



Thank you for your interest in the 2022 New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off!

Registration must be paid for in full at time of registration. All spaces will be assigned on first come first served bases. Please read rules fully before signing off on the acknowledgment sheet and returning. Rules and acknowledgment sheet must be signed and returned before your space(s) will be reserved for you. Please email signed rules acknowledgment sheets to nwplbbqcookoff@gmail.com

Item	Cost
New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-Off Entry Fee	\$250 for one 30x40 space – entry into 4 main meat categories Brisket Chicken Pork Loin Ribs (Maximum 4 spaces can be purchased per team) – NO REFUNDS
Jackpot Entries	\$25 for each entry – each team is allowed to register for 1 entry per space purchased. Fajitas, Margaritas, Bloody Mary, Beans, Hot Dessert
Kids – Q	\$10 for an item of their choosing

Important Dates	Time	
July 8, 2022	1 P.M. – 4 P.M.	Set up begins at 1 P.M. and must be completed by 4 P.M.
July 8, 2022	4 P.M.	Vehicles MUST be out of the cook-off area
July 9, 2022	1 P.M. – 8 P.M.	BBQ Cook-Off Opens to the public.
July 10, 2022	7 A.M. – 12 Noon	Tear down and all items must be gone by 12 Noon

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. The BBQ Contest will be held at the Diamond G Venue, 84 Stewart Rd, New Waverly, TX 77358.
2. Applications will be available online at <http://www.newwaverlypubliclibrary.org>.
3. Head Cook must sign the 2022 Release of Liability to be turned in prior to entering the grounds for the event. This release of liability will be the release of liability for the entire cook team and it's members.
4. The New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-Off Committee reserves the right to relocate any team for the betterment of the event.
5. The New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off Committee will not be responsible for theft or damage.
6. The New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off Committee reserve the right to make any or additional changes to the rules and regulations, at any time and without notice.
7. Decisions of the New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off Judges are FINAL.
8. Those attending or participating in the New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off are required to wear appropriate clothing at all times. (No one will be allowed without shoes or shirts.)
9. The New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off Committee reserve the right to refuse to rent cook-off space to any team or head cook.
10. NO team is allowed to give their Cook Space(s) to another Person or Cook Team without consent from the New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off.
11. The Violation of any Rules and Regulations in this document are grounds for immediate expulsion with no guarantee to be allowed back.
12. The New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off Committee members will, at all times, have free access to the contestant's area.
13. Animals of any kind will not be permitted in designated food preparation areas. Animals must be contained by being crated, caged, or on a leash at ALL times.

COOKER RULES AND COOKER PARKING:

1. A team consists of a head cook and four (4) assistants with a unique team name. Names may not be offensive and are subject to approval. No team (or team member, including head cook) can cook on more than one team during the competition.
2. The head cook of the team must be physically present and available to the contest management team if called upon.
3. Each space purchased will allow a team to enter the four main meat (chicken, ribs, pork, and brisket) competitions and allow the team to purchase entry for the jackpot competitions. 1 entry per space purchased/per team. Each entering team must have its own team name, head cook, and pit. Teams are not allowed to share cooking equipment.
4. Up to three (3) additional spaces per team (a maximum of 4 spaces per team allowed) can be purchased and will be awarded if available. NO EXCEPTIONS. Each additional space grants entry for an additional cook team to enter the competition, but each additional team must also have their own team name, head cook, cook team and pit. There can be no more than one team per space.

5. No vehicle will be allowed to enter, or leave, the contest area after 4 PM on Friday, July 8th, till the end of the BBQ Cook-off at 8:00 PM Saturday, July 9th.
6. Each cooking team will receive five (5) wristbands – one (1) for head cook and one (1) for other 4 cooks. These wristbands MUST be worn to come and go from the cook-off area. Please note these will need to be on to take your entry to the judging area at the pavilion.
7. Additional spectator wristbands can be purchased at the time of registration and will be in your cooks packet upon arrival. Please check your packet prior to pulling away from check-in, “missing” wristbands will not be replaced unless you notice them, and tell those volunteers, at check-in – during check-in.
8. Contestants must supply needed equipment and supplies.

