

Texas GATORFEST 2009  
**BARBECUE COOK OFF**  
**INFORMATION AND RULES**

Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11, 2010  
Fort Anahuac Park - Anahuac, Texas



**Entry Deadline:** Friday, September 3, 2010 before 5:00 pm

**Set-Up:** Friday, September 10, 2010 ~ 8 am - 4 pm

**Take Down:** Saturday, September 11, 2010 ~ 6 pm - 9 pm  
Sunday, September 12, 2010 ~ 8 - 11 am

**Cook Sites:** Your cook site will consist of a 40' x 40' space.

Electricity and water available on site. (See Exhibitor Rule #7 below)

**Entries will be limited and will be awarded on a first come first serve basis with paid entries.**

**Categories:** Contestants may compete in a minimum of 4 of the following six categories:

**Alligator, Dirty Rice, Oysters, Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs and Desserts.**

**Entry Fees:** The minimum entry fee is \$100.00. Teams are restricted to one entry per division.

Oysters (Cook's Choice) - \$50.00 (Includes 1 quart of Chambers County Oysters)

Rice (Cook's Choice) - \$25.00

Alligator, Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs and Desserts - \$30.00 each.

**No spaces will be held without PAID ENTRY FEES after the entry deadline of September 3, 2010, 5:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Judging Times:** Friday, September 10, 2010

Desserts(Cook's Choice)- 7:30 p.m. Oysters(Cook's Choice)- 8:30 pm; Rice (Cook's Choice) - 9:30 pm

Saturday, September 12, 2009

Chicken - 11 am; Ribs - 12:30 pm; Alligator - 2 pm; Brisket - 3:30 pm

Winners will be announced and trophies given at 6 pm

**Exhibitor Rules:**

**\*\*\*Entries will be limited and will be awarded on a first come first serve basis with paid entry.**

**No spaces without paid entry fees will be held after the entry deadline of August 31, 2009, 5:00 p.m.**

1. Entrants exhibit at their own risk. The festival provides daytime and overnight security (Friday and Saturday nights). Texas GATORFEST and the Anahuac Area Chamber of Commerce, its members or agents, assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss or theft of any exhibitor's display.
2. Once accepted, an entrant is committed to show.
3. **There are no rain dates, no refunds. (This includes acts of God i.e.: hurricanes)**
4. Texas GATORFEST reserves the right to reject any entry or to remove any contestant or team found to be breaking festival rules or whose conduct is found to be unfavorable to the festival or its guests. The head cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification and removal.
5. All cooking teams, their employees and associates agree to greet and provide professional service to all GATORFEST guest. They also agree to work with GATORFEST volunteers and staff in a positive manner. Any vendor, exhibitor or contractor of Texas GATORFEST who chooses to exhibit an unprofessional code of conduct, will be asked to leave the festival.
6. Teams may bring beer or liquor for their respective team's consumption, however, **alcohol may not leave the cook-off area which will be one of the festival's designated beer gardens. TEAMS ARE NOT TO SERVE ALCOHOL TO THE PUBLIC.** There will be a beer

booth with beer for sale for guest consumption. No glass bottles, pets or firearms are allowed in the cookoff or festival grounds

