



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

LAZY BROOK

Park, Tunkhannock 

RULES & REGULATIONS

- ▶ The BBQ cook-off will be held rain or shine.
- ▶ All entries must be received by September 8, 2023.
- ▶ 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 and Broome County United Ways.

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 \$500.
- ▶ Companies may sponsor more than one BBQ team, however, a minimum of \$500 donation must be made for each team entered. You may bring in 4 cooks for each category.
- ▶ Each team is responsible for providing at least 300 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.
- ▶ Cooks can check-in either September 14 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. or September 15 by 9 a.m.
- ▶ 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.

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.
- 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 and the People's Choice. Each category is described below:

VIP Judge Team:

- VIP Judging begins at 12:00 p.m. Category winners will be selected by the VIP Judges.
- There are 3 categories of judging: Elite, People's Choice and Grand Champion. Each VIP Judge Team will receive 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 2:30 p.m.

Grill Baby, Grill: \$5,000

- 1 Admittance for a VIP Judge for Blind Judging Category
- Williams BBQ Toolset
- Dedicated vendor area of 10 x 10
- 25 General Admission Tickets
- 25 People Choice Chips

Smokin': \$4,000

- Williams BBQ Toolset
- Dedicated vendor area of 10 x 10
- 20 General Admission Tickets
- 20 People Choice Chips

Mesquite: \$3,000

- Williams BBQ Toolset
- Dedicated vendor area of 10 x 10
- 15 General Admission Tickets
- 15 People Choice Chips

Hickory: \$2,000

- Williams BBQ Toolset
- Dedicated vendor area of 10 x 10
- 10 General Admission Tickets
- 10 People Choice Chips

Applewood: \$1,000

- Williams BBQ Toolset
- Dedicated vendor area of 10 x 10
- 5 General Admission Tickets
- 5 People Choice Chips



General Admittance:

- Individual People's Choice tickets will be available for \$100 for one admittance.

AWARDS

Elite Winners:

- The Elite Judge will vote on taste, texture, appearance and over all appeal.
- The Elite judges will divide into 3 groups, they must sample all entrees.
- This will be a blind taste category, samples brought to you by committee members assigned to you for the day.
- The winner from each category will receive a plaque.

VIP Judge Category Winners:

- The VIP Judge team votes 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 - General Admission - \$100.00:

- All attendees 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 almost \$8,000! 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 local United Way of their choosing.

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
- 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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