



RIP'S RIBS COOK OFF 2017

CHEF'S ENTRY FORM

Eastland Chamber of Commerce, 209 W. Main Street, Eastland, Texas 76448

www.ripsribscookoff.com chamber@eastland.net (254) 629-2332

Saturday, April 14, 2018 | 9:00 am – 7:00 pm | Rain or Shine

Team Contact Information

Official Team Name:
Sponsor (not required):
Chief Cook:
Address:
Phone Number:
E-Mail Address:

Team Members:	T-shirt Size:
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Planning Information

There will be only 50 teams allowed to compete in the Rip's Ribs Cook Off, so be sure to get your application and payment in as early as possible! Each team will receive a space measuring 20 ft. x 15 ft. All teams will receive two Old Rip hats and four free official Rip's Ribs Cook Off t-shirts with their application fee. First Prize \$1000, 2nd Prize \$750, 3rd Prize \$500, 4th Prize \$250, and 5th Prize \$150. Trophies will also be awarded to the winners. **NEW Categories free of entry this year.** They include Appetizers, Beans, Deserts, and Meats (excluding ribs). Winners will be chosen by "People's Choice" and trophies awarded to winners.

Number of Ribs you will cook:

Each team must be prepared to cook up to 20 lbs. of St. Louis style pork ribs on the day of the Cook Off. All meat will be provided. The Cook Off staff will determine the amount of ribs that each team must cook for the public.

Entry Fee & Cook Agreement

There will be a **MANDATORY COOKS MEETING Saturday, April 14th at 9:00 AM.** The entry fee is \$100 and it must be received along with this entry form no later than 5PM on Friday, April 6th. Checks must be made payable to and may be mailed to Eastland Chamber of Commerce, 209 W. Main St., Eastland, TX 76448.

FREE Additional Categories to enter: Please place a check by each category you would like to enter
Appetizers _____ **Beans** _____ **Desserts** _____ **Meats(excluding ribs)** _____

By submitting this application, I affirm that I agree to attend the MANDATORY COOKS MEETING on Saturday, April 14th at 9:00 AM. No meeting, no ribs! No refunds for any reason.

Chief Cook's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The City of Eastland, Eastland Chamber of Commerce, Eastland Economic Development Corporation, and the Rip's Ribs Cook Off will not be held liable for injury, theft, loss or damage to any participant or his/her product, equipment or material used in this competition or in any other manner. By participating in the Rip's Ribs Cook Off, you and your team members authorize the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, the City of Eastland, Eastland Economic Development Corporation and Rip's Ribs Cook Off to use your name and likeness, including images, in any advertising or marketing media for the Rip's Ribs Cook Off, the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, the City of Eastland, or Eastland Economic Development Corporation.



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RULES & GUIDELINES

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Thank you for being a part of the 2018 Rip's Ribs Cook Off. We appreciate your participation!

This is our 6th year to put on the Rip's Ribs Cook Off, and it has been put together through a cooperative effort by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, Eastland Economic Development, City of Eastland, the Eastland "Old Toads", and numerous volunteers.

We all recognize the fact that an event such as this is a learning process, and as such, we know that we may encounter minor "glitches" here and there. If you encounter a problem during the event, please let us know so that we may work to make this a great event that you want to participate in every year. We anticipate that Rip's Ribs Cook Off will continue to grow and improve, and it will be a fun and exciting event for all. We hope you have a great time and make many new friends while you compete for cash prizes!

There will be a MANDATORY COOK'S MEETING at 9:00 am on the day of the event. All additional questions and information will be handled at that time. You will not be eligible to cook if you are not at the meeting.

Some simple rules:

1. All vehicles must be out of the event area by 8:00 AM.
2. No ATV's or golf carts will be allowed in the event area after 8:00AM except event staff vehicles.
3. Eastland has a City Ordinance that prohibits the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a public place.
4. Cooking teams are allowed to give away or sell samples to the public, however, no team will be allowed to give away or sell ribs that are provided for the competition.
5. Only the meat provided by the staff will be used in the rib competition. Any team submitting "outside meat" will be disqualified. The ribs provided will be St. Louis-style pork ribs.
6. You may cook the meat in any manner you wish; however, the meat may not be branded, marked, or arranged in any manner to identify the cooker or team. Any such marked entry will be disqualified.
7. Ribs will be judged by 4 celebrity Judges.
8. Ribs will be judged based on taste, appearance, texture, and tenderness. Weighted scores will be given as such: Appearance - .5600, Taste – 2.2972, Tenderness - 1.1428.
9. You will need to turn in 4 ribs to the judges.
10. Judges' rulings will be final.
11. Additional Categories will be judged as "People's Choice". There will be 10 individuals for each 4 categories that will have color indicators as to which category they are judging. We will provide containers and utensils they will need for judging. Remember this is free of charge for each optional category for the cooks. You have a chance to win a trophy for best in appetizers, beans, desserts, or meats (excluding ribs). If you have an old family recipe, or think you can do one or all better than the competition then don't forget to sign up when turning in your entry form!
12. The Eastland Chamber of Commerce staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have about event procedures. On the day of the Cook Off, you can reach Chamber staff by cell phone at 254-488-2481.

LET'S MAKE SOME SMOKE!