7. Water available. **Each team will be limited to two 110 outlet plugs of electricity.** Should your setup require more electricity, you will need to bring a generator. All generators used will be subject to inspection by electricians hired by the festival. Each team shall be responsible for providing their own extension cords to reach the electrical supply source and or hoses to reach water source. Cook sites will consist of a 40' x 40' space. Only one self contained RV per cook site, additional self contained campsites are available adjacent to the cook-off area (weather allowing), however, these must be requested **before the September 1 deadline.**
8. All meats and perishables must be on ice or cold storage upon arrival and remain on ice or in cold storage until used. All meats will be inspected prior to cooking.
9. Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. No gas or electric cookers allowed, wood or wood substance only. All fires must be in containers, not on the ground. **The digging of cooking holes or pits is forbidden and will not be permitted. Each team is responsible for the cleanup of their area.** Hot coals or ashes should **not** be disposed of in the trash containers or on the grounds.
10. Each team will be given five (5) TGF BBQ Bracelets good for admittance on Friday and Saturday. These Bracelets are to be worn by the head cook and assistants at all times. Each team will also receive 5 TGF Complimentary Gate Passes.  
Each team will be given 2 Parking Passes adjacent to the cookoff area. All others must park in satellite lots and take the shuttle to the park. **NO** unauthorized motor vehicles will be allowed inside the fenced cookoff area after set up times listed above. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
11. **Any and all gates to and from the BBQ Cook-Off Area will be locked each night at 12:30 a.m. Once the gates are locked, there will be no traffic (vehicular or foot) after that time. The gate to the parking area will be locked starting at 4:00 pm on Friday and will reopen for one (1) hour from 8 am until 9 am on Saturday morning to allow teams to refresh and restock. Only foot traffic by someone wearing the bracelet described in rule #10 above will be allowed through this gate. Anyone entering on any type of gate pass or hand stamp will have to enter through the front gate.**
12. All props(storefronts), vehicles, tents, coverings and equipment must be confined to the assigned areas. Teams should bring with them such suitable shelters as weather may require.
13. **Taster Choice Competition:**
  - A. Teams will be allowed to give taste to the public of whatever food item the teams choose in the cups provide to the teams by the festival.
  - B. Taste will be given for the "vote" of one Gatorfest token per cup.
  - C. A "voting" jar will be given to each team to collect their "votes" (tokens) in. The jars will be collected on Saturday afternoon and a winner will be determined by the team with the most "votes" (tokens), 2nd place to the team with the 2nd highest total of "votes" (tokens), and 3rd respectively. Fifty percent of the total tokens collected in the jars will be awarded as prize money to these teams as follows:  
1st place - 50%, 2nd place - 30% and 3rd place 20%.
  - D. Public tasting is to be done only according to these guidelines, any team found giving food out in any other manner will be disqualified and asked to leave.
14. Teams entering the alligator division will be competing for alligator head trophies and a bonus of **\$250.00** for the Grand Champion. Recipe and preparation will be cook's choice. Alligator meat will be inspected along with the other meats as set forth in # 8 of these rules. Alligator meat is available locally from alligator farmer and processor Mark Porter, 409/267-3229, however, these arrangements should be made prior to the cook-off. Keep in mind that the festival will be taking place at the same time as the cook off, so place your orders for alligator early!
15. Teams entering the Oysters (Cook's Choice) contest must prepare at least one quart of

Chambers County oysters using the recipe of their choice. Teams entering the oyster division will be competing for separate trophies and a bonus of **\$200.00** for the Grand Champion. One quart of oysters is included in the entry fee. Teams wishing to purchase more than one quart must fill in the appropriate space on their entry and include the proper funds.

16. Desert Category: You may enter any type of desert of your choice - open category for all entries. Deserts must be cooked on site! Entries cannot be store bought and cannot require refrigeration. A 3 x 5 index card with all the ingredients must be submitted with the entry. Desert entries must be submitted in the container provided by BBQ officials to the judging area at 7:15 pm on Friday evening. No garnishing and judges will cut as they taste.
17. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each division. There will be an additional **\$100.00** prize given to the grand champion in the chicken, brisket and pork ribs divisions. Jackpot in each category will be awarded to the highest placing team entered in that respective jackpot.
18. Ice will be available throughout the cook-off on a **cash only basis**. Beer and cold drinks will be sold and served by the festival. BBQ teams are **NOT TO SERVE ALCOHOL TO THE PUBLIC**. BEER BY THE CASE: Unbroken cases of hot beer (Miller Lite & MGD only) are available for \$25/case to the BBQ Teams. Any team wishing to purchase beer by the case must make arrangements with the festival staff. Cold beer will be available by the bottle at the festival price of \$4/bottle. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
19. Each team will be given ten (10) Texas Gatorfest Exhibitor Gate Passes for Friday and ten (10) passes for Saturday. Additional tickets can be purchased from the festival office **before** Thursday, September 11 or at the entrance gate.
20. Texas GATORFEST and the Barbecue Cook-Off Committee reserve the right to add rules and regulations as circumstances warrant.
21. For more information on the Texas GATORFEST Barbecue Cook-Off, the rules, or the festival itself, call the Anahuac Area Chamber of Commerce at 409/267-4190, or visit us at [www.texasgatorfest.com](http://www.texasgatorfest.com).
22. All teams agree to abide by the following festival rules:
  - \*No cans, bottles, glass containers, alcoholic beverages or concealed weapons may be brought into the park.*
  - \*No coolers (except those required for teams operation) or pets allowed in the park.*
  - \*No refunds - No swimming*
  - \*Festival authorized displays only.*
  - \*Use of hand held radios (walkie-talkies) prohibited.*
  - \*Everyone entering the festival is subject to search by Texas Gatorfest Security or local law enforcement officials. This includes guest, volunteers, vendors, exhibitors, contractors and entertainers.*
  - \*Participation in any and all activities available at Texas GATORFEST is by choice and at the participant's own risk.*
  - \*Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code*  
*A person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411 Government Code may not enter this property with a concealed handgun or weapon.*
23. Submission of an entry constitutes agreement on the part of the entrant to the terms and conditions set forth in this prospectus. Chief Cook and all team members listed on application for entry must sign a Texas GATORFEST Vendor / Exhibitor Agreement.

