



**PEARL DAY BBQ COOK-OFF
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**

Official Barbecue Team Application for Patio/Backyard BBQ Teams

Official Team Name _____

Chief Cook _____

Contact Person _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Payment for the total entry fee must be received with application no later than Friday, April 19, 2024. Late entries, if space is available, will incur an extra \$50 fee. Limited space is available so apply early to secure your spot.

Any photos taken at the event become the property of the City of Pearl and may be used for promotional purposes. For any additional information or questions contact Stacy Smith at ssmith@cityofpearl.com or 601-932-3503.

I am entering this contest voluntarily and acknowledge that participation is a privilege, not a right. In exchange for the opportunity to participate in "Pearl Day BBQ Cook-Off 2024", I assume all risks and indemnify and release all sponsoring and/or hosting entities, including but not limited to the City of Pearl as well as their employees, agents and volunteers from any and all liability for personal injury arising out of my or my team's participation in this event.

Complete this form and return it along with your registration fee no later than Friday, April 19, 2024. Send application and entrance fee to: Pearl Day Festival, P.O. Box 5948, Pearl, MS 39288.

Make checks payable to Pearl Day Festival. I verify that I have read all the rules and regulations and understand my responsibilities. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Pearl Day '24 Cook-Off Committee and understand that their decisions are final.

Signature (required): _____ Date: _____



Official Team Name: _____

CATEGORIES & FEES
Saturday, April 27, 2024

Anything But Division (MULTIPLE ENTRIES ALLOWED IN THIS CATEGORY)

Must submit at least one (1) of the Backyard / Patio Division Entries to participate in the “Anything But Division”

CATEGORY	COST PER ENTRY	NUMBER OF ENTRIES	AMOUNT DUE
Chicken Wings	\$50		\$
BBQ Sauce	\$20		\$
Dessert (Cakes & Pies)	Free with another category entry		\$

Anything But Fees..... \$ _____

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BACKYARD / PATIO DIVISION: (Only one entry per category)

Please check category entries – Each entry is a \$75 fee or \$125 for both.

Pork Ribs

Pork Loin

\$ _____

EXTRAS:

If space is available: Late Entry Fee after Friday, April 19, 20024 - \$50

\$ _____

Refundable clean-up fee (Inspection after event)

\$50.00

TOTAL ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED:

\$ _____

Standard Area: 20’ wide x 20’ deep for this Backyard/Patio Division Competition. Requests for additional space must be made in advance. Electricity will not be provided.

All requests must be approved. Email Stacy Smith at ssmith@cityofpearl.com

Total Set-Up Size (trailer, cooker, tent, etc.): _____ Space requested: _____ Wide by _____ Deep

Registration: All teams must check-in at the BBQ Event Tent (available beginning at 8 am)

PEARL DAY FESTIVAL 2024 BBQ COOK-OFF CATEGORY PRIZES

ANYTHING BUT PRIZES

Category	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Chicken Wings	\$500 + Plaque	\$300 + Plaque	\$200 + Plaque
BBQ Sauce	\$100 + Plaque	\$75 + Plaque	\$50 + Plaque
Desserts (Cakes and Pies)	Plaque		

PATIO TEAM PRIZES

Category	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Pork Ribs	\$1,000 + Plaque	\$700 + Plaque	\$400 + Plaque
Pork Loin	\$1,000 + Plaque	\$700 + Plaque	\$400 + Plaque

PRIZE MONEY BASED ON AT LEAST 10 TEAMS

**BBQ Cook-Off will take place on the
Multi-Purpose Field at the Pearl Park!**

- 1. ANYTHING BUT JUDGING:** will be held at 1 pm. Blind judging only and garnish is allowed.
- 2. PATIO DIVISION JUDGING:** will begin at 2 pm with Pork Loin entries and 3 pm for Pork Rib entries. Blind judging only and garnish is allowed.
- 3. Winners will be announced at 3:30 pm at the stage located in the Pearl Park.**





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OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Patio/Backyard official meat categories are Pork Ribs and Pork Loin.
2. A pork rib entry will be defined as the portion of the hog containing the ribs and further classified as a spare rib or loin rib portion. Country style ribs are not a valid entry.
3. A pork loin entry is defined as bone in or without bone. No stuffing is allowed.

JUDGING

1. **ANYTHING BUT JUDGING:** will be held at 1 pm. Blind judging only and garnish is allowed.
2. **PATIO DIVISION JUDGING:** will begin at 2 pm with Pork Loin entries and 3 pm for Pork Rib entries. Blind judging only.
 - a. Each Patio team should cook enough to provide bite size samples of pork loin for 3 judges and at least 6 sections of ribs and all pieces must fit inside the closed container (9"x 9") provided. Garnish is allowed.
 - b. With each entry container, there can be up to two sauce containers with lids turned in. Teams may send any combination of sauce, rub, marinade or basting sauce. Only the containers and lids that were issued by the contest may be used for sauce; no other container is allowed. Teams will turn in the sauce container with their blind box sample container. **DO NOT** put the sauce container inside the sample box.
 - c. Teams are not allowed to mark on the meat or sauce containers in any way. If a team is turning in a "HOT/SPICY" sauce for judging, the check in volunteer will mark that container as "hot". If marks are on the container, the sample(s) will be put in replacement containers.
 - d. Meat turned in for blind judging may not be sculpted, shaped or presented in any way to make it identifiable. Any suspicion of this will result in the sample not be accepted.
 - e. The Blind Judging Criteria - Appearance of Entry, Tenderness of Entry, Flavor of Entry and Overall Impression.

General Information for Teams

- Contestants' category(ies) must be stated on entry form.
- All competition entries for all divisions must be prepared and cooked on site. Any team found to serve judged meat that was not prepared on-site will be disqualified.
- Each team must comply with all applicable rules/regulations of the Rankin County Health Department. **NO MEAT/ENTRY/PRODUCT MAY BE SOLD TO THE PUBLIC.**
- Each contestant competing shall supply all of his/her own meat, cooking ingredients, individual cooking devices, utensils, preparation tables, etc. A regulation cooking area (20' by 20') is provided.
- **Power will not be provided.**
- All contestants must adhere to all city, county, state or federal codes. A fire extinguisher must be in each cooking area.
- Each contestant must check-in at the BBQ Event Tent before setting up.
- A team may have as many assistants as are necessary. All cooks and assistants that handle food in any way must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Rankin County Health Department.
- **No live animals, including pets (dogs, pigs, etc.), are allowed in the cooking area.**
- It is the responsibility of each contestant to see that the contest area is kept clean. All fires must be put out and all equipment, garbage, etc. removed from site. Any site not properly cleaned will result in disqualification from future participation.
- The chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and guests.