SPACE RULES:

1. Each cooking space is approximately 30’x40’. EASEMENTS ARE NOT OFFERED FOR SALE and cannot be encroached on.
2. All team items must be gone from the cook-off area by Sunday at noon.
3. All items in your space need to be secured.
4. Water is available on site (near barn) but there are no hoses provided to use across the grounds.
5. Props, trailers, and motor homes, etc. or any other part of cook team equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. Easements are not to be used. Safety access is needed during the event. Teams should be prepared for inclement weather.
6. Holes or dug pits are not permitted.
7. Damage to any utilities will be the responsibility of the cook team, to be billed by New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off.
8. Metal pans must be provided under the opening of the firebox to prevent damaging the grounds, and/or catching the grass on fire.
9. No electricity will be provided on the grounds. All generators must be grounded at all times.
10. The New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off Committee will not refuel generators.
11. Teams with air conditioning must furnish their own drain line. Under no circumstance may drain water be drained into adjoining cooking spaces or easements.
12. Cook teams should plan on moving in and out without the assistance from the New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off Committee/Volunteers.
13. Each cook space is responsible for fully cleaning their area, during the cook-off and after the cook-off. Trash receptacles, plus trash bags, will be available at the check-in gate, until they have all been handed out. Trash pickup will be provided for bags placed in front of your space by 8AM on Saturday – NO FREE LIQUID is allowed in trash bags.
14. It is the responsibility of the cook team to be certain their area is in the condition in which they found it, upon leaving. If any team leaves items (equipment, tents, trash, etc) behind after Sunday, July 10th, they will be charged a cleaning fee (minimum of \$150). Cook teams will not be allowed to participate in future cook-offs until this fee has been paid and upon approval of the New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off Committee.
15. The New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off Committee is not responsible for items left behind.

BEHAVIOR, CONDUCT AND ENTERTAINMENT (BANDS)

1. The head cook is responsible for the conduct of their team members and guest.
2. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification.
3. NO ONE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE SERVED OR ALLOWED TO CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE GROUNDS. Each team must monitor its own area as it pertains to minors.
4. Each cook team must comply with all laws pertaining to the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
5. Teams may not distribute alcoholic beverages of any nature (e.g. Jell-O shots, etc.) outside their physical boundaries.
6. Due to TABC regulations, teams may not take alcoholic beverages (e.g. coolers or ice chests) outside their physical boundaries. This includes, but is not limited to, the awards ceremony.
7. Teams may not charge for alcoholic beverages, including “mandatory donations or tips.”
8. Teams may not sell tickets to be redeemed for beverages, either prior to or during the event. This includes sales of tickets on websites and social media platforms.
9. Teams may not charge entry into their area. Charging a “cover charge” to get into a team space is prohibited.
10. Any cook team having inappropriate music, entertainment, contests, etc. may be asked to leave the contest area immediately.
11. Excessively loud music, horns, air horns, etc. are strictly prohibited.
12. Security officers and committee personnel will be permitted to all areas of the Cook-Off, including all Cook-Off team tents, etc., and will have authority to handle matters in accordance with the law.
13. NO LEWD OR INAPPROPRIATE ACTS will be tolerated. Any cooks, guests, staff, etc. participating in or allowing inappropriate activities in their assigned spaces will be disqualified from the Cook-Off, the cooker’s event will be shut down, and the team involved will be removed from the premises immediately and not allowed to participate in future New Waverly Public Library Cook-Offs.
14. Under no circumstances will any contestant, or member of the public, be allowed to bring onto the grounds: golf carts; motor vehicles; carts; bicycles; roller skates; skate boards; scooters; motorized coolers, or any type of transportation, with the exception of wheelchairs for handicapped individuals Use of any of the above-mentioned items would justify cook team disqualification.
15. No smoking in enclosed spaces is allowed.
16. Cook teams are NOT PERMITTED to charge for entry into their assigned space(s) during the cook-off.
17. Cook teams are NOT PERMITTED to sell any items (alcohol, goods, or food) during the cook-off, without permission of the New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off Committee.
18. Friday or Saturday Nights, all music MUST END at 12:00 AM. A security officer will determine excessive noise and any request made to teams for noise to be shut down or turned down must be obeyed. If an officer has to ask a team more than a couple of times, the team may be shut down for the evening.

