

**2009  
NEEDVILLE HARVEST FESTIVAL  
COOK-OFF**

**CHECK IN TIME**

Thursday, October 15, 2009                      5:00pm – 10:00pm

Friday, October 16, 2009                      7:00am – 6:00pm

[www.needvilleharvestfest.com](http://www.needvilleharvestfest.com)

**Entry Fee:** \$100.00 (Non-Refundable)

**Port-A-Can Rentals:** \$75.00 (Must be ordered 1 week before cook-off)

**Each team will receive 5 armbands good for Admission.  
(Kids 6 and under are free)**

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**CATEGORIES**

- **Best 'Rita' (Judging starts at 8:30pm Friday)** is awarded to the top 3 teams that make the best margarita, frozen or on the rocks. Three lucky judges will come to each team and judge this category. Each team will present their entry to the Judges. This category will be judged on taste only.
- **Beef Fajitas - 8:00pm Friday**  
(No onions, or peppers, **Fajita meat only**) The fajitas can be pre-seasoned prior to the cook-off.
- **Ladies Choice: (Judging starts at 11:30am Saturday)**  
This category consists of any dish you wish to cook. It has to be prepared in one pot (e.g., beans, chili, stew, soup, gumbo, ice cream, etc.), and prepared by **Females Only**.  
Condiments (e.g., cheese, ketchup, salsa, etc.) may be served along side of your main dish, and may be used at the Judges discretion.  
The Judging will be done by females only. Three (3) Judges will come to each camp, and the dish must be served by you. Considerations will be given not only for the taste of the entry, but for creativeness, hospitality, and presentation.  
**(Only one dish may be served, this is not a 3 course meal.)**
- **Pork Loin - 2:30pm Saturday**
- **Chicken - 3:00pm Saturday**  
All entries in this category shall be a half of a chicken, and enough bite size pieces for 6 Judges
- **Pork Ribs - 3:30pm Saturday**
- **Beef Brisket - 4:00pm Saturday**

All entries turned in must contain enough meat to serve at least 6 Judges.

The **Overall scores** are determined by the accumulative scores of the following categories. **Beef Fajitas, Pork Loin, Chicken, Pork Ribs, and Beef Brisket.** The awards presentation will start during the auction on the secondary stage.

Save your result ticket numbers, we will post the final results a few days after the cook-off at [www.needvilleharvestfest.com](http://www.needvilleharvestfest.com).

### **Meat Inspection:**

All meats will be inspected prior to cooking. No seasoned or marinated meats will be allowed prior to inspection. (Except for Beef Fajitas) All meats will be inspected at one time.

### **Garnish:**

No garnish will be allowed in any of the containers turned in for judging. This prohibits any toothpicks, foil wrappings, pieces of fruit or vegetables, or any other "foreign" substances that is not in the category being judged. Such garnishments will result in the entry being disqualified, which has happened in the past for sauces and foil. **(This does not apply for Ladies Choice.)**

### **Sauces:**

No sauces should be added to any entries. Sauces may be used as a "mop" during cooking, but not poured on for presentation. **(This does not apply for Ladies Choice.)**

The cook-off entries must be received at the judging area by members of the stage committee. No marks will be placed on the entries at this time. No entries will be accepted after the deadline has passed. The entries shall be removed one at a time and given a consecutive numerical number by a member of the stage committee. At this time, the entries will be examined for any garnishments or sauces that will disqualify them.

### **Appeals:**

Any appeals to the above procedures shall be decided by the Cook-off Chairman who will be present on the stage during the judging. His decision will be final for the Needville Harvest Festival

