



9th Annual Bar-B-Q Cook Off
September 15th and 16th, 2017
Pickrell Park, 703 Oak Street Schertz, Texas 78154

Sanctioned by the International Barbeque Cookers Association (IBCA)

Guaranteed over \$10,000 Total Purse!

1st Place (Chicken, Ribs & Brisket) - \$1,200 plus Trophy

2nd Place (Chicken, Ribs & Brisket) - \$800 plus Trophy

3rd Place (Chicken, Ribs & Brisket) - \$450 plus Trophy

4th – 6th Places (Chicken, Ribs & Brisket) - \$150 plus Trophy

7th – 10th Places (Chicken, Ribs & Brisket) - \$100 plus Trophy

1st Place Cooker's Choice (must be pit cooked no desserts) - \$100 plus Trophy

2nd & 3rd Place Cooker's Choice - Trophy

1st Place Pinto Bean Jackpot (optional) 50-50 Split (unlimited entries) - Trophy

2nd & 3rd Place Pinto Beans - Trophy

Grand Champion Overall Points - Trophy

Reserve Grand Champion Overall Points - Trophy

Cookers can check-in on Friday, September 15th, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

Competition begins Saturday, September 16th

****Applications are now being accepted****

For a complete entry form, go to www.visitschertz.com.

For Cook-Off questions please contact Natalie Keane or Mary Spence at (210) 619-1636 or email:

festivals@schertz.com



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ENTRY PACKET

Teams will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Your space will be assigned to you prior to the event, so if you would like to be placed next to another team, please list that team on your entry form.

****We will make every attempt to fulfill requests, but there are *NO* guarantees.****

Rules and Regulations

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IBCA Rules will apply, ALL judge decisions are final.

- Cook-Off area spaces will be **approximately** 40'x 40'.
- All non-essential vehicles must be removed from the cook-off area by 8:00 PM on Friday, September 15th. After unloading times on Friday, **only ONE tow vehicle (excluding camper/RV) will be allowed on-site per paid cook spot.** A vehicle pass will be provided by mail or at check-in. It needs to be prominently displayed on the rear-view mirror of the vehicle that will stay in the cook-off area.
- All cookers, trailers, motor homes, vehicles, tents or any other equipment including generators shall not exceed the boundaries of the team's assigned space. If available, a team may request additional space at the time of application and pay **\$100** for an additional 40' x 40' approximately measured space.
- Water will be available free of charge from spigots located within the park.
- Fires must be of wood, wood pellets or charcoal. **Gas and electric grills are NOT allowed.** Propane may be used to start fires **only**.
- BBQ teams are responsible for keeping their immediate area clean. Trash bins and restrooms are available for use. BBQ Staff will have trash bags available for distribution.
- Each team must provide all supplies and equipment as needed. There will be ice available for purchase at **\$3.00 for a 20 lb. bag.**
- Digging of holes and pits is not permitted. Extinguished coals and cold ashes may either be disposed off-site or at one of the conveniently located red Hot Coal burn barrels.

Teams:

1. Each team shall consist of one head chief cook and the number of assistants they deem necessary; one team, one pit, one head chief cook (18 years or older), per space.
2. Teams must follow all local codes and they will be enforced as necessary. Each team must bring a fire extinguisher. Must meet requirements: **2 way 10 BC.**

Safety Rules:

1. Cleanliness of cooks and sites is required. Please be sure to sanitize area with bleach and water mixture. Meat must be kept at proper temperatures.
2. Shirt and shoes **must** be worn at all times by persons while cooking.
3. EMS will be provided for medical emergencies.
4. Law Enforcement officials will be in the park throughout the entire event; however, we caution you to lock up your valuables.
5. **NO** firearms are allowed in the area – with or without permit. **No exceptions!**
6. Chief cook will be responsible for conduct of all team members and their guests.

Meat Entry Rules:

1. All meats will be cooked on-site. The preparation and completion (excluding pre-trimming) of any and all meats in competition is within the confines of the cook-off site and during the time limits designated by the promoter
2. **NO** pre-seasoned meat is allowed. It is recommended that the brisket slices be consistent with a suggested thickness of 1/4 inch to 3/8 inch. Any sauce used must be cooked on, not added. No garnishes and no side sauce containers will be permitted in the turn-in container. All seasoning is done within the team's assigned space. Entries will be submitted in an approved numbered container provided by **IBCA**.

Meat Presented

Brisket – Brisket nine (9) full slices, recommended 1/4" to 3/8" thick. Blocking brisket ends is allowed. The fat cap may be trimmed or cut away before the slices are placed into the tray.

