

Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club

Founders Day Cook-Off

April 15th -17th, 2011

Set-Up/Check-In/Head Cook Meeting/Take-Down Regulations

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.

Campsite: Teams are responsible for providing their own shade canopies. Electricity will be provided within 100 feet of campsites. Please bring you own electrical extension cords.

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

Head Cook's Meeting: Friday at 5:00 PM at Cook Club Headquarters. Someone from each team must attend. No more than 2 per camp since space is limited.

Clean Up: All camps must provide your own trash containers. All trash should be placed in bags or sacks prior to placing it in the dumpsters provided. Head Cooks are responsible for maintaining a trash-free campsite at all times and sites must be thoroughly cleaned before departure. Please bring your own brooms to sweep your areas for small trash and cigarette butts. 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.

Camp Tear-Down and Departure: Campsites wanting to depart before the end of the full Founders Days event may tear-down the campsite and depart the Founders Day Grounds Sunday PRIOR to 10:00 a.m. NO DEPARTURES WILL BE ALLOWED SATURDAY. No campsites may be torn down or depart after 10:00 a.m. Sunday until the regular departure time at the end of Sunday. Regular end-of-event tear-down may begin at 4:00 p.m. Sunday. All campsites must be cleared from the city no later than 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

TEAMS NOT IN OBEYANCE OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION AND WILL RISK LOSING THEIR CAMP SPACES IN FUTURE YEARS.

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CITY RULES/REGULATIONS -

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.

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*** (copies available via web-site and at headquarters).

GENERAL INFORMATION –

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 (2010). All spots must be paid for by Monday, March 15, 2011 to guarantee your same cooking spot as last year. Any spots not paid for by March 15 will be given to other cooks on a first come basis. If you did not participate in 2010, please mark a preferred spot and turn in your entry form ASAP so we may put you on the waiting list.

Judging Results: Judging will be announced on the Founders Day Stage on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. for Fajitas, Chicken, Pork Spareribs, Brisket, Best Camp, Best Pit, and Showmanship. Judging will be announced Sunday at approximately 4:30 PM for Salsa, Chili, Potluck and Chicken Clucking.

<u>Awards:</u>	<u>All Meat and Chili Entries</u>	<u>Best Camp and Best Pit</u>	<u>Chicken Clucking</u>
	1st place \$350 and trophy	1 st place \$200 and trophy	1 st \$30
	2 nd place \$200 and trophy	2 nd place \$125 and trophy	2 nd \$20
	3 rd place \$100 and trophy	3 rd place \$75 and trophy	3 rd \$10
	4th place \$50 and trophy		

Beans and Salsa

1st place: \$200 and trophy 2nd place: \$100 and trophy 3rd place: \$50 and trophy

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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 potluck ingredients.
2. **Meat Inspection**: Will begin on Friday at 5:15 PM and continue through Sunday (for salsa, chili and potluck). If you do not check-in until Saturday or Sunday, your food items will be inspected at check-in. Sauces, garnishes, etc. may NOT be added to turned in entries. Cooks must sample their own entries, if requested.
3. **Meat turn in**: All meat turn in will be 30 bite size boneless pieces – no slices, no bone-in chicken, no racks/slab ribs except as otherwise specified. Exceptions: (1) All brisket entries will have one ¼ inch slice of brisket which will be placed along with the 30 bite size pieces. (2) All pork spareribs entries will have one port sparerib with meat along with the 30 boneless bite size pieces. If entries are turned in with something other than 30 bite size pieces (plus slice of brisket and/or sparerib, as applicable), 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:

Beef Fajitas:	8:00 PM, Friday	Salsa:	11:00 AM, Sunday
Chicken:	12:00 Noon, Saturday	Chili:	12:30 PM, Sunday
Pork Sparerib:	2:30 PM, Saturday	Beans:	2:00 PM, Sunday
Brisket:	5:00 PM, Saturday		

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 insure 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. **Chili and Bean**: Chili entries must be con-carne only. No beans or large pieces of food items may be in the chili, such as chunks of tomato, large pieces of peppers, etc. Bean entries may not include large pieces of other food items, such as chunks of tomato, large pieces of pepper, etc.
5. **SHOWMANSHIP**: Will be judged on Saturday, April 16th beginning at 3:00 p.m. 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.
6. **BEST PIT**: Judged on Saturday, April 16h beginning at 11:00 a.m. Judging will be based

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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.

7. **BEST CAMP** : Judged 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.
8. **CHICKEN CLUCKING** : Will take place on Sunday, April 17th 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.
9. **Judging Results Announced**: All judging will be announced on the Founders Day Stage. Friday and Saturday judging results will begin at 6:30 p.m. for Fajitas, Chicken, Pork Spareribs, Brisket, Best Camp, Best Pit, and Showmanship. Sunday judging results will begin at approximately 4:30 p.m. for Salsa, Chili, Beans and Chicken Clucking.
10. **Tickets on Containers**: 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.
11. Entries will be judged on Taste, Aroma, Consistency (Texture), Appearance, and Aftertaste.
12. **Tip Jars**: 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. **Clean Up**: 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 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 p.m. on Sunday.

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

- Cheating, including discovery of entries cooked or marinated prior to Cook-Off, except as noted above.
- Violent behavior of any kind.
- Not adhering to the rules and regulations as set forth herein.
- Vulgar or obscene gestures, activities or language.
- Destruction of public or private property
- Excessive abuse of alcohol which causes a major disturbance to the Cook-Off and its patrons
- Cooks who do not maintain a trash-free camp site and who fail to clean their areas on Sunday
- Violation of the Food Entry Rule - there must be separate entries in each Styrofoam Container from any and all Head Cooks within one campsite.
- 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 FEE FOR DRIPPING SPRINGS COOK CLUB MEMBER:** \$100 PER SPACE

ENTRY FEE FOR NON DRIPPING SPRINGS COOK CLUB MEMBERS: \$125 PER SPACE

**To qualify as a Dripping Springs Cook Club Member dues should be paid by March 1, 2011

Entry fee includes competing in fajitas, chicken, pork sparerib, brisket, and chili. Salsa and Beans are extra (\$15 per entry).

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

****All Fees are Non-Refundable Deadline for Entry 3/1/2011****

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 2011. Your signature indicates you have read the following rules and regulations and other attachments.

Signature _____ Date _____

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