



2023 BECFA
Cookoff Registration Form
Fall Festival • September 16th, 2023
First Annual 12 Team Limit Backyard Rules

Team Name _____ Contact Person _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chief Cook (if different from contact person) _____

Assistant Cook(s) 1 _____ 2 _____

Power will not be provided. Do you have generator or share with someone? Y N (circle one)

Do you agree with ALL OF OUR RULES? Y N (circle one)

Must bring up to 4 racks of baby back ribs for competition, plus the cook choice (4) items. Agree? Y N (circle one)

Payment of \$75 is required to compete* Paid by cash/check Paid by Credit Card (circle one)

**If paid by check, make payable to Blue Earth County Fair. If Credit Card, we will email or text a receipt upon request.*

Timeline below (rules are on pages 3 and 4):

6:00am – 7:00am Setup (work out details with Robin Tietz, if prior day setup is needed)

7:00am – 8:00am Meat Inspection

8:00am-8:30am Cooks Meeting

8:30am Starting Cooking

3:00 – 3:15pm Turn in Ribs (no late entrants accepted)

4:00pm Awards 1st 2nd and 3rd first year no People's Choice or Grand Champion

6:00pm Have all areas cleaned and equipment off premises

**Note – any timeline changes or updates will be notified through email and/or text message.*

If there are any questions prior to the event, please feel free to contact—

Robin Tietz, President Blue Earth County Fair Association

507-420-5689 or email—info@blueearthcountyfair.com



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PARTICIPATION RULES

(This is a not KCBS/MN BBQ Society sanctioned event)

1. All teams competing in the BECFA Fall Festival Cookoff 2023 must be paid in full to participate.
2. The cost to participate is \$75. No refunds will be given if you cannot attend due to scheduling conflict. We want to have a successful event and makes sure all teams are present.
3. Leftover proceeds from this event will go towards the 2024 Blue Earth County Fair.
4. A minimum of 8 teams will compete at the contest up to 12 teams first year.
5. Teams can only have one Chief Cook and up to two assistants. *Please NOTE: Let your guests know that the entrance fee that day to the Fall Festival is \$1.00 per person.*
6. All team members must demonstrate food safety practices. Please bring fire extinguisher.
7. ALL COMPETING TEAMS will be competing in two(2) areas—Baby Back Pork Ribs, up to 4 racks no sauce and Cooks Choice. Country Style Ribs or ribs without the bone are prohibited. Trimming/injecting ok prior to event.
8. Teams can only use charcoal, pellets, or wood. No “ovens”, propane gas, or warmers allowed.
9. Power is not provided at the event. Must have a generator or share with another team.
10. To make this a fair event, judging is double blind.
11. See Judges score card included in packet. Judging is based on taste, tenderness and appearance.
12. No precooked food or warmed food. All food must be inspected prior to start of the event (see Robin Tietz).
13. Meat must be cooked to 160 degrees and held at 140 degrees above for food safety.
14. Turn in time window between 3:00pm-3:15pm. No late turn in accepted.
 - Meat must be turned in using the Styrofoam container provided. Turn in 8 bones.
 - Any foreign markings on the box to indicate which team you are is automatic disqualification. No garnish in the boxes.
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will receive cash payouts. Prizes amounts will be determine depending on the number of Teams registering for the event.
 - In the event of a tie, judges total score will be tiebreaker.
15. At event completion, please clean up your area and collect any trash you find.
16. This is a family friendly event and we are doing this to have fun!

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2023 BECFA Cookoff Score Sheet

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TEAM or ENTRY # _____	TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS (100)	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT	TOTAL
APPEARANCE Appetizing color Does the prepared product have eye appeal?	20	6 7 8	9 10 11	12 13 14	15 16 17	18 19 20	
TASTE Do you like it or not? What flavor stands out? Is it better with sauce or without?	30	16 17 18	19 20 21	22 23 24	25 26 27	28 29 30	
MOISTURE Is product juicy, not wet & mushy? Juices should come out during chewing	20	6 7 8	9 10 11	12 13 14	15 16 17	18 19 20	
TENDERNESS / TEXTURE Smooth / Grainy? Fibrous / Mushy? Tender / Chewy? Succulent / Rubbery?	20	6 7 8	9 10 11	12 13 14	15 16 17	18 19 20	
OVERALL IMPRESSION Creativity? X factor? Showmanship contender? Is the recipe suitable for a backyard BBQ?	10	1 2	3 4	5 6	7 8	9 10	
<p>Judges will start scoring at the "Good" category and go up or down from there as they see fit. The lowest total score of the four judges will be thrown out. In case of a tie, the lowest thrown out score will be added back in. If still tied, the scores will be compared with all four judges for highest cumulative scores in taste, then tenderness, then appearance.</p>							TOTAL SCORE

BECFA Official Signature

Judge Signature