

# SHADE TREE COOKERS ENTRY FORM

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

\*Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

\*Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## \*REQUIRED

Your \$150 entry fee allows you to compete in the listed categories (chicken and pork ribs) & receive 4 Festival tickets. Teams may compete in one or both categories.

There will be 1st through 6th place awarded in each category - Chicken and Ribs. The Grand Champion is awarded a trophy and entrance into the KCBS competition the following year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of site areas (@ \$150 each)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Entry Form along with your check made payable to **Rocket City BBQ Cook-off** to:

WhistleStop Festival  
Shade Tree Competition  
404 Madison Street  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
Attn. BBQ Coordinator

Applications accepted as of Dec. 1, 2008.

First come, first served.

No refunds made after March 30, 2009.

## 2009 WHISTLESTOP FESTIVAL SHADE TREE BARBEQUE COOK-OFF INFO

1. The Shade Tree Barbeque Cook-off is a contest for amateur cooks. If you compete in the Rocket City Barbeque Cook-off, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society, you are not eligible to enter the Shade Tree Cooker Competition.
2. Entry: Teams must pre-register to compete. Competition is limited, so register early. The entry fee is \$150 to enter the Shade Tree Contest in the categories of chicken and/or pork ribs. Entry fee includes four admission passes to the festival per team.
3. Awards will be announced at the WDRM Stage on Saturday, at 8:15 pm. Awards will be given to the top six teams competing for chicken and the top six teams competing for ribs. A Grand Champion Award will recognize the best team overall. Both categories must be entered to be eligible for Grand Champion.
4. Cookers must check in after 7:00 am on Thursday or Friday. A cook site area, approximately 15' x 15', will be designated for each team, on a first come basis, at check-in. If additional space is needed, please purchase another spot. Space is at a premium and requirements will be strictly enforced.
5. Set up times are Thursday, 7 am - 7 pm and Friday 7 am - 2 pm. During set up times vehicles may enter the BBQ area for unloading.
6. Meat must be inspected before cooking. Meat inspections will be conducted on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
7. A MANDATORY Cooks' Meeting will be held Saturday at 8:30 am at the Pig Whistle Pub to go over the rules and answer any questions about the cook-off. A representative from each team must be present at the meeting.
8. Contest entrees must be submitted in numbered styrofoam boxes (9"x9") provided at the Mandatory Cooks' Meeting. Each box must contain at least seven identifiable pieces, with no garnish or decorations.
9. Contest entrees will be turned in at the House of Judges. Contest turn in times are: Chicken: Saturday, 4:30 pm, Pork Ribs: Saturday, 5:00 pm. Entrees may be turned in five minutes before until five minutes after each turn-in time to be judged.
10. Entrees are judged for Appearance, Taste, and Tenderness using Kansas City Barbeque Society scoring rules.
11. Any type of grill is permissible - wood, gas, charcoal or pellets.
12. Ice will be available for sale on the grounds.
13. Water and electricity are available on a limited (and shared) basis.
14. No pets are allowed in or near the barbeque or judging areas.
15. Persons 18 years and older are eligible to compete in the Shade Tree Cooker Competition.
16. Safety of this event is paramount! Any unsafe acts or safety issues identified by the Festival committee may cause removal from the Festival grounds.
17. No commercial sampling or distribution unless approved in writing by the Festival committee.
18. Motorized vehicles are prohibited at all times during festival hours unless otherwise authorized by Festival committee.
19. No commercial vending or solicitation allowed in the Shade Tree area. Commercial spaces available- contact Festival Coordinator.
20. A complete set of rules will be mailed upon receipt of a completed entry form and are available online at [www.rocketcitybbq.com](http://www.rocketcitybbq.com).

If you have any questions or need to make advance arrangements, please call 256.564.8101 or email [shadetree@hsvcity.com](mailto:shadetree@hsvcity.com)



May 1 & 2, 2009

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