



BACKYARD BBQ COMPETITION - TEAM REGISTRATION

Cookin' on Kampeska will be held July 18, 19, & 20, 2024 and this year's event will feature two Backyard BBQ Competitions. Friday night, teams will be put to the test to see who knows their beef and compete in the 4th Annual People's Choice Chislic Competition. Saturday, the crowd will return for more BBQ action as teams compete for the coveted Backyard BBQ trophy in the 9th Annual People's Choice Pulled Pork Competition. Showmanship will also be awarded to the team with the most original theme and show to their cook site and sample station. One team will be awarded per People's Choice Competition.

In addition to People's Choice, teams may also choose to turn in their finished product to a panel of judges. The panel will get the opportunity to conduct a blind taste test and decide who is the Chislic Champion Friday night and the Pulled Pork Champion Saturday.

Team Registration Fee: \$200.00

Registration fee includes 1 campsite for Wednesday through Sunday camping, 4 event admission wristbands, 2 Team Parking Passes, and the meat needed for cooking competitions.

Are you looking to have someone sponsor your team?! Let us know and we can help make it happen!

A maximum of 50 teams will compete. Any registrations beyond that will be placed on a waiting list. Additional teams may be added in the event a team drops out or more space may be created for additional teams, at the organizer's discretion. Let us know if you would like to partner up with another team at your campsite and we can put you in a larger area.

Dates to Know

- Team Registration opens April 1, 2024
- Team Registration closes June 3, 2024
- Wednesday, July 17th - Teams may begin arriving to Stokes-Thomas Lake City Park after 2:00 PM
- Thursday, July 18th – Cooks Meeting at 5:00 PM– at least one team member must attend.
- Friday, July 19th – 4th Annual People's Choice Chislic Competition 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM or while supplies last
- Saturday, July 20th – 9th Annual People's Choice Pulled Pork Competition 2:00 PM until 3:30 PM or while supplies last.
- Saturday, July 20th – BBQ Awards Presentation at 7:00 PM on the Main Stage

Vehicle Parking

Each team will be given **2 parking passes**. Teams may have one (1) vehicle parked inside the competition grounds the night before the competition. Vehicles must be parked within your competition space, unless otherwise directed. All vehicles must be moved to designated parking area by 4:00 PM Friday and 9:00 AM on Saturday before the People's Choice competitions begin. Shuttle services will be provided.

Camping - PARK RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED!

Each team will be assigned a campsite at Stokes-Thomas Lake City Park. Campsite assignments and maps will be sent to teams prior to the competition. Teams may begin arriving at the campground after 2:00PM Wednesday, July 17th. No golf carts or ATVs. Coolers must stay at your campsite. Pets are allowed at your campsite, but are not allowed by headquarters or the main event area.

People's Choice Competitions

The meat being sampled must stay above 140 degrees Fahrenheit at all times during People's Choice. Roasters are acceptable and you may need a longer cord or generator to reach the serving area. Serving cups/boats will be provided to each team and forks and napkins will be handed out to the public upon entrance to the competition area. Handing out of water, pop or alcohol of any kind is NOT allowed.

No Refunds

We will make every effort to ensure that Cookin' on Kampeska Backyard BBQ Competitions will occur rain or shine. We reserve the right to postpone the event one weekend at a time until a suitable weekend is found.

Rules and Regulations

1. **CONTESTANTS** – A contestant is any individual or group, hereafter referred to as a team, which will prepare and cook an entry or entries for the purpose of being judged, according to the rules of the Cookin' on Kampeska Backyard BBQ Competition. Each team will be comprised of a team captain and up to four assistants. All contestants must have at least one representative of their team present at the Cook's Meeting on the evening prior to the contest. In the event this is not possible, the team shall contact the contest organizer and inform them of their absence. Teams absent from the Cooks Meeting accept all responsibility for understanding these rules and any changes to them that may have occurred.

2. **ENTRY PROCESS** – Teams who have previously competed or teams of event sponsors will be given priority competition spaces. In any event, be prepared to provide your own shade. Spaces will be filled in the following manner:

- Teams of event sponsors
- Team registration fees: \$200 per team
- All registration forms received after the field has been filled will be placed on a waiting list and will be entered into the contest if the other teams drop out, or if more spaces are found.

3. **INTERPRETATION OF RULES** – The interpretation of the rules and regulations are those of the Cookin' on Kampeska Backyard BBQ Competition representative at the contest and his or her decisions are final.

4. **EQUIPMENT** – Each team will supply all of the equipment necessary for the preparation and cooking of their entry including a cooker, wood, charcoal, wood pellets, flat top, deep fryer or gas grill. Backyard BBQ teams will have access to electricity and running water. Each team will need to have a 10 x 10 canopy to cover the food preparation area. That tent can be moved out to the People's Choice area for

the public during People's Choice Competitions. If you cook on gravel, you must provide a plastic or carpeted floor to reduce splashing from rain. Preparing food on the grass or asphalt is acceptable. Teams must have a 3-compartment water system to wash, rinse and sanitize cooking utensils. Camper sinks with additional tubs are adequate. Each team must have a handwashing station at their cooking space. Under state guidelines, this includes a cooler with a spout and a bucket to catch the water as it falls.

5. CONTESTANT'S SITE: Backyard BBQ teams will be assigned a camping site. Tents and covers are to be provided by the teams. All equipment must be contained within this space. If additional space is required, the team should contact the contest organizer and make satisfactory arrangements. Public use water and electricity is available. Contestants may cook overnight, but must remove vehicles from the competition area by 4:00PM Friday and by 9:00AM Saturday. A contest representative or security guard will be on site to allow for entry to the grounds.

6. BEHAVIOR – Every team, including members and guests, are expected and required to exhibit proper and courteous behavior at all times. If behavior is deemed to cross the line, the team will be given a warning. A second infraction will disqualify the team from competition and may lead to dismissal from the grounds immediately.

7. CLEANLINES S AND SANITATION – All teams are expected to maintain their cooking sites in an orderly and clean manner, and to use good sanitary practices during the preparation, cooking and judging process. The use of sanitary gloves is required at all times while handling food. Failure to use sanitary gloves may result in disqualification. Additionally, teams are required to have a running water system for cleanup. Under state guidelines, this includes a cooler with a spout and a bucket to catch the water as it falls. Please bring these items with you for use at your cooking site. Teams are responsible for cleanup of their site once the competition has ended. All federal, state and local food safety rules and regulations must be adhered to at all times. At the conclusion of the event, you are required to clean your team area before departing or accepting any prizes. Team signs and remaining sample cups must be returned to the headquarters picnic shelter or left at your campsite and a Cookin' on Kampeska Backyard BBQ Competition representative will collect them.

8. PRIZES – Backyard BBQ People's Choice Champions will receive a very unique Cookin' on Kampeska trophy and \$500 in Watertown Chamber Bucks. Backyard BBQ Champions in the judged competition will receive a Cookin' on Kampeska trophy and \$250 in Watertown Chamber Bucks. Backyard BBQ Teams selected for showmanship will receive \$250 in Watertown Chamber Bucks.