

Needville Youth Fair BBQ Cook Off Entry & Rules

Dates: April 2 & 25, 2026

ENTRIES

1. BBQ Event Participant entries will be made online via <https://needville.fairwire.com>.
 - Entry Instructions can be found on page 4 & 5 of this document.
2. Participant Release of Liability MUST also be submitted online via <https://needvilleyouthfair.com/NYF-Release-Indemnity-Form>.
3. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Cook-Off Chairman spaces permitting.
4. In order for a team to be eligible to compete in the Needville Youth Fair BBQ COOK-Off, the following **MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 27, 2026**.
 - Online Entry Form Completed
 - Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement submitted online
 - \$120.00 entry fee paid online with or without Port-a-Can rentals (Max 2)

If you are a returning team from 2025 and want your same spot, entries need to be in by February 27, 2026.

BBQ COOK-OFF RULES & INFORMATION

1. The cook-off will be located in the Needville Youth Fair parking lot.
 - Each team will be provided with one approximately 40' x 40' space.
 - **Teams will be allowed to start setting up Thursday from 5:00 pm to 9:00pm**
 - Once the gates open Saturday, no motorized traffic in or out of the Cook-Off area will be allowed.
 - Teams will not be allowed to tear down and move out until after the event is over Sunday night at 1am.
2. Props, trailers, motor homes, tents, or any other part of the team's equipment must not exceed the boundaries of their respective cook-off space.
3. Only fires from wood or wood substance (ex. charcoal) are permissible. Absolutely no electric, electric assisted, or gas-powered pits of any type will be allowed. Open fires, fire holes, or dug pits will not be permitted. Fire Barrels should have restrictive covers to arrest flames and are only acceptable if sufficient space is available away from tents or other flammable objects. Fire Barrels must not cause damage to any of the ground surfaces. All fires must be contained.
4. Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies including trash cans and bags. Electricity and water are not provided.
5. Port-a-cans will be available for general public use but contestants can rent for their space at the cost of \$100.00 (max of 2). If you wish to have a port-a-can(s). **Please register for those online.**
6. All head cooks are required to attend the **MANDATORY** Head Cook's Meeting at the location designated at 10am Saturday morning. This is when entry boxes will be distributed to each team. Should your box become damaged prior to turn in, a new one will be issued by the committee. Do

not write on these boxes in any way nor make any other types of identifying marks to the box. This will result in automatic disqualification.

7. Each Chief Cook is responsible for having his/her entry at the designated area at the designated time. Late entries will not be accepted. Chairman has the official time.
8. Cook-off Committee reserves the right to make any additional regulations as situations warrant. Decisions of the committee and judges are final. Cook-off Committee Chairman has final say on all matters and decisions pertaining to the Cook-off.
9. Each Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of their Team Members and guests. Fighting will not be tolerated and will be grounds for automatic disqualification.
10. **At no time may any person under the age of 21 be served alcohol.** Teams found to be serving minors or teams not protecting access to alcohol by a minor may face legal action under the Texas Alcohol Beverage Code and will be disqualified. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages and/or any misconduct are grounds for disqualification.
11. Music should be used in moderation and must be turned off at 12:00am on Friday and 1:00am on Saturday. Speakers should be aimed toward your designated area, not outward, or toward any other adjacent teams.

BBQ COOK-OFF CATEGORIES

Friday

Margaritas – Must include Tequila and Triple Sec, no salt on rim or ice in cup 7:00pm

Saturday: **MANDATORY HEAD COOKS MEETING AT 10:00am at Committee Booth**

Turn In Times:

