

2026 Port Neches Riverfest Smoke on the Water BBQ Cookoff An IBCA Sanctioned State Championship

Presented By :



April 24th – 25th, 2026

Port Neches Park
601 Grigsby Ave, Port Neches, TX 77651



\$8500+ IN GUARANTEED PRIZE MONEY!!

IBCA Sanctioned

^^IBCA RULES^^

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Fan Favorite Contest- Free to enter

Cooks Choice- Serving The Public

\$500 Winner Takes all!

Entry Fee: \$200/team (Chicken, Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs)

Jackpots: \$20/entry- Cooked On-Site - 100% Payout to Winner

Friday: Rib Eye Steak, Dessert

Saturday: Beans, (Kids Que \$30-Trophy Only), Cooks Choice Fan Favorite

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April 24th and 24th 2026
Port Neches RiverFest 2026 at Port Neches Park

Presented BY INDORAMA VENTURES

**Entry Fee is \$200.00 – Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, & Chicken
Guaranteed \$8500+**

Open Category – Rib Eye Steak, Beans, Desert- \$20.00– 100% Payout

Fan Favorite – Please see Rules and Regulations.

Trophy's 1 – 3rd. Grand Champion and Fan Favorite.

Send Registration and payment to :

RiverFest

1110 Port Neches Ave.

Port Neches, TX 77651

Joe Rooney (409-291-1455)

kayla@steelinsulatorgroup.com (409-543-2208)

Team Name _____

Head Cook Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

CIRCLE FOR ENTRY

RIB EYE STEAK (FRIDAY EVENING) DESERT(FRIDAY EVENING) JACKPOT BEANS FAN FAVORITE

Please enclose \$200.00 entry fee. All checks made payable to RiverFest.

Your team's position is not reserved until entry fee is paid. Deadline for entry is April 15, 2026.

ALL IBCA Rules Apply. Please read rules <https://ibcabbq.org/organization-documents/>

Our team has read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Port Neches RiverFest 2021 Bar B Q Cook-off. The Wheelhouse, Port Neches Chamber of Commerce, the Port Neches River Fest, FivePoint Credit Union or anyone associated with the cook-off will not be responsible for theft or damage to equipment, or bodily injury of any kind. Decisions of the committee chairperson and judges are final. By entering this contest you agree to abide by all the rules. If not, the Port Neches RiverFest committee chairperson and the Wheelhouse has the right to ask you and your team to leave this cook-off. **Thank you in advance for participating in our cook-off and supporting the RIVERFEST.**

HEAD COOK T – SHIRT SIZE

___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL

Head Cook Signature _____



RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) Contestants may begin checking in Friday April 24, 2026 at 9:00am. Deadline for checking in will be 9:00pm.
- 2) Teams will consist of one (1) Head Cook and Four (4) team members. Each team must cook on their own pit.
- 3) This is an IBCA Sanctioned event. Cooking rules and regulation plus meat turn in requirements can be found at <https://ibcabbq.org/organization-documents/>
- 4) Head cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guest. The excessive use of alcoholic beverages shall be grounds for disqualification. **Pursuant to TABC regulations, under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be offered in any form to A MINOR, or general public. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in limited to cook teams in designated cook off area. Further instructions to be given at the cook meeting on Friday evening on April 25th.**
- 5) It is the responsibility of each team to see that the contest area is kept clean, and the area is clean following the contest. The team will be required to dispose of their trash in the provided dumpsters.
- 6) Water and Electricity are not provided.
- 7) All items must be turned in at the time listed next to the corresponding items.

FRIDAY:

4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Tray Pickup

6:00 P.M. Cooks Meeting

7:00 P.M. Dessert (Cooked on Site)

8:00 P. M. Rib Eye Steak (One Boneless Ribeye. No Garnish)

SATURDAY:

8:30AM Kids Que meeting. (One ¾" - 1" thick Center Cut Pork Chop supplied by the promoter. No Garnish)

10:00 AM Kids Que Turn In

11:00 AM Beans Turn in. (Pinto beans. Nothing larger than the bean. Cooked on site)

12:00(NOON)- CHICKEN- 1 Fully Jointed Chicken Halve to include breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick)

1:30PM PORK SPARERIBS (8 Individual Pork Spare Ribs)

3:00 pm BRISKET (8 SLICES)

8) Judging quantities for special categories are listed below:

Beans – Dry Pinto Beans – cooked on site. (Nothing larger than the bean to be put into the turn-in cup.) You do not have to enter the main cookoff to enter Bean Category. Open to anyone who attends cook meeting and enters fee. Must be cooked on site!!! \$20 for BBQ competitors. \$30 for BEANS only entry.

Fan Favorite – The event will be open to the public for taste testing. There is no entry fee to participate. Each team will come up with a Fan Favorite dish that will be participating. The dish will include any of the meats cooked for the main cookoff Chicken, Ribs and brisket. The dish does not need to include all three just one of the three listed. Serving dishes will be provided. Wrist bands will be sold to the public to come taste test what your team came up with for the Fan Favorite category. The Public will have a paper of a grading scale for each team participating they will vote on the piece of paper. The team with the highest scores at the end will be awarded Fan Favorite. The winner will receive the Fan Favorite Trophy. We expect a high Volume of visitors so please keep that in mind. Participation Encouraged!

9) Head cooks meeting will be at 6:00pm Friday April 24, 2026. All head cooks are required to attend. You will be given your containers to turn in for judging.

10) Awards ceremony at 5:00pm on April 25th, 2026.



Port Neches Riverfest

Smoke on the Water BBQ Cookoff

Kids Que Competition

April 25th, 2026

Ages 5-16

8:30 AM COOK MEETING

10:00 AM TURN IN

Meat Entry: $\frac{3}{4}$ " - 1 inch Thick Center Cut Pork Chops

Entry Fee: \$30

Entry fee includes pork chops for competition, small bag of charcoal, & a small grill that the child gets to take home after the competition. All children will be acknowledged and awarded with trophies or certificates.

Participants are allowed to bring and use own grill.

There will be a designated cook area for Kid's Que participants. Participants will be required to cook in this area

Exceptions only for participants cooking in conjunction with registered cookoff team.

Please make checks payable to: Port Neches Riverfest

Deadline is April 15th. We cannot guarantee a pit past this date.

Contact Joe Rooney 409-291-1455 or email kayla@steelinsulatorgroup.com

Child's Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Parent

Signature: _____

Parents must assist to assure child safety, but the child must do seasoning, majority of the preparation, cooking and ALL turn-ins.

Paid Amount: _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Pd on Parent Form _____

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I/we will participate in Events associated with the Port Neches Riverfest to be held on April 25th, 2026. In consideration for the opportunity to participate, I voluntarily agree to assume all risks to myself, my child, or others involved in my participation or traveling to or from it. I understand that if I participate, I expose myself or others to risk of personal injury and/or death and property damage and loss, and I recognize that there are both foreseeable and unforeseeable risks of injury or death that cannot be specifically anticipated and listed in this document.