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Pork Rib Cook-Off

TO ALL INTERESTED COOKS:

We wish to extend an invitation for you to join in our 34th Annual Pork Rib Cook-Off, which will be April 11, 2026, during Hogskin Holidays Festival.

We are enclosing, with this letter, an entry form, statement of liability, list of prizes and rules and regulations for the cook-off. Please take a few minutes to read these forms and complete them.

Contestants may begin setting up at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026.

Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. we will have our contestants meeting.

As in past years, you will again be able to sell barbecue by the pound; as well as sell food to eat on the premises. If you desire to have a food concession, please mark it on the application/entry form.

In addition to the Pork Ribs category, competitors may also enter the “Anything But” and Dessert categories. A single flat entry fee of $150 covers participation in all categories.

For additional information about our festival, you can check out the website. We look forward to seeing you in Hampton at the Hogskin Holidays Festival for one pig-squealing, pork-cooking good time!

Sincerely,
The Cook-Off Committee

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Contestants may enter and compete in one or all categories.

There will be blind judging by qualified judges. There will be a brief explanation of judging procedures at the contestants meeting.

(1) There will be two on site categories in the Hogskin Holidays Pork Cook-Off: Pork Ribs and ”Anything But”. Meat for the contest may not be precooked, sauced, injected, marinated, or cured in any way prior to inspection at the beginning of the contest.

a. A PORK RIB ENTRY IS DEFINED AS PORTIONS OF THE HOG WHICH INCLUDE THE RIBS. You must turn in a minimum of 8 (1 per judge) or up to 16 (2 per judge)

b. “ANYTHING BUT” ENTRY IS DEFINED AS YOUR CHOICE OF FAVORITE GRILLED RECIPE. THIS ENTRY CAN BE ANYTHING BUT PORK RIBS, AS LONG AS IT IS COOKED ON THE PREMISES ON THE GRILL.

(2) Each contestant competing shall supply all of their own meat, cooking ingredients, individual cooking utensils, preparation tables, etc. Provided to the contestants are a regulation cooking area and necessary sanitary facilities. If a larger area is needed, special arrangements can be made by contacting the sponsor. All contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire and other codes by the city, county, state, or federal codes.

(3) Contestants may begin setting up at 3:00 p.m., Friday, prior to the cook-off on Saturday.

(4) All meat must be inspected before cooking by a cook-off committee member. After the meat is inspected, you may marinate and begin cooking the meat.

(5) Each contestant must cook enough meat to provide the required samples for judging.

a. The Cook-off Committee will provide containers that will be turned in to the judges for the Rib, Anything But, and sauce competitions. If any other container is turned in, then it will be disqualified.
b. All of the containers will be exactly the same and will not be numbered for any of the competitions.

Butch Hedger "Anything But" Competition

8 containers must be turned in for this competition. It is your responsibility to put your number on the inside of each container. This is to be turned in at 12 PM. You can turn in 5 minutes before 12 PM or 5 minutes after 12 PM.

Dessert Competition

If you are entering this competition, you must turn in 4 EA individual servings in 4 containers. If you use your own container, it is your responsibility to put your number on the container where it isn't visible until opened by the judges. This is to be turned in at 12 PM. You can turn in 5 minutes before 12 PM or 5 minutes after 12 PM.

Rib Competition

8 containers must be turned in for this competition. It is your responsibility to put your number on the inside of each container. Green leafy lettuce is the only garnish that can be used and this is optional, not required. This is to be turned in at 1 PM. You can turn in 5 minutes before 1 PM or 5 minutes after 1 PM.

Sauce Competition

If you are entering this competition, you must turn in 8 EA individual servings in the provided containers. This is to be turned in at 1 PM. You can turn in 5 minutes before 1 PM or 5 minutes after 1 PM.

(6) A single flat entry fee of $150 covers participation in all categories. The selection committee reserves the right to reject any application. If your application is not accepted, your fees will be refunded by mail. No refunds of the application fees will be made once you have been accepted in the contest, whether you appear or not. All checks should be made to Hogskin Holidays Cook-Off. You may mail your application to the following address: Hogskin Holidays Cook-Off Hogskin Holidays Festival P.O. Box 99 Hampton, Arkansas 71744

(7) A meeting for all contestants will be held Saturday at 8:00 a.m. The rules, regulations and other necessary information will be discussed at that time.