SAFETY/HEALTH

1. Portable fire extinguishers must be present for the type of fire or oil being used per 30 X 40 per space, in full view.
2. Smoking tobacco is not permitted in food serving area.
3. Hay bales are not permitted inside or outside your tent areas.
4. Ash containers must be used.
5. A cover is required over all open food preparation areas and all food must be covered.
6. Keep cold food stored on ice or refrigerated at all times. The food must be maintained at 45 degrees Fahrenheit.
7. Heated food should be maintained at 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
8. Three containers of water must be utilized at all times, one gallon minimum each: • First Bucket – Soap and water for washing, unless sink and running water are available and useable • Second Bucket – Clean water for rinsing, unless a sink and water are available and useable • Third Bucket – One cap of bleach per gallon of water for sanitizing
9. All generators must be grounded at all times
10. No glass bottles are allowed (THIS MEANS NO GLASS BEER BOTTLES) 12. Pyrotechnics of any kind are STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

CATEGORIES AND JUDGING:

Main Meats: Brisket, Chicken, Ribs, and Pork.

1. Each paid cooking space allows a team to enter all meat categories for their \$250 entry fee.
2. Quantities for turn-in will be announced at the Head Cooks' meeting on Friday, July 8th at 6:00 PM at the Stage area.
3. Meat inspection will be held on Friday upon check-in. Pre-cooked, salted, seasoned or marinated meat is not allowed.
4. Turn-in times on Saturday, July 9th, will be announced at the Head Cooks' meeting.
5. Cash Prizes will be awarded for places 1-3.

Jackpot Contests:

1. Judging for the Fajita and Margarita Jackpot Contests will be held on Friday evening July 8th .
2. Entry fee is \$25 per space, non-refundable and due at time of registration.
4. All other Jackpot entries will be awarded Saturday evening.
5. Participants should prepare for six (6) judges.
6. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
7. The winner of the Jackpot Categories will be a jackpot split with the New Waverly Public Library (50/50).

• JUDGING

1. Notices, schedules, entry turn-in times and any other changes will be posted at the stage area.

2. Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd will be given in all categories.
3. Chief Cooks' meeting: 6:00p.m. Friday of the cook-off weekend. The meeting will NOT start until all vehicles are removed from the cook-off area. Containers for all entries will be passed out to cooks at check-in. It is the responsibility of teams to verify they have received the appropriate containers at check-in. **NO EXTRA CONTAINERS WILL BE HANDED OUT WITHOUT EXCHANGE FOR ANY REASON.**
4. No garnish, sauce, or foil will be permitted in the container when turned in for judging. If found in the container, entry will be disqualified without notification.
5. All items must be cooked on-site from "scratch" utilizing raw meat (beef, poultry, seafood, pork, etc.). No cooking will be permitted in motor homes, etc. Team members are to prepare and cook their items in a sanitary manner as possible. These conditions will be subject to periodic inspection by the members of the cook-off committee. Unsanitary conditions by any team will be considered a cause for disqualification.
6. Fire must be of wood or wood substance. No electric or gas cooking will be allowed.
7. Turn-in time will be within 15 minutes of judging. It is the contestant's responsibility to have the entries delivered to the respective judging area in a timely manner.
8. Cookers are required to have a cookers wristband on to get to and from the cook-off area and judging area.
9. All measures will be taken to ensure that judges will not know which entry is being judged at any given time.

Thank you for your interest in the 2022 New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off. We look forward to a great event.

Now that you have read the rules completely, please fill out the next sheet two sheets: 1. RELEASE OF LIABILITY 2. RULES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Please email it to nwplbbqcookoff@gmail.com. Your space(s) WILL NOT be reserved until at which time we receive the above two forms filled out and signed by the head cook.

2022 EXHIBITOR/PARTICIPANT NEW WAVERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY BBQ COOK-OFF RELEASE OF
LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, for being allowed entry into and participation in activities (the “Activities”) associated with the New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off, the undersigned hereby enters into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) as of the date set forth below.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognizes and understands that there are risks associated with their participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to persons and damage to property. The undersigned further acknowledges and understands that they will be held liable and responsible for any and all damage to persons, livestock, vehicles, property and/or improvements to property that is caused by them and/or any persons (including, but not limited to, minors) under their care and control, and that arise out of, or are related to, the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities.

