



# THE NEW WAVERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY BBQ COOK-OFF RULES

**The BBQ Cook-Off will be held Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Important Dates	Time	
April 10, 2023	5 P.M.	All Entries are due by 5:00 P.M.
April 21, 2023	1 P.M.	Set up begins at 1 P.M.
April 22, 2023	8 A.M.	Chief Cook's Meeting
April 22, 2023	6:30 P.M.	Awards
April 22, 2023	7:30 P.M.	Vehicle Access to the grounds for move-out begins
April 23, 2022	12 Noon	Tear down and all items must be gone by 12 Noon

Item	Cost
New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-Off Entry Fee	\$150 for one 30x30 space – entry into 4 main meat categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-right: 20px;">• Brisket</li> <li style="margin-right: 20px;">• Chicken</li> <li style="margin-right: 20px;">• Pork</li> <li>• Ribs</li> </ul>
Kids – Q	\$10 for an item of their choosing

- All entry forms must be submitted to the New Waverly Public Library no later than MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023, BY 5:00 P.M. WITH A \$150.00 NON-REUNDABLE ENTRY FEE.
- Registration must be paid for in full at the time of registration. All spaces will be assigned by random draw. Please read the rules fully before signing off on the acknowledgment sheet and returning it. Rules and acknowledgment sheets must be signed and returned before your space(s) will be reserved for you. Please email signed rules acknowledgment sheets to [nwplbbqcookoff@gmail.com](mailto:nwplbbqcookoff@gmail.com)
- The New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off Committee will not be responsible for theft or damage.
- The New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off Committee reserves the right to make any or additional changes to the rules and regulations, at any time and without notice.
- Decisions of the New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off Judges are FINAL.
- The New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-Off Committee reserves the right to relocate any team for the betterment of the event.
- The New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off Committee reserves the right to refuse to rent cook-off space to any team or head cook.
- 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.

- The Violation of any Rules and Regulations in this document is grounds for immediate expulsion with no guarantee to be allowed back.
- The New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-off Committee members will, at all times, have free access to the contestant's area.
- Only service animals will be permitted on site. 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.
- 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.
- The Chief Cook must sign the 2023 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 its members.
- THERE WILL BE A CHIEF COOKS MEETING AT 8:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY APRIL 22ND. THIS MEETING MUST BE ATTENDED BY THE CHIEF COOK. CONTEST CONTAINERS WILL BE HANDED OUT AFTER THE MEETING TO THE CHIEF COOK.
- The Chief Cook MUST attend the cookoff. Chief Cooks are held responsible for the conduct of their team members and guests. No lewd or inappropriate behavior will be tolerated. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages and/or misconduct by team members are grounds for disqualification and dismissal. Chief Cooks are responsible for and should control any obnoxious and/or loud noises (example: music, horns, etc.) - Music should not exceed the boundaries of a team's space.
- Chief Cooks are responsible for ensuring that the contest area is kept clean and the surrounding area is clean during the contest. Trash receptacles will be placed throughout the cook-off area for trash.
- Each entry purchased will allow a team to enter the four main meat (chicken, ribs, pork, and brisket) 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.
- Each space represents a separate team and separate entries. Two teams may share two spaces but must compete as separate teams. This means each team should have its own pit from where its own meats have been cooked and submitted for judging.
- Up to three (3) additional spaces per team (a maximum of 4 spaces per team) 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 its own team name, head cook, cook team, and pit. There can be no more than one team per space.
- Each team is allocated approximately a minimum space of 30' x 30'. Any and all equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. Props, trailers, 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. Adjoining standardized non-entry spaces will be granted where available for an additional \$100.
- All items in your space MUST be properly secured.

- Holes or dug pits are not permitted.
- Any damage to the grounds will be the responsibility of the cook team, to be billed by New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off.
- Metal pans must be provided under the opening of the firebox to prevent damaging the grounds, and/or catching the grass on fire.
- Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies.

#### ELECTRICITY

- There will be no electricity provided. The New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off Committee will not refuel generators.
- All generators must be grounded at all times.