(8) It is the responsibility of each contestant to see that the contest area is kept clean and that the area is cleaned following the contest. It is imperative that our clean-up be thorough. Any space left in disarray or with loose trash and garbage will disqualify the team from future participation. Trash receptacles will be supplied

(9) The chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed (given away or sold) to the general public by contestants.

(10) The barbecue committee reserves the right to make additional regulations as the situation warrants.

(11) Decisions of the barbecue committee chairman and judges are final.

(12) Violation of Rules and Regulations of the contest may result in disqualification, expulsion from the grounds, and/or disqualification from future participation.

(13) If you have any questions, need additional information or if you cannot attend after being signed up, please write us at: Hogskin Holidays, P.O. Box 99, Hampton, Arkansas 71744 or contact Gracie Butler (870-833-7542) or Terry Anders (870-918-6365)

34th ANNUAL

HOGSKIN HOLIDAYS PORK RIB COOK-OFF

CALHOUN COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

HAMPTON, ARKANSAS

Pork Ribs Competition

FIRST PLACE---------- $1000 + Trophy

SECOND PLACE----------$750 + Trophy

THIRD PLACE----------$300 + Trophy

Butch Hedger "ANYTHING BUT" Competition

1ST PLACE---------- $250 + Trophy

2ND PLACE---------- $150 + Trophy

3RD PLACE---------- $100 + Trophy

Dessert Competition

1ST PLACE----------Trophy

BEST SAUCE----------Trophy

SHOWMANSHIP----------Trophy

BEST RIG----------Trophy

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

HOGSKIN HOLIDAYS PORK RIB COOK-OFF

TEAM NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY/STATE:_____

TELEPHONE:_____

EMAIL:_____

CHIEF COOK:_____

ASSISTANT COOK/NAMES ONLY:

1._____3._____

2._____4._____

CORPORATE SPONSOR(if Any):_____

PLEASE CHECK THE CATEGORIES YOU WISH TO ENTER AND COMPETE:

- ☐ PORK RIB
- ☐ BUTCH HEDGER "ANYTHING BUT"
- ☐ DESSERT

** A SINGLE FLAT ENTRY FEE OF **$150** COVERS PARTICIPATION IN ALL CATEGORIES. **

ARE YOU GOING TO SELL FOOD TO EAT ON THE PREMISE?

( )YES ( )NO

DO YOU NEED A SPACE FOR A CAMPER OR RV? IF SO WHAT DIMENSIONS?_____

DO YOU NEED ELECTRICITY? IF SO, WHAT AMP BREAKER DO YOU NEED. WE HAVE LIMITED HIGH AMP BREAKERS._____

PLEASE SIGN THE STATEMENT OF LIABILITY & RETURN WITH THIS FORM.

TO: CHIEF COOK

FROM: BARBECUE COMMITTEE

RE: STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

As a precaution the Committee has determined that it is mandatory for each Chief Cook to sign and return the Statement of Liability. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.

Thank you for your cooperation. This must be signed and returned before you set up. You can mail it to:

HOGSKIN COUNTY COOK-OFF

HOGSKIN HOLIDAYS FESTIVAL

P.O. BOX 99, Hampton AR

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

As Chief Cook and a Contestant in the Hogskin Holidays Cook-Off, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Hogskin Holidays Cook-Off Committee and sponsors (HHCO), its employees and volunteers, from any and all claims made against HHCO, including without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, or reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in connection with:

(1) any structure erected by contestant;

(2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by contestant;

(3) any act or omission to act of contestant, its agents, invitees, participants, representatives, employees, servants and agents; and,

(4) any claims made on accounts of, or resulting from, contestant's participation in this contest.

I further certify that I have read and understood all the rules and regulations associated with this contest. I understand that failure to comply with these rules will result in my disqualification from the contest.

CHIEF COOK:_____DATE:_____