

Zimmerman American Legion Rib Fest Cook-Off

Saturday, August 26th 2023

Saucing, Dry Rub, Glazing, etc. All Permitted

Cookers may arrive at 7:00 AM to set up

Team Rules & Guidelines

General:

This competition is open for public tasting at 3:30 PM. Rib tickets will be sold for \$2.00 per bone. Ribs are **St. Louis Style** and will be provided to each team the morning of the contest. The registration cost covers **10 racks of ribs**, if your smoker is unable to accommodate 10 racks, other teams will be allowed to cook more racks.

- Entry deadline is August 18, 2023. *5 Team minimum.*
- Cost is \$150 per team covers 10 Racks of Ribs
- Payout awards for the top 3 places:
 - **1st Place** awarded \$500, Trophy and Bragging Rights
 - **2nd Place** awarded \$200, Trophy and Bragging Rights
 - **3rd Place** Awarded \$100, Trophy and Bragging Rights
 - **Best in Show**, Trophy/Prize
- Canopies and tents are permitted. Weighted only! No stakes in the pavement please.
 - Spots are first come, first serve. Coordinators will place you upon arrival.
- Gas, charcoal, wood and electric pits are acceptable, but must be contained. Please bring a generator if you are using electricity. The extension cords are a tripping hazard due to outlet locations.
- Teams provide their own cooking devices, power, equipment, worktables, chairs, tents, canopies, etc. All preparation and cooking is to be done within **your** designated space.
- Meat will be provided with the entry fee. **No outside meat allowed.**
- Please refrain from giving away ribs for free during public tasting! You should collect a ticket for each rib distributed.

Preparation and Requirements:

- Teams must wear gloves, cook and prepare in a sanitary manner. You must have a container with bleach water and rinse. Meat temperature should not be lower than the safe zone of 140 degrees.
- No use of tobacco while handling meat.
- Shirt, pants (or shorts) and shoes must be worn.
- Cleanliness of cooks, assistant cooks and workspace is a must.
- Post Event clean-up of your space, garbage, etc. is required.
- Respectful, responsible behavior is expected at all times. Please be courteous of other teams, patrons, customers and staff. Failure to do so results in disqualification without a refund.

Contest Details:

- Teams will be provided a 'turn in' container for the judges.
- Teams turn in 5 individual rib portions, please have them cut for the judges.
- Turn in time will be 3:15-3:30 pm. Late entries will be penalized 5 points for every 10 minutes late.
- ***Marking or sculpting of meat is prohibited. No garnishes, side sauces, toothpicks, skewers or other objects allowed in your final box. Failure to comply results in disqualification.***
- Entries will be scored based on total points, not averages. Scores between 2 (worst) and 9 (best).
- Entries scored on:
 - APPEARANCE
 - TENDERNESS
 - TASTE
- In the case of a tie, appearance will be the deciding factor.

NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED ON SITE UNLESS APPROVED FOR COOKING PURPOSES.

Alcohol will be available for purchase from the Zimmerman Legion starting at 8:00 AM.

Zimmerman Legion Rib Committee, event judges, staff and volunteers are not responsible for any accidents/illness/injuries that result from participation.

By submitting your entry form, you have acknowledged and agreed to the rules of participation.

Good luck to all teams!

We appreciate your participation in this fun annual event!

Tentative Contest Schedule:

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Cooker Check-In	7:00 - 8:00 am
Meat Distribution	8:00 am
Cooker Meeting	9:00 am
Rib Cooking	8am-3:00 pm
Rib Submission	3:15-3:30 pm
Rib Judging	3:15 pm
Public Tasting	3:30 pm
Awards	Upon Judge Completion