2. **APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE OF RELEASES AND INDEMNITIES:** For purposes of this Agreement, “Claims” shall mean any past, present and future claims, losses, costs, expenses, liabilities, demands, or causes of action, and costs of defense or settlement (including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees and court costs) associated with or relating to or arising out of the Activities. The releases, waivers, and indemnities contained in this Agreement expressly shall apply regardless of whether the Claims to be released, waived, or indemnified against arise, or are alleged to arise, from (i) NEGLIGENCE (WHETHER SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT), GROSS NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE PER SE, and/or STRICT LIABILITY, of the New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off Committee or its present and former officers, directors, members, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, volunteers, staff, and/or agents and any other person, firm, or corporation bound to defend or pay judgments against them (the “Released Parties”); (ii) personal injury, death or property damage; (iii) acts under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“DTPA”); (iv) acts of any other persons or guests; (v) theft, burglary, assault, or other crimes; (vi) fire, water, wind, rain and/or smoke and/or (vii) any other risks and hazards associated with the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities, including, but not limited to, the general conditions at the Activities, animals both wild and domestic that may be diseased and/or potentially dangerous, persons with firearms both on and off the premises used in connection with the Activities, and the driving or riding in any vehicles, whether belonging to Released Parties or to other persons.

3. **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** The undersigned hereby RELEASES, ACQUITS AND FOREVER DISCHARGES, and WAIVES any and all Claims against any of the Released Parties that arise from or relate to their entry and participation in the Activities—including, but not limited to, the types of claims enumerated in Paragraph 2—and agrees not to sue any of the Released Parties for such Claims. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agrees that the Released Parties shall not be liable to them, their family, or their guests, for personal injury, property damage, or any other Claims arising from or related to the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities.

4. **AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The undersigned agrees to INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the Released Parties against any and all Claims arising from or related to the undersigned’s entry and participation in the Activities—including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in Paragraph 2. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agrees to INDEMNIFY the Released Parties for any Claims for injuries to any minors under their care and control and/or his or her parent/guardian, and for any Claims asserted by, through or under the undersigned, arising from or related to the undersigned’s entry into and participation in the Activities—including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in Paragraph 2. As used herein, “INDEMNIFY” means to agree to assume the Released Parties’ liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility, and/or reimbursing the Released Party for Claims asserted against them.

5. **PHOTOGRAPH/INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:** The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Released Parties or television, film, video, visual, graphic or printed media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY the Released Parties with respect to any Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Released Parties or any media—including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in Paragraph 2.

As further inducement to the New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off Committee to permit the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, the undersigned represents that they thoroughly and completely understand that this is a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that they are freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement, and that no representations, promises or statements made by any Released Party, or any agent, attorney or other representative of any Released Party has influenced the undersigned in causing them to sign this Agreement.

The undersigned understands that this agreement shall be binding on their heirs, executors, successors, and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for resolution of any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a Texas State Court in Walker County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions above and acknowledges receipt of this Agreement.

Signature – Exhibitor/Participant	Date	Name Printed
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If the person on whose behalf this Agreement is being executed is a minor, a parent or legal guardian must also execute this Agreement.

Signature – Parent/Guardian	Date	Name Printed
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RELATIONSHIP TO MINOR:

I acknowledge that I am a registering as a cooker of the 2022 New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off and acknowledge the below (initial squares and sign below):

- I have read the 2022 New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off Rules
- I agree to abide by all rules set forth
- I am responsible for myself and my team to follow all rules I understand the dates/times set forth and will follow them
- I understand the BBQ is NOT a Sanctioned Event
- I understand I must email this form and the Release of Liability form in (signed) before my space(s) will be assigned and my registration considered complete.

I understand:

- Repeated violation of any rules or guidelines could cause tent closure.
- Spot checking by committee members is allowed at any and all times.
- As Head Cook, I will be responsible for my tent; cooks; and visitors to my tent.
- I am solely responsible for the monitoring of alcohol consumption, and prevention of alcohol consumption of minors.

Team Name	Head Cook – Printed	Head Cook - Signature
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