



Chisholm Trail Roundup Barbecue Capital of Texas BBQ CHAMPIONSHIP COOK-OFF

Lockhart City Park
June 13 & 14, 2025

Dear Cook,

It's that time again, and Chisholm Trail Roundup is celebrating its 52st anniversary this year! And once again, we will be hosting 50 teams and sanctioning our cook-off.

The Chisholm Trail Roundup Barbecue Cook-Off will be held on the same weekend as all other CTR events and located at Lockhart City Park (504 E City Park Road) on June 13 & 14, 2025.

- **The first day of registration is April 16th, 2025. All RV's and campers MUST pre-register.**
- **Friday night turn-in winners will be announced at the awards on Saturday.**

This year's cook-off is sanctioned by the Lonestar Barbecue Society. **Please read and follow the Rules & Regulations of the Lonestar Barbecue Society.** Cooks can register in person at the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce location, 104 Market Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644, or over the phone by calling 512-398-2818.

Cook's meeting will be Friday, June 13th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the judging tent of the barbecue area. Please review the rules and regulations for changes to set up this year.

Please make plans to show us your stuff! We can't wait to see you at the park!

Sincerely,

Gabe Medina

Barbecue Chairman, Chisholm Trail Roundup
(512) 995-9394



CTR Barbecue Capital of Texas BBQ Championship Cook-Off

RULES & REGULATIONS

This event is held by the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce & Chisholm Trail Roundup, with all rules for judging as written by that organization and the Lonestar Barbecue Society.

SETUP: ALL CONTESTANTS ENTERING THE COOK-OFF MAY NOT SET UP ANY EARLIER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH. If the team has not paid the entry fee, the team will not be designated a spot. The Barbecue area will be in the enclosed softball field across from the Rodeo parking area. The entrance is accessible only from Carver Street. (See map) NO PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE INFIELD. **IF YOUR CAMPER EXCEEDS 30', PLEASE CONTACT GABE MEDINA TO ARRANGE ARRIVAL AND SETUP.**

TEAMS: A team will consist of a Chief Cook and up to three (3) assistants. Chief Cook will be held responsible for the conduct of the team. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification, with no entry fee(s) refund. ALL PERSONAL ALCOHOL MUST STAY IN THE DESIGNATED BARBECUE AREA. UNDERAGE DRINKING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, AND TEAMS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY (police enforced if necessary). Quiet time is from 1 A.M. to 8 A.M. Only moderate amplification during the day.

CONDUCT: If at any given time the chief cook, assistant cooks, team members, or anybody associated with a team is found to be disrespectful, unsportsmanlike, or any other inappropriate behavior deemed unacceptable by the chairman, that team will be asked to leave immediately (police enforced if necessary), and will not be allowed to return to another CTR cook-off. Our staff and crew members donate their time and support to ensure everyone has a great time while being safe. Please consider this during your stay with us at Chisholm Trail Roundup Barbecue Cook-Off.

MEETING OF COOKS: A MANDATORY COOK'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2025, AT 7 P.M. UNDER THE JUDGING TENT LOCATED ON THE INFIELD OF BARBECUE AREA.

COOKED ON SITE: Any category entered must be cooked on-site, as defined in the Lonestar Barbecue Society By-laws, without pre-cooking or marinating. Rules and regulations may change without notice if an alternative site is chosen. No exceptions.

PARKING: There will be a limited amount of available spots to reserve. Cooking spots are 40X20. There are three larger spots (50X30) if needed, with an extra fee of \$25.00, separate from the entry fees. If it does not fit in your designated cooking spot, you will be allowed to park in the overflow cook-off parking area on the side of the softball field. NO PARKING ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED FIRE LINES. Each team will be allowed only two (2) free park entries and (2) barbecue parking permits. All others will be required to pay upon entry into the park. **ANY OTHER PERSONS BESIDES THE HEAD COOK AND UP TO 3 ASSISTANTS WILL HAVE TO PARK IN VISITOR PARKING LOCATED IN THE PARK. No golf carts or wheeled transportation, other than medically necessary, will be allowed in the park for contestants.** NO EXCEPTIONS.

SANITATION: Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary a manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be immediately corrected, or the cook will be subject to disqualification. During and after the event, each team is required to keep the area clean of all trash.

NO OPEN-GROUND FIRES ARE PERMITTED!

Pets are to be leashed and kept in the Barbecue area. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ELSE DURING CHISHOLM TRAIL ROUNDUP WEEKEND.

CATEGORIES: Cook-off promoters shall advise contestants in advance of applicable meat categories, cuts of meats, and types of cookers.

BEEF BRISKET: Turn in approximately seven (7) full 1/4" to 3/8" slices

PORK SPARE RIBS: Turn in approximately seven (7) individual cut ribs (bone-in).
St. Louis style is okay.

CHICKEN: Turn in approximately two (2) halves of chicken. (*Chicken cannot be disjointed to
Include skin, breast, wing, leg, and thigh.)

TURN-IN TIMES: Times for each category shall be pre-set. Once the time is set and announced, no changes will be made. A turn-in window of ten (10) minutes before and after the set turn-in times will be recognized. Judging trays received after that time will not be accepted for judging.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH

Cooks Meeting: 7:00 P.M.

Cooks Choice: 7:00 P.M.

Salsa & Bartender's Choice: 8:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH

Chicken: 12:00 P.M.

Best Pit: 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Beans: 1:00 P.M.

Showmanship: 1:00-2:00 P.M.

Ribs: 2:00 P.M.

Chili: 3:00 P.M.

Brisket:

4:00 P.M.



