



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 8, 2017 | 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:

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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 Rip's Ribs Cook Off meal tickets 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.

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 8th 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, March 31st. Checks must be made payable to and may be mailed to Eastland Chamber of Commerce, 209 W. Main St., Eastland, TX 76448.

By submitting this application, I affirm that I agree to attend the MANDATORY COOKS MEETING on Saturday, April 8th 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 2017 Rip's Ribs Cook Off. We appreciate your participation!

This is our 4th 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 8:30 AM.
2. No ATV's or golf carts will be allowed in the event area after 8:30 AM 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 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. There will be a preliminary judging of the ribs by a team of judges. They will narrow the field down to the ten best entries. The celebrity judges will then select the five best entries and grade them from one to five.
8. Ribs will be judged based on taste, appearance, texture, and tenderness. Instructions will be given at the cooks meeting for arrangement of the ribs for judging.
9. Each team's entry will be composed of a number of individual ribs coinciding with the number of preliminary judges and the ten finalists will then submit a number of individual ribs coinciding with the number of celebrity judges.
10. Judges' rulings will be final.
11. 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 254-433-0071.
12. LET'S MAKE SOME SMOKE!