



Guidelines

The "WhistleStop Kid's Q" BBQ event pits children from the ages of 8 -14 in a contest to see who can BBQ the best chicken in North Alabama. Rules will state that an adult (at least 18 yrs. old) must accompany the children, but the children will have to do all of the preparation, seasoning & cooking on their own. Adults may help in the sectioning of the chicken only. Judges will award prizes from 1st to 3rd places in this category. All Teams will be provided with a BBQ Grill, Charcoal & 8 pieces of Chicken Thighs.

Awards:

1st – 3rd Place Awards

Rules and Regulations

1. No motorized vehicles will be allowed on WhistleStop grounds.
2. Competitors will have a **Cook's meeting at 10 AM, Saturday Morning – May 5, 2012** at the Train Station Depot Pavilion
3. The entry fee to participate in the WhistleStop Kid's Q BBQ Competition is \$75.00 per team
4. Each participating team will receive 1 (one) numbered Styrofoam judging container, for turn-in;
5. Team participants must be between the ages of 8 years old and 14 years old;
6. An Adult (over the age of 18) must be present on-site at all times (from set up to tear down for each participating team). Any team not under adult supervision will be disqualified;
7. All BBQ Grills will be lit by a WhistleStop Official only.
8. Teams **MUST** use provided Grills, Charcoal and Chicken Thighs – Marinade and Rubs used on the chicken are the responsibility of the Teams. Each team will turn-in at least six (6) chicken thighs, using their provided numbered Styrofoam judging container;
9. Each team will be assigned a numbered cooking slot within the pavilion, and are asked to keep their equipment (i.e. Grill, chairs, ice chest, and BBQ equipment) within their designated area;
10. Teams are encouraged to decorate their area with their team's name, school, mascot, etc. (all in good taste please);
11. **A mandatory "Cooks Meeting" will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday morning at the pavilion, all teams must be present;**
12. Teams must clean, prepare, and cook their chicken at their assigned cooking site, and chicken must be held on ice at a temperature of 40 degrees or less prior to cooking;
13. Eight (8) pieces of chicken thighs will be provided to each team after the 10:00 AM "Cooks Meeting";
14. Team participants must do all preparations, seasoning and cooking of their entry. The supervising adult may only assist in the sectioning of any meat and any emergency dealings with the lit or hot BBQ pits. Adult participation outside of these boundaries will cause the entire team to be disqualified;
15. Teams must hold their cooked items at a temperature of 140 degrees or higher until turn in;
16. The **official turn in time will be 3:00 PM**, with a window of ten minutes (5 minutes before time and 5 minutes after time); No late entries will be accepted;
17. Each team must turn in six (6) individual chicken thighs in the numbered (6) container with garnish; Only the chicken and garnish are allowed in the turn in box;
18. The judging for this event will be in accordance with Kansas City BBQ Society judging procedures to ensure the integrity of the event. All judges for this event will be certified KCBS Judges;
19. All decisions by the "Judges" are final;
20. Judging scores will be tabulated in accordance with KCBS Judging Procedures and awards will be presented from 1st – 3rd places. Kid's Q Awards presentation will be at 8:30 PM at the main stage, prior to ShadeTree Awards;
21. Each team is responsible for the clean-up of their assigned cooking area; trash and hot ash disposal containers will be placed within the WhistleStop Kid's Q area.
22. Failure to follow any of these rules will cause for disqualification of the team.
23. Each team is expected to **HAVE A GREAT TIME!**