

**McGehee Chamber of Commerce  
Owlfest 2008  
BBQ Team Competition**

**Saturday, October 11, 2008**

**Contest Rules & Regulations**

- 1) There are two categories that teams may enter:
  - a. Pork Ribs (slab only, spare or baby back –one slab, to be submitted for judging)
  - b. Chicken (two halves of a fully joined domestic chicken that each include a breast, wing, thigh and drumstick to be submitted for judging)
- 2) A team consists of a Chief Cook (Team Captain) and four (4) assistants, or less.
- 3) Teams may enter one or both categories. Fee for one category entered is \$40. The fee to enter both categories is \$50. **The official entry form with payment must be received by the Owlfest BBQ Team Competition Committee Chair by September 26, 2008. Payment should be made payable to McGehee Chamber of Commerce.**
- 4) All meat must be prepared with a wood or charcoal fire (no electric or gas grills are allowed), basted or not, as the cook sees fit with sauces, spices or marinades.
- 5) Electric rotisseries are allowed.
- 6) Meat for the contest shall not be pre-cooked, sauced, spiced, injected, marinated or cured in any way prior to inspection of the meat as early as 7 a.m. on Saturday, October 11, 2008 (the day of the contest). **Failure to comply with this rule will result in immediate disqualification from the entire contest.**
- 7) All meat must be stored in clean, sanitary conditions with proper chilling.
- 8) Each team must supply all their own needed equipment and supplies. (i.e. Meat, cooking ingredients, cooking devices (portable grills, wood or charcoal, utensils, preparation tables, chairs, etc). **The only items provided to the team will be an area to set up and an electrical outlet.** Teams are urged to bring a suitable shelter as the weather may require and adequate lighting. **Teams are encouraged to decorate their cooking areas and encouraged to wear attire suitable to their Team's name and/or theme.**
- 9) Contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire and other codes set forth by City and State ordinances.
- 10) **A MANDATORY Cook's meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, October 11, to review the contest rules. Judging procedures will be explained at that time. It is MANDATORY that the Chief Cook (Team Captain) representing each team attend this meeting.**
- 11) Blind judging will take place at the following times on Saturday, October 11, 2008:
  - a. Chicken: 1 p.m.
  - b. Ribs 3 p.m.
- 12) Winners will be announced at 4:30 p.m. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be awarded in each of the two categories. A "Showmanship" trophy will be awarded to the team exhibiting the best "showmanship" (based on the team with the most "personality" and interaction with spectators) during the competition as determined by a panel of secret judges. A "Best Setup" (based on best rig, theme, costumes, and overall setup appearance) trophy will be awarded by the same panel of secret judges. Vehicles may enter the cook-off area on Friday, October 10, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. Saturday morning, October 11, to set up.

- 13) **ONLY ONE VEHICLE PER TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE SET UP AREA DURING THE ALLOWED TIMES. ALL VEHICLES MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE COMPETITION AREA BY 8 A.M. SATURDAY MORNING, October 11, 2008. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
- 14) The Chief Cook (Team Captain) will be held responsible for the conduct of his/her team members and guests. Completion of the entry form, including the signature of the Chief Cook (Team Captain) on the Waiver of Liability clause signifies agreement for compliance with all contest rules by all listed members of the team. The Chief Cook (Team Captain) is responsible for assuring that all members of the team are aware of all contest rules.
- 15) It is the responsibility of the Chief Cook (Team Captain) to see that the contest area is kept clean and that the area is cleaned and policed during and following the contest. Any space left in disarray or with loose or bundled trash and garbage will disqualify the team from further participation.
- 16) No cookers may be set on side walks or in a walk way path.
- 17) No meat, or other food, or drink may be sold.
- 18) **All Teams must have a fire extinguisher.**
- 19) Contest officials reserve the right to make additional rules as situations warrant.
- 20) All decisions of the Owlfest 2008 BBQ Team Competition Committee and Judges are final.

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## JACKPOT BEANS

Owlfest 2008 BBQ Competition Teams have the option to enter the "Jackpot Beans" contest on Saturday, October 11, 2008. The entry fee is \$10. The winner will be decided via a "taste test" by spectators who will vote for their favorite by donating \$1 to that particular team. All "vote monies" collected will be counted and the team who receives the most \$1 votes wins the "jackpot" which will consist of the \$10 entry fees paid by all contestants. **All "vote monies" will be donated to the McGehee Food Pantry.**

The Owlfest 2008 BBQ Competition Committee encourages the Teams to enter this fun contest as a means to raise money for the Food Pantry. Teams are encouraged to be creative in naming and serving their beans. Teams are responsible for providing bowls or cups with spoons for serving their beans. This is meant to be a fun activity allowing the BBQ teams to interact with spectators. Contestants should have a bowl or jar or box to collect their "votes".

Contestants may begin sharing their beans for taste testing at 11 a.m. and may continue to share their beans until 3 p.m. when a member of the BBQ Competition Committee will go to each competitor to collect and "count the votes" on site. The winner will be declared and the jackpot money awarded.

**Pre-entry is NOT required for Jackpot Beans. You just need to pay your \$10 in cash to the BBQ Committee Chairperson at the 9 a.m. Team Captain's Meeting on Saturday, October 11, 2008.**