



Information Sheet for Cooking Teams

RibFest is a community event and rib-cooking competition with proceeds benefiting the ministries of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

RibFest will be held **Saturday, September 21st, 2024 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.** on the grounds of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church (20900 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock). In case of inclement weather, the make-up date is Saturday, September 28th, 2024.

RibFest plans include:

- 6-12 Cooking Teams, each with a booth or tent for serving their ribs
- Open judging: all paid persons with a ticket will have the opportunity to sample ribs and vote for their favorites
- A trophy and “bragging rights” for the top cooking team! Plus, other prizes for:
 - Favorite side-dish
 - Favorite Team-Name
 - Best Booth
- This is an outdoor event, weather permitting
- Live Music
- Local Craft Vendors
- College Football on the Big Screen
- General Admission is \$30 for adults, \$15 children ages 6-12 (purchased in advance). Adult admission \$35 at the gate.

Important Information:

1. **Baby Back Ribs** will be provided (5-15 racks per team, depending on participation). All ribs must be cooked on site at the event.
2. Cooking Teams may bring up to 5 team members. Team Members do not need to purchase a ticket to attend the event. However, team members may NOT vote in the contest.
3. Cooking Teams may arrive as early as 9:00 a.m. to begin set-up and cooking. At least one member from each team must attend a brief **Check-In Meeting at 9:30 a.m.**
4. Lemonade, Iced Tea, and Water will be provided. Alcohol will be sold at the event, and we encourage you to support our vendor. **(You may bring a cooler of beverages for your team to share before the event opens to the public. However, YOU MAY NOT SERVE ALCOHOL TO OTHERS AT THE EVENT. We ask that you please drink responsibly. You may be asked to leave and your team may be disqualified for intoxication.)**
5. Cooking Teams should bring everything you need (other than ribs) to cook and serve. This will be a casual event, and cooking teams may plan to serve sample ribs on plates or paper towels. Please distribute **single-rib portions** to ensure that all event participants will have the opportunity to taste each team's ribs. Only **RIBS** will be judged, and nothing more is required. However, you may entice more visitors to your booth with other **FREE** sample meats, sides or desserts. *Your creativity and generosity may help you win votes.*
6. Please note that we cannot provide electricity to booths. If you feel you need it, you may bring a generator to the event.
7. Other items you may wish to consider bringing:
 - BBQ Pits/Smokers etc.
 - Charcoal/Wood
 - Cutting Board, Knife, and Tongs
 - Dish tubs for washing knives and utensils as necessary (water will be provided)
 - Meat thermometer
 - Tent(s), Table(s) and Chairs
 - Plates, Napkins, Paper Towels, Utensils
 - Serving Plates/Pans
 - Additional Sample Food Items for Serving
 - Coolers and Ice
 - An extension cord (if you plan to use a generator)
 - First Aid Kit
 - A sign with your Team Name, decorations, etc.
8. Pits, cookers, props, tents, etc. must fit within the boundaries of your assigned cooking space. Vehicles may not be parked in your cooking space.

9. The following cleanliness and safety rules will apply:
 - a. Please follow the Safe Food Handling guidelines from the FDA (provided separately).
 - b. Cleanliness of all team members, cooking devices, utensils, and work area is expected.
 - c. Shirt and shoes are required to be worn at all times.
 - d. Nitrile gloves will be worn by all food handlers.
 - e. Food must be covered before, during, and after preparation.
 - f. Please keep a first aid kit available in your work area.

10. The winners will be determined by a simple majority of the public vote. Winners will be announced at 6:45 p.m.

11. Each team will be responsible for cleaning up their assigned cooking space promptly after the event ends at 7:00 p.m. There will be volunteers to help, but please make sure you leave your space completely clear and free of trash.

RibFest Cooking Team Registration Form

Team Name:

Contact Person:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact Email Address:

Team Members (up to 5):

Choose Your Space Size:

- 17'x 18' (2 parking spaces) - \$150 per team
- 17'x36' (4 parking spaces) - \$250 per team

Please check here to indicate that you have received the FDA Safe Food Handling Guidelines. _____

Please check here if you plan to use a generator. _____
(Be advised that your space will be located further away from the music and gathering spaces.)

Please check here if you plan to bring a trailer smoker. _____

Please submit payment to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church (RibFest in the memo line) and return with form to 20900 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas 72223.