Pork Spare Ribs – Nine (9) individual cut ribs (bone in) (St. Louis Cut acceptable) Ribs must be placed in the tray TOP side up lying parallel to the hinge.

Chicken – Two (2) separate 1/2 fully jointed chicken (to include breast, wing with tip (visible not tucked under), thigh and drumstick. SKIN ON (No Cornish Game Hens)

Cooker's Choice – One full serving per judge – Please **NO** dessert in the competition.

Jack Pot Beans – Dry Pinto Beans must be cooked on site. (Nothing larger than the bean be put in the cup)

Head Chief Cooks Meeting

****ALL HEAD CHIEF COOKS MUST ATTEND****

A **mandatory** Head Chief Cooks meeting will be held Saturday, September 17 at 8:00 AM. Only the Head Chief Cook (**must be 18+**) is required to be at the meeting. At this time you will be given your containers for the competition.

Turn-in Time Information – Saturday, September 17th 2016

Jackpot Beans – Dried Pinto Beans- MUST be cooked on site – 10:00 AM

Cookers Choice – MUST be Cooked on site – 11:00 AM

Chicken – Two fully jointed chicken halves – 12:00 PM

Pork Spare Ribs – Nine (9) Ribs (**NO baby backs or country style**) – 1:30 PM

Brisket – Nine (9) full slices – 3:00 PM

Awards Ceremony will be at 6:30 pm under the main pavilion.

Categories will be announced as follows per *IBCA*:

Kids Q Awards

Chicken

Pork Spare Ribs

Brisket

Jackpot Beans

Cooker's Choice

Showmanship

Reserved Grand Champion

Grand Champion

SchertzQ Cook-Off Entry Form - 2017

Space # _____
Cash _____
Ck # _____
Date Rec'd. _____
By: _____
For Office Use Only

Name: _____
Team Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Numbers: _____ - _____ - _____ Alt. _____ - _____ - _____
Email: _____
Team Members: _____

Early Bird Registration \$200.00 _____ (Any or All Meats) if registered by September 8, 2017.
Brisket: _____ Pork Spare Ribs: _____ Chicken: _____

Registration Fee \$225.00 _____ (Any or All Meats)
Brisket: _____ Pork Spare Ribs: _____ Chicken: _____

\$25.00 _____ Cookers Choice (Must be pit cooked) No Desserts
\$25.00 _____ 50-50 Jackpot Bean Contest (with payment, unlimited entries)
\$100.00 _____ Extra 40' x 40' Space (approx.) - limited availability, first come/first serve
Total Amount Paid: _____

Will you be bringing an RV or Trailer? Y/N _____ Ft: _____
Bumper Pull: _____ Fifth Wheel/RV: _____ Class A: _____ Class B: _____
(Please note RV **must** be self-contained - water, sewer and electricity services are not available)

I would like to be placed by: _____
(Note: Team placements are assigned as completed entry forms are received; again, there are **NO** guarantees.)

If paying by credit card, please complete the following:

Card Type (Visa, M/C, Discover or American Express) and Number: _____
Name (as it appears on card): _____
Billing Address of card: _____
Exp. Date: _____ 3 Digits on Back of Card (4 on front of AmEx): _____

Mail entry form and payment (checks payable to City of Schertz) to:

City of Schertz
c/o Natalie Keaney or Mary Spence-SchertzQ
1400 Schertz Parkway, Bldg. #3
Schertz, Texas 78154

The undersigned agrees to participate in the 2017 SchertzQ BBQ Cook-Off to be held on September 15-16, 2017 in Schertz, Texas. We agree to cooperate in every way possible to abide by the established rules in order to ensure safety and success of the cook-off. The 2017 SchertzQ BBQ Cook-Off committee or the City of Schertz shall not be responsible and/or held liable for the property of participants from theft, damage by fire, water, accidents and/or other causes of injuries. It is hereby understood and agreed that the above organization, business, corporation, and/or individual(s) shall not hold the officers, members agents, volunteers and/or employees of the City of Schertz and/or sponsors of the event responsible for any and all liability, suit, destruction, injury, and/or claims caused by them, their volunteers and/or to volunteers, participants and/or spectators.

The person signing this form is signing for the group he/she represents and agrees that all members of the group will comply with the 2017 SchertzQ and *IBCA* Cook-Off Rules. Absolutely **NO REFUNDS**.

Name of Chief Cook (Please print): _____
Signature Chief Cook: _____

***Please fill out the attached W-9 form (for payout purpose) and return along with your entry and payment.**

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code	
	List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number
or
Employer identification number

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,