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The cook-off will be located on the baseball field parking lot. Teams will be provided with one approximate 40' x 40' space. **This year all teams will be assigned a space. The teams that participated in the Cook-off the previous year will maintain their same space if they want. These spaces will be reserved until September 1st. After this date, any unclaimed space will be re-assigned to other teams. (This means that returning teams that want to participate in this years cook-off must send in an entry form or call and reserve your space before 9-1-09. If you are a new team wanting to participate, you may call and get on a waiting list before 9-1-09. After this date, we will add new teams from the waiting list. Due to limited space, only the first forty (40) entries received will be allowed in the cook-off. (See the enclosed map for cook-off layout & 2008 contestants.)**
2. **Teams are not allowed to sell any merchandise or barbecue to the public.** If you wish to sell merchandise, you must purchase a Vendor Booth from the Harvest Festival.
3. 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. Vehicles will not remain within the cook-off area.
4. Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. Electricity and water are not provided. The type of cooking devices is not restricted. No dug fire pits or holes will be allowed. All fires must be contained.
5. Each chief cook is responsible for having his/her entry at the designated area at the designated time. We will not accept late entries.
6. 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.
7. Cook-off site tear down will not be allowed until 6:00 am Sunday (weather permitting). There will be no movement of vehicles into the cook-off area until that time.
8. The chief cook will be responsible for the conduct of their team and guest. Fighting will not be tolerated, and will be grounds for automatic disqualification.
9. **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 Texas Alcohol Beverage Code, and may be disqualified. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages and/or any misconduct may be grounds for disqualification.
10. Amplification should be used in moderation and must be turned off at midnight. Speakers should be aimed toward your designated area, not outward, or toward any other adjacent teams.

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

(Please Print)

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Assistants: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEE \$100.00 (Non-refundable)**  
**PORT-A-CAN RENTAL \$75.00 (If you want one)**

**TOTAL AMT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_**

A check or money order for the full amount payable to **NEEDVILLE HARVEST FESTIVAL** must accompany your entry. Please read the bottom of this entry form, sign, and mail to: **Needville Harvest Festival, c/o Lance Schultz, 8935 Janda Rd, Richmond, TX 77469**. Due to limited space, all entries **must** be received no later than Friday, October 2, 2009 (Two {2} weeks prior to cook-off).

For more information, contact Lance Schultz at (979)793-3404 or Email: [nhf\\_cookoff@consolidated.net](mailto:nhf_cookoff@consolidated.net).



Needville Harvest Festival, including its officers, servants, agents, and/or employees, hereafter called "Committee" and the owner and/or exhibitor or contestants, including parents, and/or legal representatives herein called "Exhibitor" agree that the Committee will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to the person, animals or property of "Exhibitor, or Exhibitor's agents, servants, family, and/or employees, regardless of how much loss, damage or injury is occasioned and by whom. Committee and Exhibitor further agree that Exhibitor will protect, indemnify, and save harmless the Committee from any/all claims, suits, and/or judgements (including the cost of defense of any loss, damage, or injury to any persons, animals, or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Exhibitor either solely or in conjunction with the Committee or anyone else).

Exhibitor agrees to abide by all rules and regulations for the Needville Harvest Festival.

\*Signature required for entry. Signature indicates you have read the attached rules and regulations and agree to abide by them.

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Owner, Exhibitor, or Contestant

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Parent or Legal Guardian (if under 18 years old)

## 2008 Cook-Off Map

1. Outkast Kookers
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3. Jones & Co.
4. OTR Cookers
5. The Barbeque Bunch
6. Hole Master
7. Cowboy Cookers
8. Shady Ladies
9. Po Boy Cookers
10. -open ---
11. No Mercey
12. A House Divided
13. Krooked Kookers
14. By Chance
15. Farm Boys
16. Brew Dogg
17. Dogg Gone II
18. Dogg Gone II
19. Redneck Mexicans
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21. Last Call Cookers
22. Grillin N Chillin Cookers
23. Backwoods Smokers
24. Hot Rod Cookers
25. Dr BBQ and the Coals
26. Thelma and Louise Cookers
27. Mile High Cookers
28. Blowin' Smoke
29. Risky Briskets
30. Come and Take It
31. Come and Take It
32. Fired Up N Cookin'
33. Hot Damn Cookers
34. Smokin Stacks & Sizzlin Racks
35. Smokin Lads
36. Cattle Rustlers
37. Redneck Cookers
38. Meg West Cookers
39. Bigg Dogg
40. Willie McKookers

