



# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

# NICHOLSON

## Carnival Grounds



## RULES & REGULATIONS

- ▶ Williams will match all monies raised, dollar for dollar.
- ▶ The BBQ cook-off will be held rain or shine.
- ▶ All entries must be received by Sept. 3, 2013.
- ▶ The BBQ cook-off is a family friendly event and intended as a good natured competition.
- ▶ All Proceeds from the cook-off will be divided between Susquehanna County, Wyoming County, Wyoming Valley and Broome County, NY, United Ways, with the exception of the People's choice award which will be awarded to the UW of the winners choosing.

### BBQ Categories

- ▶ There are three BBQ team categories: BBQ pork ribs, BBQ beef brisket or BBQ pulled pork.
- ▶ Each BBQ team will make a minimum donation of \$150.00.
- ▶ Companies may sponsor more than one BBQ team, however, a minimum of \$150 donation must be made for each team entered and each team must have its own team members, and cooking equipment as each team will be assigned a different location within their category.
- ▶ Each team is responsible for providing at least 400 reasonably sized samples. Reasonable sized samples are:
  - No less than one rib and no more than two ribs.
  - Or a two (2) ounce serving of beef brisket or pulled pork

### Responsibilities of the Chief Cook

- ▶ Chief Cooks are responsible for the conduct of each team member and for the team's compliance with the rules and regulations.
- ▶ All Chief Cooks must certify that the rub and sauce used on the ribs tasted in the cook-off are made from scratch by members of the team.
- ▶ Each Chief Cook must check in by 9 a.m. on Sept. 13, 2013.
- ▶ Each Chief Cook must have available a copy of the recipe used on the day of the cook-off for review by organizers. The recipe will not be made available to the public by the cook-off committee, though teams are welcome to share their recipe with the public if they choose.
- ▶ It is the responsibility of the Chief Cook to see that the team's assigned cooking space is clean and orderly following the contest. All fires must be put out and all equipment removed from the site. It is imperative that clean-up be thorough.
- ▶ All teams MUST have a working fire extinguisher.
- ▶ Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. Contestants must not give, offer, sell or donate alcoholic beverages to the general public.

### Cooking Areas

- ▶ Each team will be given at least a 10 x 15 foot space. All cooking facilities and rigs must fit within your team's contest space. Additional parking for vehicles will be available outside the contest area. All vehicles within the cooking area must have wheel blocks for all wheels.
- ▶ Refrigeration will not be provided, so bring your own coolers and adequate ice to keep your uncooked food safe (40 degrees or below) and to preserve your cooked food after the contest is over (below 40 degrees or above 140 degrees). Normal and reasonable food safety rules are to be

followed. As indicated above, the danger zone for food is above 40 degrees and below 140 degrees. This is the zone in which dangerous bacteria can multiply rapidly and cause food borne illness.

Cooks should also make provision for keeping their hands and work surfaces clean and sanitary.

- Competitors are responsible for supplying their own grill/ smoker, cooking equipment, tables, meats, latex gloves, garbage bags, fire extinguishers and 3 sanitation buckets for keeping all utensils, etc. clean and sanitary (wash, rinse and sanitized). Sanitizing is most easily done using a mixture of 1 capful of bleach per gallon of water and letting the treated items air dry. If a cook wants more food safety information, please check out the subject on the internet. Unsafe cooking practices and unsafe food will result in immediate disqualification.
- No electricity is available to Cook Off teams.
- A shared water source is available to all BBQ teams.
- No open burning is allowed. Each team must have a grill that contains fire, coals or fuel and is raised off the ground.
- Tobacco products are not be used in the cooking area by any member of the team.
- BBQ entries can be cooked prior to the event or cooked on-site.
- Williams and the United Way will not be responsible for theft or damage to the equipment, or bodily injury of any kind.
- The BBQ Cook-Off Chair and committee reserve the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situation warrants. Decisions of the BBQ Cook-Off Chair and committee are final.
- In the event of a tie, the BBQ committee will select the winners.
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### **This year's BBQ Cook Off will have 3 categories of judging; VIP, United Way Judge's Choice and the People's Choice. Each category is described below**

#### **VIP Judge Team (limit of 10 per category) :**

- VIP Judging begins at 1:00 p.m. Category winners will be selected by the VIP Judges. Only complete scoring sheets will be included in the tally.
- There will be a maximum of 10 VIP Judge teams for each category---category designations will be made on a first come, first served basis. We will assign VIP judge teams to their first choice where possible.
- Each VIP judging team will be given ballots to rate the entries for their selected category based on taste, texture, appearance and over all appeal.
- There are 3 categories of VIP judge packages. Each VIP Judge Team will receive 4 VIP judge tickets that will grant entry into the cook off and the right to judge their category.
- All VIP judging scores must be submitted to the cook off committee by 3:30 p.m.
- Each VIP Judge team will receive a dedicated area (a minimum of 8' x 8') in which judge teams can display a company sign or banner. Williams will provide two chairs and a cooler for each VIP judge team containing ice and sweet tea. Additionally, each "Grill Baby, Grill" and "Smokin'" VIP Judge Team will be given general admission tickets for the team's clients, landowners and friends and family to enjoy the event.

Grill Baby, Grill – minimum donation of \$2,000

- Dedicated area of 10' by 10'
- Two chairs and cooler stocked with ice and sweet tea
- Special Recognition of sponsorship during Cook-Off and awards ceremony
  - 20 General Admission tickets

Smokin' - \$1,000 to \$1,999

- Dedicated area of 8' x 8'
- Two chairs and cooler stocked with ice and sweet tea
- Recognition of sponsorship during Cook-Off
- 10 General Admission tickets.



Mesquite - \$500.00 to \$1,000

- Dedicated area of 8' x 8'
- Two chairs and cooler stocked with ice and sweet tea
- Recognition of sponsorship during Cook-Off

United Way Judges - Donation of \$150 to \$499

- Four (4) United Way Judge Tickets
- 12 United Way Judge's Champion ballots
- United Way Judges can use their ballots to vote for any category and any team.

**General Admittance:**

- Individual People's Choice tickets will be available for \$40 for one admittance.

## AWARDS

**VIP Judge Category Winners:**

- The VIP Judge team scoring sheets (a maximum of 10 judge teams for each category) will be tallied and announced at the end of the day.
- A third, second and first place winner will be determined in each category. The first place winner will receive a plaque marking the date and event. Second and third place winners will be recognized.

**People's Choice:**

- All attendees (People's Choice, VIP, and United Way Judges) are eligible to vote for the People's Choice awards by dropping money into People's Choice buckets at each BBQ team's station.
- People's Choice awards will be determined based on the highest amount of money in the People's Choice buckets at each BBQ team's station. Last year's People's Choice winner raised over \$4000! BBQ Teams are encouraged to raise money in advance of and during the Cook-Off in order to receive the highest People's Choice votes.
- The winner of the People's Choice award will designate the distribution of the People's Choice proceeds to the United Way of their choosing. And again, Williams will match the amount dollar for dollar.

**United Way Champion:**

- The United Way Champion will be the entry that received the most United Way Judge Votes
- A third, second and first place winner will be determined. The first place winner will receive a plaque marking the date and event. Second and third place winners will be recognized.

**Grand Champion:**

- The Grand Champion will be the category winner as determined by the VIP judges, with the highest number of People's Choice dollars
- In the event of a tie, United Way Choice ballot results will be used to determine the Grand Champion.
- The Grand Champion will receive a plaque to keep and a traveling trophy. The traveling Trophy will be engraved with their team name, but must be returned the following year and awarded to that year's Grand Champion.

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