



Montezuma 150th Celebration

Backyard Cook-Off Rules

1. Entry teams may have as many team members as they want. However, only four (4) team members will be considered “official” team members.
2. MANDATORY Team Captain Meeting will be 7:00 AM at Small Town Grill.
3. Team Locations: Team booth areas are pre-assigned, and an overhead view of the competition area will be included for reference (TBD at a date prior to the event). MAX booth dimensions are 12 feet deep from the curb edge of the street and 21 feet wide. Please plan accordingly so that all teams can be accommodated.
4. Set-up for booth and cooking equipment begins at 6:15 a.m. Cooking may begin at 7:15 a.m. Lighting of the grill is considered part of set-up and may be done before 7:00 a.m. cook time. Fires must be lit once in position, no pre-lit fires before arrival.
5. Meats judged in the 2018 Backyard Cook-Off are Beef, Chicken, and Pork (detailed in Section 7). Judging of all meat begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. Winners for all will be announced at the presentation at 6:00 p.m.
6. All meats must be prepared on-site and will be judged on taste, cut, tenderness, and appearance.
7. Categories for 2018 Backyard Cook off are as follows:
Beef: 6 servings (suggested serving sizes 2-3 oz.)
Chicken: 6 servings (suggested serving sizes 2-3 oz.) NO CORNISH GAME HENS.
Pork: 6 servings (suggested serving sizes 2-3 oz.) Pork ribs must be cut apart.
8. All meat must be raw and uncooked at check in. Prior prep, such as marinating/seasoning, is permitted.
9. DIP/SAUCE ***PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION!!!***: DURING PREPARATION: You may COOK with sauce/dip.
AT TURN-IN FOR JUDGING: DO NOT add sauce, dip, marinade, sop, or juice to meat or container once the meat is prepared for turn in. DO NOT add any additional spices, dip or sauce to meats once prepared for turn in. Aluminum foil will be provided when cooks sign in for their team meat trays. Use this foil ONLY. Meat is to be placed on the foil for turn-in. DO NOT fold foil over meat or mark the foil in any manner. NO garnishing or markers allowed.
13. All teams should be ready for judging at 2:00 p.m., Saturday.
14. FREE SAMPLES TO THE CROWD are encouraged. However, contestants and/or sponsors may not sell food, drink, souvenirs, or other items to the public. ANY AND ALL SALES ARE PROHIBITED. NO FOOD CAN BE SOLD at the event, and any attempt constitutes disqualification from the event. Teams, Participants and Contestants in the 2018 Backyard Cook-Off are responsible for the CLEAN UP of their area immediately following the contest. Each team is responsible for keeping the contest area clean and policed before leaving event (no ashes, hot or cold, shall not be left on site). Trash cans and bags will be provided during event. Additional trash bags available upon request.
15. Utilities (Water and Electric ONLY) are limited availability and may NOT be available. Please email whitney@montezumaiowa.org if you need electricity.
16. Each cooking team will be required to have a fire extinguisher (A,B,C) in full view at all times.
17. Clothing, including, but not limited to, shirts and shoes must be worn in all food preparation areas, while handling any food.
18. Lastly, and most importantly, HAVE A GREAT DAY and HAVE FUN!!!