**Texas GATORFEST 2010**  
**BARBECUE COOK OFF**  
**APPLICATION FOR ENTRY**  
 Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11, 2010  
 Fort Anahuac Park - Anahuac, Texas

Please print or type this application COMPLETELY and return to:  
 Texas GATORFEST - Attn.: Barbecue Cook-Off  
 P. O. Box R - Anahuac, Texas 77514 ~ Telephone: 409/267-4190



Name of Barbecue Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Cook (or Contact Person): \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Night Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member / 2nd Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Night Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Barbecue Categories:

Minimum Entry Fee: \$100.00

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| <b>NEW!</b> → | <input type="checkbox"/> Deserts  | \$25.00 Entry Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Optional Jackpot | \$10.00 Entry Fee | \$ _____ |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Oysters-Cook's Choice - Entry fee include 1 quart of oysters | \$50.00 Entry Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Optional Jackpot | \$10.00 Entry Fee | \$ _____ |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice - Cook's Choice   | \$25.00 Entry Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Optional Jackpot | \$10.00 Entry Fee | \$ _____ |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken  | \$30.00 Entry Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Optional Jackpot | \$10.00 Entry Fee | \$ _____ |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Pork Ribs  | \$30.00 Entry Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Optional Jackpot | \$10.00 Entry Fee | \$ _____ |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Brisket  | \$30.00 Entry Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Optional Jackpot | \$10.00 Entry Fee | \$ _____ |
|               | <input type="checkbox"/> Alligator  | \$30.00 Entry Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Optional Jackpot | \$10.00 Entry Fee | \$ _____ |

\$250 Prize to Alligator Grand Champion - \$200 Prize to Oyster Grand Champion  
 \$100 each Prize to Grand Champions in Chicken, Pork Ribs and Brisket Division.

*(Jackpot Entry Fees can be paid at cook off check-in.)*

**NEW!** → Private Port-A-Can for your Cook Site - \$100.00 (Please note that these WILL NOT be serviced during the festival - any maintenance will be team's responsibility) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate size of your total cooking setup: \_\_\_\_\_

Need cook space with self contained RV  Yes  No If yes, size of RV \_\_\_\_\_

Need self contained campsite space  Yes  No If yes, how many \_\_\_\_\_

(These spaces are in adjacent parking area - weather permitting)

Does your team have a "storefront or facade"  Yes  No

Entries limited and will be accepted on a first come first serve basis upon receipt of this form accompanied by any and all entry fees. Applications will not be considered valid unless accompanied by entry fee(s).

Entry deadline: Friday, September 3, 2010 before 5 p.m.

I have read the Texas GATORFEST Barbecue Cook-Off Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them. By signing below, the above named cooking team, their employees and associates agree to greet and provide professional service to all GATORFEST guest. They also agree to work with GATORFEST volunteers and staff in a positive manner. Any vendor, exhibitor or contractor of Texas GATORFEST who chooses to exhibit an unprofessional code of conduct, will be asked to leave the festival.

**THIS FORM IS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
 ALL ENTRY FEES, OR IT WILL NOT  
 BE CONSIDERED A VALID ENTRY.**

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 Signature of Chief Cook