



Boys & Girls Club of Palacios 2009
11th Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration / Fundraiser
Benefiting The Summer Program Estimated Cost \$40,000.00

Annual BBQ Cook-off

Rules and Regulations
May 2nd, 2009

Events: Brisket, Pork Ribs, Sausage, Fajitas, Beans

Prizes awarded as follows:

<i>1st place</i>	<i>Trophy</i>
<i>2nd place</i>	<i>Trophy</i>
<i>3rd place</i>	<i>Trophy</i>
<i>Jackpot Beans</i>	<i>Trophy & 50/50</i>

Note:

Boys & Girls Club will not be responsible for any accidents, theft, injuries, or vehicles towed during the cook-off. Cooking areas will be designated for each team 20'X 30'. Entry fee must be paid in full before area can be reserved. No vehicles driving in cooking area on Saturday.

1. Entry deadline is May 1st, 2009 at the KC Hall at 7:00 p.m.
2. Contestants must be 21 years of age or older. Teams consist of one chief cook and no more than four assistants. Contestants may check into the Barbecue Cook-off Area beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1st, 2009.
3. Must participate in BRISKET to be in cook-off.
4. Contestants are not allowed to share Pits. Only 2 pits per team are allowed.
5. Each team will receive foam trays and containers with lids for food entries. Each of these trays/containers will have double matched theatre tickets, which will be affixed to the tray with tape.
6. Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the Boys & Girls Club.

7. Fire must be wood or wood substance. NO gas or electric fires are allowed for BBQ meat entries. Beans may be prepared over LPG or controlled fire. No electrical equipment allowed for cooking. NO EXCEPTIONS. No holes, open fires, or dug pits will be allowed. A fire box will be allowed and must have a safety barrier placed across the top and around the side of the box. Precautions must be made to prevent fires and accidents.
8. The Chief Cook for each team will be responsible for the conduct of team, guest, and invitees. As well, the Chief Cook will be responsible for his team's compliance with the rules and regulations herein set forth. Any offensive conduct, nudity, lewdness, or any form of vulgarity will NOT be allowed, and will be grounds for disqualification from the cook-off. This is a family event. Texas Alcohol Laws will be enforced after hours. Everyone must be 21 years old to consume alcohol. There will be QUIET TIME beginning at 12:00 a.m. Friday Night and 1:00 a.m. Saturday Night. If you would like to play music, it must be played at a reasonable volume.
9. Contestants may not sell any food or alcoholic beverages to the general public.
10. Judging Times:

Sausage	1:00 p.m.	Saturday, May 2 nd
Pork Ribs	2:00 p.m.	Saturday, May 2 nd
Fajitas	2:30 p.m.	Saturday, May 2 nd
Beans	3:00 p.m.	Saturday, May 2 nd
Brisket	4:00 p.m.	Saturday, May 2 nd

11. All awards will be awarded at the Railroad Park Amphitheatre between 5:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.

Brisket

Contestants must cook a minimum of 10 pounds of brisket. Only one cut of meat to be judged per contestant, team, or piece of cooking equipment. Contestants are not allowed to share cooking equipment. No electric or gas fire allowed. Fires must be wood or wood substance. No pre-marinated, pre-soaked, or pre-sliced meats are allowed. Do not add sauce, marinade, sop or juice to meat container once the meat is prepared to turn in. No garnishing, sauce, or other marinades allowed. For judging purposes, send eight slices of brisket 1/4" thick.

Sausage

Sausage can be any type of meat. Sausage may be cooked as per cooker's preferences. Sausage brought in for judging must be whole and at least 10" in length.

Pork Ribs

Contestants must cook a minimum of two slabs of pork ribs. Slab pork ribs and loin back is allowed; no country style. No pre-marinated, pre-soaked, or pre-sliced ribs are allowed. For judging purposes, turn in eight full ribs cut apart.

Jackpot Beans

Pinto Beans may be cooked over LPG, controlled fire. Contestants must cook a minimum of three pounds. Only dry pinto beans may be used; no pre-cooked or canned beans. No pressure cookers or other automatic cooking devices may be used. Ingredients must be cooked from scratch on-site. Salt pork, bacon and ham hock may be used for flavoring. For judging purposes, send a full container.

Fajitas

Contestants must cook a minimum of 3 pounds of fajitas. No electric or gas fire allowed. Fires must be wood or wood substance. No pre-marinated, pre-soaked, or pre-sliced meats are allowed. Do not add sauce, marinade, sop or juice to meat container once the meat is prepared to turn in. No garnishing, sauce, or other marinades allowed. For judging purposes, send eight slices of fajitas 1/4" thick.

The Committee Chairperson reserves the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant. Decisions of the Committee and Judges are final. Anyone violating cook-off rules may be disqualified. Your team must participate with a \$55.00 minimum entry fee to have a cooking area. Extra space cost is \$55.00.

Thank you for supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Palacios and good luck to all.

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