer or Loop 64.

The City prohibits any unauthorized vehicles within the campsites, including cars, trucks, motorcycles and any small 4 wheel utility vehicles or golf carts.

Cookers must follow the City Health Inspector's ***Guidelines for food Service at Special Events.***

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## Set-Up and Check-In

**Set up times:** Once you have turned in your entry form you will be sent a color coded card to let you know what time you may set up in your space. Traffic will enter at RR12 at Wallace Street (behind the bank drive in) or enter from Hwy 290 at San Marcos Street (next to the Shell Station) and exit through Mercer to RR 12. Each team will be given a designated time to set up and a designated entrance into the cook off area. At the team's designated time for set up, the team will need to unload vehicles/trailers, etc and then remove your vehicle from the area. All vehicles must be out of the area by 4:00 pm. **No cars will be allowed in any area of downtown through the remainder of the weekend.** This rule will be strictly enforced by the Founders Day Commission and the Cook-Off Club. Anyone violating this rule will be disqualified from competing and will not be asked to return in following years. Please help enforce this important safety rule.

**Check In:** Please come to Cook-Off Club Headquarters as soon as you arrive to check-in and verify your cooking space.

**Fire Rules:** The City of Dripping Springs and the North Hays County Fire Department require each campsite be equipped with a portable fire extinguisher and a closed grease container. Cookers will be responsible for preventing and eliminating drips, spills and trash around their campsites. A grease vat will be available at Headquarters to dispose of your grease, if you wish.

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**Head Cook's Meeting:** Friday at 5:00 PM at Cook Club Headquarters. Someone from each team must attend.

### **Cook Space Information: Approximate Space Size 12X16.**

Please see the attached map of the Cook-Off area to determine the space(s) you wish to occupy and list the spot number(s) in the choices below. The map shows the spaces occupied by teams in the prior Cook-off (2008). All spots must be paid for by Monday, March 23, 2009 to guarantee your same cooking spot as last year. Any spots not paid for by March 23 will be given to other cooks on a first come basis. If you did not participate in 2008, please mark a preferred spot and turn in your entry form ASAP so we may put you on the waiting list.

**Judging Results:** All judging will be announced on the Founders Day Stage. Saturday at 6:15 PM judging will be announced for Fajitas, Chicken, Pork, Brisket, Best Camp, Best Pit, and Showmanship; Sunday at approximately 4:30 PM for Salsa, Chili, Beans and Chicken Clucking.

**Awards:** **All Meat and Chili Entries**  
1st place \$350 and trophy  
2<sup>nd</sup> place \$200 and trophy

**Best Camp and Best Pit**  
1<sup>st</sup> place \$200 and trophy  
2<sup>nd</sup> place \$125 and trophy

**Chicken Clucking**  
1<sup>st</sup> \$30  
2<sup>nd</sup> \$20

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3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100 and trophy  
4th place \$50 and trophy

3<sup>rd</sup> place \$75 and trophy    3<sup>rd</sup> \$10

### Beans and Salsa

1st place: \$200 and trophy    2<sup>nd</sup> place: 100 and trophy    3<sup>rd</sup> place: 50 and trophy

## COOK-OFF RULES & REGULATIONS

### *PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING ENTRY*

1. All food entries must be cooked at the Cook-Off and within the campsite area so as to be visible at all times. Marinating or seasoning must be done on-site (except for fajitas on Friday night which may be marinated prior to the event). The Head Judge and judging committee will be responsible for inspecting all meats and salsa and beans ingredients.
2. **Meat inspection** will begin on Friday at 5:15 PM and continue through Sunday (for salsa, chili and beans). If you do not check-in until Saturday or Sunday, your food items will be inspected at check-in. You may cook with sauces and marinades, but you may not add any sauces or garnishes to your actual entries for judging. Cooks must sample their own entries, if requested.
3. **Meat turn in:** All meat turn in will be **30 bite size pieces** – no slices, no half/quarter chicken, no racks/slab ribs. Except for brisket – in addition to the 30 bite size pieces – you may include one (1) slice (1/4 inch) of brisket which may be placed (along with the 30 bite size pieces) in the turn in container for judging of the smoke ring. If entries are turned in with something other than 30 bite size pieces, your container will be given back to you to correct and turn in before the allotted turn in time is ended.

Please make a note of the **TURN-IN TIME** for all food entries:

<b>Beef Fajitas:</b>	<b>8:00 PM, Friday</b>	<b>Salsa:</b>	<b>11:00 AM, Sunday</b>
<b>Chicken:</b>	<b>12:00 Noon, Saturday</b>	<b>Chili:</b>	<b>12:30 PM, Sunday</b>
<b>Pork:</b>	<b>2:00 PM, Saturday</b>	<b>Beans:</b>	<b>2:00 PM, Sunday</b>
<b>Brisket:</b>	<b>4:00 PM, Saturday</b>		

Entries will be accepted no more than 10 minutes prior to and not more than 10 minutes past the official turn-in times for all categories. So that your meat is kept warm while the judging occurs, aluminum foil will be provided. Each Head and Additional Head Cooks must "sign-in" your food entry with a Club member before it will be given to the judges. The container will be inspected upon turn in to ensure that all rules have been followed for entry turn in. If rules are not followed, entries will be given back to allow cooks to correct and turned back in prior to the end of the turn in time window.