Beef Fajitas	2:30pm
Chicken	3:30pm
Ribs	4:30pm
Brisket	5:30pm

Awards will begin at approx. 7:00pm in the arena on Saturday

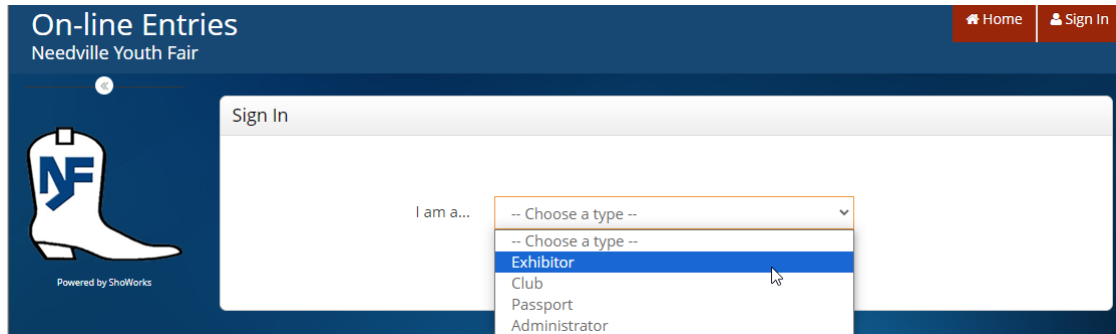
- **Only ONE entry per team-per category-per space accepted!!**
- **Trophies to be given for 1st 2nd 3rd in all categories. One Overall and One Showmanship Trophy.**
 - Overall Grand Champion will be determined by the accumulative scores of all categories except margaritas.
 - In the event of a tie, the team that places higher in the brisket category will place higher overall. If a tie still exists, highest score in the chicken, then ribs and then fajitas will determine grand.
- **Categories:** Beef Fajitas, Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs, and Brisket.

- **Beef Fajitas:** All beef fajita entries shall contain 6 slices for judging.
- **Chicken:** All chicken entries shall consist of half a chicken and include 6 slices of white or dark meat or a combination of both for judging. No wings or drumsticks will be accepted.
- **Pork Spare Ribs:** All pork spare rib entries shall contain 6 ribs for judging. **St. Louis Style ribs are acceptable. Baby back ribs NOT accepted.**
- **Brisket:** All beef brisket entries shall contain 6 slices for judging.
- **Meat Inspection:** All meat will be inspected prior to cooking. No seasoned or marinated meats, with the exception of Beef Fajitas **ONLY**, will be allowed prior to inspection and **MUST** be completed by 6:00pm on Friday. All meats will be inspected at one time.
- **Garnish:** **No garnishment at all** will be allowed in any containers turned in for judging. Toothpicks, foil wrappings, pieces of fruit or vegetables, or any other "foreign" substances are prohibited. Use of any garnishments will result in **disqualification of the entry**.
- **Sauces:** No sauces should be added to any entries. Sauces may only be used as a "mop" during cooking. Use of sauce for presentation will result in **disqualification of the entry**.
- **Entry Turn In:** Cook-off entries **MUST** be received at the judging area by members of the Cook-Off Committee. No entries will be accepted after the turn in deadline. The BBQ Chairman has the official time.
 - After turn in time, the entries shall be removed one at a time and given a consecutive numeric number by a member of the BBQ Committee. At this time, entries will be examined for any garnishments or sauces.
- **Appeals:** Any appeals to the above procedures shall be decided by the Cook-off Chairman who will be present during the judging. The Cook-Off Chairman's decision will be final.

For more information, contact Matthew Bryson, Cook Off Chairman, at 281-804-7231 or visit www.needvillyouthfair.com for Entry Form and other information. For questions or problems with online registration, please send an email to needvillyouthfair@outlook.com.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to <https://needville.fairwire.com>. Once the site it open, **click on Register** from the navigation menu.
2. From the drop-down menu, choose **Exhibitor**.



3. Once **Exhibitor** is selected, enter your First Name and Last Name in the designated fields and select **“I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year”**. Then select **“Continue.”**

First Name

Last Name

or sign in using ShoWorks Passport
It's free and lets you securely keep your information and entries **year-to-year** and reuse across different fairs and shows. Get instant notifications when it's time to show or entries have been judged and see your awards. Sign up now and begin keeping track of your own entries!
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- I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year
- I have previously registered this year

Following registration and click the Continue button at the bottom.

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Last Name *	Teykl
Password *
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Address *	8211 Williams School Road
Address2	
City *	Needville
State/Prov *	TX
Postal Code *	77461
Phone Number *	(281) 239-5520
e-mail *	jody.teykl@fluor.com
Re-type e-mail *	jody.teykl@fluor.com
School *	Needville Elementary School
Grade *	3
Date of Birth *	1/30/2015

- At the entry page, enter all required information. For **School**, choose **BBQ Team** and **Grade** choose **0** and click continue.
- You are now ready to create the entry for BBQ Team. On the next screen click on **“Add Entries”**. For Department, click on **Competitive Events** and Division choose **BBQ Cook Off Team**.

Department	Competitive Events
Division	-- Choose a Division --

- Fill out the required Team information, if you would like a port-a-can and choose the associated fees and click next.
- This will take you to the payment screen. Please follow the online payment instructions.
- Once you complete your registration, you will receive a confirmation email.
- Don't forget to also go and sign the online indemnity form at <https://needvilleyouthfair.com/NYF-Release-Indemnity-Form>

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