



May 15-16th, 2020

Battle Creek, MI

TEAM PACKET

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Introduction

Welcome to the Cereal City BBQ Festival in Battle Creek, Michigan. We are excited to have you participate in this year's contest. Please review the following packet carefully, and don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

Please enjoy beers, food, corn hole and live music throughout the event. We hope our staff and volunteers stand ready to make your experience a memorable one.

Contact Information

This year's BBQ competition organizers are Jim Austin, Josh Thomas and Fernando Rosa. Please call or email anytime with questions or get additional information.

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Participant Checklist

- Arrive on Friday, May 15th. Or arrange for Sat Morning with event coordinator.
- Registration/Check in 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
- Cooks Meeting Friday 7:30 pm in the Judging Area.
- Get meat inspected upon or shortly after arrival.
- Attend the Contest Cook's Meeting (all team members are welcome) on Friday, May 15th at 7:30 pm in the Judging Area.

Order of Events for Friday, May 15th

5:00 p.m. Gates open to the public

Contest Timeline for Saturday, May 16th

8:00 a.m. Cook's meeting

10:45-11:30 am Judges Registration

11:30 am Judges Meeting

1:55 - 2:05 pm Chicken Turn-In

2:45 – 2:55 pm Pork Ribs Turn-In

3:30- 3:40 pm Pork Turn-In

5 pm (approximate) Awards presentation on the music stage

General Information

General Inquiries:

<http://ccbbqfest.com/>

Event/Team Information, contact:

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Electricity for light general use only (such as lighting) is provided at a cost of \$25. Please bring 100' of extension cord (the heavier the gage the better) and outdoor rated splitters for your electrical hookup. Hookup of refrigerators, deep fryers, and AC units is not allowed. If you have higher electrical requirements than general lighting you must bring your own quiet generator. Water is available for free (you must provide hoses and "y" connectors). Water pressure might be low at times due to existing infrastructure.

Distribution of food samples to the general public at any time is forbidden due to health department codes. Discreetly giving food samples to friends and family within your competition space is allowed. All cooking areas must be cleaned up before teams leave the contest.

All live coals must be disposed of properly, according to the organizers directive. Sites shall be left at the conclusion of the contest in the same, or better, condition than they were upon arrival. Failure to obey this rule may result in further action against a team.

Awards

Overall Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

Chicken, Pork Ribs Categories

1st

2nd

3rd

Rules and Regulations

Authorized Agents

All Contestants/Teams must appoint a Chief Cook with full authority to represent the Contestant/Team in its business at Cereal City BBQ Festival.

Failure to Submit

To have a space at the Cereal City BBQ Festival, your team must turn in at least one meat to the contest.

Application Acceptance

All participants must register and pay for their space in full to be considered a contestant/team and given space assignments. All applications are subject to review and acceptance by the Cereal City BBQ Festival.

Meat Categories

Competition will be held in the following categories for the Grand Championship:

1. Chicken- Dark Meat

2. Pork Ribs

3.

Pork (pork shoulder, Cushion or Boston Butt)

To be eligible for the award of overall Grand Champion, a contestant must enter all three categories. You must turn at least six (6) separate and identifiable portions. Your entry must fit into the Styrofoam container provided with the lid closed. The Styrofoam containers will be provided by the event. You may not bring your own containers. The label with your team number must be on the top of the container. Meat may not be seasoned off site. All entries must be cooked on site and within your team's assigned space. No pre-cooked product will be allowed. Garnish is optional; however, the lid must close on your container. Do not do anything to your entry that identifies that it came from your team. KCBS heat source requirements and meat preparation rules apply, www.kcbs.us

This is not a sanctioned competition but will use the KCBS rules. Judges score card is on page 9 for reference.

Teams Receivables

With the purchase of space, each team will receive the following: - Team Packet of information

Space: (1) 25'x25' space per team (with limited 30'x25' spaces) will be assigned at check-in. One vehicle is permitted in each space. Additional vehicles will need to be parked off-site in the general festival parking. No other campers or camping is permitted on festival grounds. All cooking units, vehicles, and campers must be removed from festival grounds by 4PM on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

Power: Electricity for light general use only (such as lighting) is provided at a cost of \$25. One plug in will be provided for your site and cooking apparatus with your paid fee of \$25.00. Portable generators permitted at the contest organizer's discretion, based on noise level and location. Water is located on event grounds.

Items & Actions

Teams **may not bring** golf carts, motorized coolers, 3 or 4-wheelers or motorcycles. Rickshaws, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, Segway's, hover boards and bicycles are also prohibited. Weapons of any kind are prohibited.

Any flying objects, specifically drones/ quadcopter are prohibited at all times. Additionally, kites, balloons and other inflatables are not allowed and any flying object will be confiscated.

No live animals, except aides to persons with disabilities are allowed at any time, or as previously arranged with the contest organizers.

No obscene music is allowed at any time. Teams must obey the quiet hours (listed below). If a team is creating a disturbance, penalties may result at the discretion of the Smoke & Ale Fall Festival.

Quiet Hours

Demonstrations or activities that cause annoyance to neighboring contestants such as flashing light, noise, or result in obstruction of walk space or prevent ready access to a nearby Contest Space will not be allowed.

"Competition Side"

QUIET TIME on Friday from 12:00 am. (Midnight) to 7:00 am Use of stereos, live music or amplifying

equipment will not be allowed during this QUIET TIME period. Each barbecue team is responsible to see that QUIET TIME is enforced within their space.

Cancellation

In the event of cancellation, teams may be eligible for refund (minus the cancellation fee) if the Cereal City BBQ Festival is able to fill their space with another competitor.

Security

Battle Creek Police will be driving by the Festival grounds periodically during quiet time to ensure the safety of the facility. Contact the contest organizers, the contest reps, or Battle Creek Police for assistance.

Battle Creek Police Department (269) 966-3322

34 Division St. N

Battle Creek, MI 49014

Insurance & Liability

Liability

Teams are liable and responsible for the actions and activities that occur within their space. This includes, but is not limited to: team members, guests, equipment and damage to the facility grounds.

For Your Convenience

- Meijer's is 1 mile from Festival grounds – 2191 W. Columbia Ave.
- An ATM is available at PNC Bank- 65 S 20th St.
- Lakeview Hardware is in the strip center- 660 Capital Ave SE.
- Bronson Hospital- 300 North Ave, Battle Creek MI 49017



JUDGING SLIP

CIRCLE CATEGORY

Chicken

Ribs

Pulled Pork

POINTS

9- Excellent

6- Average

3- Bad

8- Very Good

5- Below Average

2- Indelible

7- Above Average

4- Poor

1- Disqualified

Box Number

Appearance

Taste

Tenderness

Judge Number _____