4. **SHOWMANSHIP** - will be judged on Saturday, April 18th beginning at 3:00 PM Judges will announce their presence to each team entering the contest and will expect entertainment to begin promptly. Judging will be based on any of the following: (1) team costumes (2) originality (3) entertainment and (4) the team displaying the friendliest "Cook-Off" spirit. Entertainment, skits, songs, poems, dances, etc. should be limited to 5-10 minutes.

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5. **BEST PIT** will be judged on Saturday, April 18th beginning at 11:00 AM and judging will be based on: (1) quality of materials (2) craftsmanship (3) attention to detail (4) firebox construction (5) tightness of compartment and (6) general layout of pit in campsite.
6. **BEST CAMP** will be judged on Saturday April 18th beginning at 1:00 PM and judging will be based on: (1) the overall appearance and layout of the camp (2) cleanliness of the site and (3) theme of the camp, accessories and novelty items.
7. **CHICKEN CLUCKING** will be on Sunday, April 19th on the Founders Day Stage between 4:00 and 4:30 pm (please check with Headquarters for the exact time). Chicken Clucking will be judged on the original presentation of clucking or crowing like a chicken, lasting no more than 2-3 minutes. There is no fee and there are two categories: (1) 15 years of age and younger and (2) 16 years and older.
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9. Each Head Cook and Additional Head Cooks will be given Styrofoam take-out boxes or cups for chili and salsa for each judging event entered. Tickets will be taped to the outside of the containers. The Head Cook should tear off the ticket that is not taped down to the container and keep for claiming awards. Do not lose your number as this is the only means of identifying your entry. Do not remove, tamper or damage the ticket that is to remain taped on the container or you may be disqualified.
10. Entries will be judged on Taste, Aroma, Consistency (Texture), Appearance, and Aftertaste.
11. Teams are responsible for providing their own shade canopies. Electricity will be provided within 100 feet of campsites. Please bring your own electrical extension cords.
12. Teams are allowed to have "Tip Jars" for guests who wish to sample food. However, you may not sell or advertise for sale any items, including food items, craft items, or commercial products from your camp site. Please do not abuse the Tip Jar rules. Tip jars will be eliminated if the rules are abused. Teams or individuals who wish to sell or promote items must purchase a separate Vendor Booth away from the cook-off area from Founders Day Committee.
13. Please provide your own trash containers and bags and sack all your garbage before placing it in the dumpsters. A limited supply of trash bags and kitty litter will be available at Club Headquarters. Head Cooks are responsible for maintaining a trash-free campsite at all times and sites must be thoroughly cleaned before

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departure. Teams not obeying this rule will be subject to disqualification and will risk losing their camp spaces

in future years. Please bring your own brooms to sweep your areas for small trash and cigarette butts. All

campsites must be cleared from the city no later than 6:00 pm on Sunday.

14. Head Cooks, Additional Head Cooks and their Assistants may be **disqualified for the following reasons:**

- a. Cheating, including discovery of entries cooked or marinated prior to Cook-Off, except as noted above
- b. Violent behavior of any kind
- c. Not adhering to the rules and regulations as set forth herein
- d. Vulgar or obscene gestures, activities or language
- e. Destruction of public or private property
- f. Excessive abuse of alcohol which causes a major disturbance to the Cook-Off and its patrons
- g. Cooks who do not maintain a trash-free camp site and who fail to clean their areas on Sunday
- h. Violation of the Food Entry Rule - there must be separate entries in each Styrofoam Container from any and all Head Cooks within one campsite.
- i. Unauthorized vehicles in the Cook-Off area or any other streets closed during Founders Day.

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## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person for each Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be entering these Contests? There is no charge.

Best Pit: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Best Camp: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Showmanship: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will you be staying for the cook off events on Sunday? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be entering Beans: Yes \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Salsa: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Entry fee \$15 each for beans and salsa.

Number of Spaces Required? \_\_\_\_\_ Space Choices: 1st  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_

Are these the spaces you occupied last year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEES: \$80 per Space**

Entry fee includes competing in fajitas, chicken, pork, brisket, and chili. Salsa and Beans are extra.

Total Amount Of Entry Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (including Beans and Salsa)

\*\*\*\*\* **All Fees are non-refundable** \*\*\*\*\*

Please make checks payable to: Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club and send this entry form to:  
Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club, P.O. Box 297, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

Please read the following disclosure: Contestant, for itself and all persons assisting the Contestant, agree that the Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club, including its officers, sponsors and raffle donors, are in no way responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to the Contestant and its assistants, regardless of how such loss or injury is occasioned and by whom during Founders Day 2007. Your signature indicates you have read the following rules and regulations and other attachments.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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