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RULES & REGULATIONS Continued

JUDGES: A minimum of five (5) judges per table will be utilized during initial judging. Subsequent levels of judging should use a minimum of seven (7) or a maximum of nine (9) judges per table. Head cooks are prohibited from participating as judges.

Barbecue and ribs will be judged on aroma, appearance, color, texture, moisture, taste, and overall impression. Judging will be under the direction of the LoneStar Barbecue Society. **THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.**

ANNOUNCING WINNERS: Announcement of ALL winners will be held at the judging tent in the barbecue area at the end of the day after all judging has been completed. The announcement of each category will be based on turn-in times. The announcement of winners will be based on the number of competitors in each category. Example: Cook-off with ten or more entries announces the top 10 plus final table (numbers only). It is recommended that more than one person verify ticket numbers.

PRIZES: A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be named at our cook-off. In the event of a tie for Grand Champion, brisket will be the first tiebreaker, followed by ribs, chicken, and any other category. The promoter **MUST** advertise any changes to the tiebreaker decision in advance.

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion – pay-out TBD with reserved and paid spots for the following year at CTR.

Brisket: *1st place \$400
*2nd place \$250
*3rd place \$150

Pork Spareribs: *1st place \$400
*2nd place \$250
*3rd place \$150

Chicken: *1st place \$400
*2nd place \$250

Best Pit: Trophy

*3rd place \$150

Pay-out is based on an entry fee of 50 cooks and can be subject to change

Cash prizes and awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for each category, while 4th-10th place will receive awards, ribbons, or certificates.



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APPLICATION 2025

(Please print clearly)

BRISKET IS A REQUIRED CATEGORY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BBQ COOK-OFF. Read the Rules & Regulations before signing. Cooks meeting (mandatory) will be **FRIDAY, JUNE 13th, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.**

NAME OF CHIEF COOK: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

HOME/CELL PHONE NUMBER(S): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF TEAM: _____

NAMES OF THREE (3) ASSISTANTS: _____

*Each team is required to furnish a preliminary judge for each category entered (not a head cook) *

ENTRY FEE: **\$200.00 by June 13, 2025. Entries are limited to the first 50 cooks who sign up.**

ADDITIONAL ENTRIES: (chili is a separate application)

SALSA (\$10.00) ___ BARTENDER'S CHOICE (\$10.00) ___ COOKS CHOICE (\$20.00) ___ BEANS (\$10.00) ___

Having read the rules and regulations, the undersigned agrees to participate in the "Bar-B-Que Capital of Texas" Championship Cook-Off on June 13th & 14th, 2025, at Lockhart City Park. We agree to abide by all rules set up by the Chisholm Trail Roundup Committee and the Lonestar Barbecue Society to cooperate in every way possible to ensure the success of the Cook-Off and understand that failure to do so will be grounds for disqualification. The Chisholm Trail Roundup Committee, the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Lockhart are not liable for any injury or loss to any participant and/or participant's property. **Due to unforeseen circumstances, the CTR Committee may choose an alternative site without notice.**

Signature of Head Cook

For Office Use Only:	
Date received: _____	
Amount received: _____	
Ck#/MO#: _____	
DL#: _____	
STATE: _____	
Confirmation #: _____	

Date

Chisholm Trail Roundup

CENTRAL TEXAS TOLBERT CHILI COOK-OFF Saturday, June 14, 2025

The Chisholm Trail Round-Up Committee would like to extend a personal invitation for you to participate in our TOLBERT TERLINGUA Chili Qualifier, held on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

The 1st Place winner of Chili qualifies to Cook "Behind the Store" in Terlingua!

The official "Tolbert Rules" apply to this competition, and you must follow them to enter the Cook-Off. Please review the rules online at:

http://abowlofred.com/official_rules_and_cook-off_forms

If there are questions, please get in touch with the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce at 512-398-2818 or Brittani Medina at 512-216-7202.

All Chili turned in for judging must be cooked by the contestant on the application representing that team.

THERE WILL BE A \$20.00 ENTRY FEE PER CHILI ITEM ENTERED.

ALL RV AND CAMPERS MUST PRE-REGISTER BEFORE COOK OFF! THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$25.00 FEE TO BRING A RV OR CAMPER IF YOU ARE NOT COOKING BBQ. AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED.



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CENTRAL TEXAS TOLBERT CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, June 14, 2025

An entry fee of **\$20.00** is required with the application (attached).

No more than five (5) Cooks are allowed per team, including the Chief Cook. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of the team. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification(s).

Contestants must cook a minimum of two pounds of meat or enough to fill the judging cup.

Chili should only contain meat and gravy once you turn it in. Anything else is grounds for disqualification determined by CTTCG rules.

Chili will be judged on appearance, aroma, texture, and taste.

THE DECISIONS BY THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.

Prizes will be awarded to 1st through 10th places in Chili. In addition, there will be an award for 1st place Showmanship.

Contestants must clean their area by noon on Sunday.

The contest committee reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situation warrants.

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED!



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APPLICATION

PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION COMPLETELY. THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY TOLBERT!
Please fill out separate applications for multiple entries in Chili.

NAME OF TEAM: _____

NAME OF CHIEF COOK: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

_____ CHILI (20.00) \$ _____ SHOWMANSHIP YES NO (circle one)

Must cook chili to show

_____ **RV OR CAMPER SPOT (25.00)** \$ _____

THESE SPOTS ARE FOR CHILI AND/OR BEAN COOKS, BRINGING CAMPERS BUT NOT PARTICIPATING IN BBQ. THEY ARE LIMITED AND NOT LOCATED ON THE MAP



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