#### SIGNAGE

- Team Donor Signage: (defined as the recognition of any business, company or individual who has funded your BBQ Team and/or private party.) For signage in the public view, each team may identify the team donors by choosing to either recognize donors on individual signs OR all donors on one large sign. No logos or slogans may be used on the donor signage. Only the donor name may be listed in plain text.
- REGARDING DONOR SIGN VERBIAGE, YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO REFER TO YOUR INDIVIDUAL TEAM DONORS AS "CORPORATE SPONSORS" UNLESS YOUR BUSINESS/TEAM IS A MAJOR COOK-OFF SPONSOR. THIS DESIGNATION IS RESERVED FOR OUR MAJOR COOK-OFF SPONSORS. If you are not a major cook-off sponsor and this verbiage appears on the exterior of your booth, you will be asked to remove it or cover it up.

#### ALCOHOL

- Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification.
- 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.
- Each cook team must comply with all laws pertaining to the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- Teams may not distribute alcoholic beverages of any nature (e.g. Jell-O shots, etc.) outside their physical boundaries.
- 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.
- Teams may not charge for alcoholic beverages, including “mandatory donations or tips.”
- Teams may not sell tickets, armbands, etc. to be redeemed for beverages, either prior to or during the event. This includes sales of tickets on websites and social media platforms.

## MOVE-IN

NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER BEFORE 1:00 P.M. FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

- Teams may move in and set up between the hours of 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, and 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. No vehicles are allowed in or out between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 pm on Saturday.
- All other times the Cook-Off area is locked down and no vehicles except committee vehicles are allowed to be moving in the area.
- Vehicles will be allowed to be parked in a team's space - only trucks, cars, motor homes or travel trailers, etc. These vehicles are not to be moved until 7:30 p.m. Saturday night.
- All vehicles except those staying in a team's space must be removed by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Vehicles still on-site after the designated removal times will be towed.

## MEATS

- Beef Brisket
- Pork Ribs
- Chicken
- Pork
- Fires for contest meat must be wood or wood substance. All meat must be cooked on the premises. All teams must be prepared to have a spot check of contest meats by designated committeemen at any time during the contest. Any and all meat and/or meats that must be entered into judging will be cooked from scratch within the constraints of the event. Pre-cooking, marinating, etc. will not be allowed either on or off cook-off site prior to the start of cook-off.

## JUDGING

- Trophies will be awarded to
  - **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion**
  - **Brisket** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.
  - **Ribs** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.
  - **Chicken** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.
  - **Pork** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.**

## SANITATION

- Cooks are to prepare and cook in a sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee.
- 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.)
- A cover is required over all open food preparation areas and all food must be covered.
- Keep cold food stored on ice or refrigerated at all times. The food must be maintained at 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

## PITS:

- Any commercial or homemade trailered or non-trailered pit or smoker is acceptable. ONLY ONE COOK TEAM PER BBQ PIT is permitted. No multiple category entries from the same pit will be accepted. Each team issued a booth space number should have its own pit from which its entries shall be cooked and submitted for judging. A team is defined as the group that has been issued a booth space number by the NWPL.
- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH PIT AND SHOULD BE A 5-LB. EXTINGUISHER WITH A GAUGE. Any team must be prepared to have spot check of pit/pits by designated committeemen at any time during the contest.

## DOUBLE NUMBER SYSTEM

- The secret, double number system will be used. Two tickets are attached together on the top of the turn-in container. The Head Cook will sign the top ticket and will retain it for the awards presentation. The second ticket will remain with the container.

## JUDGING TRAYS

- Cooks will be provided with containers for each event entered. All judging containers shall be clean and free of obvious marks. Marked containers may be disqualified at the Judge's committee discretion. Cooks are responsible for ensuring the containers they receive are clean and undamaged.

## JUDGING TRAY CONTENTS

- A designated representative shall inspect all trays at the time of turn-in to be in compliance with the below criteria. NO EXCEPTIONS PERMITTED. Containers must be picked up at the Chief Cook meeting.

## TURN-IN

Category	Turn In Time
Chicken	10:00
Ribs	12:00
Pork	2:00
Brisket	4:00

## TURN IN AMOUNTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Chicken: One-half fully jointed chicken (to include breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick). SKIN ON, Wingtips are optional. No garnish allowed. The foil provided must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray.
- Pork Ribs: Enough for 6 judges is required, 9 cut ribs. (Only St. Louis Cut or Baby Back Ribs are allowed). Must be bone-in, individually cut. No garnish allowed. The foil provided must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray.
- Pork: Enough for 6 judges is required, Pork butt only. The tray may contain pulled, chunks, medallions, or a combination of all three. No garnish allowed. The foil provided must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray.
- Brisket: Enough for 6 judges is required. 9 brisket slices  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch thick. Blocking brisket ends is allowed. The fat cap may be trimmed or cut away before the slices are placed into the tray. No garnish allowed. The foil provided must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray. Only slices are allowed.

Unless specified by New Waverly Public Library BBQ Coo-Off Committee, any and all garnishes and condiments are prohibited. Meats may be cooked with sauces, but once cooking is completed, sauces cannot be added.

#### Move Out

- Move-out will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and everyone must be moved out by 12:00 p.m. Sunday.
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#### **Kids-Q**

Date: April 22, 2023 Check-In: 9:00 a.m.

Head Cook Mandatory Meeting: 9:45 a.m. (turn-in containers will be given at this time)

- Turn-In: 11:00 a.m.
- Awards Ceremony: 1:00 p.m.

#### AGE DIVISIONS:

Divisions will be judged separately, but may be combined depending on the number of entries

- Peewee 5-9 years old
- Junior 10 – 13 years old
- Senior 14 – 18 years old

#### Rules:

- Only one child is allowed to cook per entry.
- Kids with parents competing in the cook-off may cook in their designated space, all others will be assigned their own spaces.
- Each Competitor must provide their own supplies including their own cooking utensils, and are allowed and encouraged to use their own "special" seasonings and marinades.
- Competitor is required to use only wood or charcoal to prepare their entry.
- No electricity will be provided.
- Entries will be inspected and approved prior to seasoning or cooking NO pre-seasoning will be allowed, all must be done the day of cook-off.
- Sauces must be cooked on, not poured on for presentation. No sauces or garnishes may be added to the judging container.
- Entries will be submitted in the appropriate container supplied by event organizer at check-in. NO GARNISH or foreign objects. Only the entry to be judged is allowed in the container.
- It is the responsibility of the Parent when applicable and or competitor, to see that the contest area is kept clean both during and after the contest. This is extremely important for everyone's SAFETY. Failure to do so could result in being disqualified from the competition. There will be a dumpster provided to dispose of trash.
- Peewee Division Competitors – Peewee Division is the only division allowing a parent in the competition area. Only one parent is allowed in total. Parent with peewee competitor may only light the fire or use a knife. Parent involvement will not be tolerated for seasoning, preparation, flipping, check temperature or box the turn-in. Verbal assistance is allowed only to help the peewee competitors if needed. Parents cannot turn in the food container, only the peewee competitor can. Parent and competitor may be disqualified at the discretion of the committee.
- Junior Division Competitors - Parent involvement in preparing and/or cooking with/for Junior Competitor is not allowed. The only assistance allowed is to light the fire, and or cut meat with knife only if necessary otherwise competitors will do everything on their own.
- Senior Division Competitors – parent involvement / guidance is not allowed. No parents or family members allowed to be in the competition area for the Senior division cooks.
- Parents need to remember that this is a friendly kid's competition, not an adult competition.

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE NEXT PAGE**

2023 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, vehicles, property and/or improvements to the 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 representatives 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.

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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.

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

I acknowledge that I am registering as a cooker of the 2023 New Waverly Public Library Cook-Off and acknowledge the below (initial squares and sign below):

- I have read the 2023 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 return this form and the registration form in (signed) before my space(s) will be assigned and my registration considered complete.

I understand:

- Repeated violations 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.

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Team Name	Head Cook – Printed	Head Cook - Signature
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**Registration Form New Waverly Public Library BBQ Cook-Off**

Deadline to sign up: April 10, 2023

Registration Check-in: 1 P.M. Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>

**Barsh Auto North, 9267 State Hwy 75 S. New Waverly TX 77358**

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Team Name

Head Cook Name

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Email

Phone Number

Address

*List all team members below:*

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Competition Categories: Please check all categories you will be participating in:

Main Entry - \$150

**Entry Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Kids Q- \$10

**Non-Refundable**

**Submit the entry form and payment by mail to the New Waverly Public Library at the address listed below, by email to [nwplbbqcookoff@gmail.com](mailto:nwplbbqcookoff@gmail.com)**

Payment options:

Online/credit card: [www.newwaverlypubliclibrary.org](http://www.newwaverlypubliclibrary.org)

Check: New Waverly Public Library

9372 TX-75 South, New Waverly, TX 77358

**QUESTIONS? Please email [nwplbbqcookoff@gmail.com](mailto:nwplbbqcookoff@gmail.com)**

Admin Purposes Only:

Registration

Rules & Liability Form

Payment