

Lexington Homecoming

MAY 1ST & 2ND, 2026

BARBECUE

COOK OFF



IBCA CONTEST RULES
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CODE TO LEARN MORE.

MAIN CATEGORIES

Saturday, 12 PM - 1 Fully Jointed Chicken Half (Complete with wing, breast, thigh and leg.)

Saturday, 1:30 PM - Pork Spare Ribs (Required: 8 Individual cut Pork Spare Ribs)

Saturday, 3 PM - Brisket (Required: 8 Slices)

Entry Fee: \$200

\$8,000

**GUARANTEED
PAYOUTS**

ENTRY DETAILS

Saturday's Main Categories: \$200

Jackpot Entry Fee: \$20 Each

TRAY PICKUP
MAY 1ST 4-6 PM

JACKPOT CATEGORIES

Friday, 7 PM - Margarita

Friday, 8 PM - Sausage

Friday, 9 PM - Cook's Choice

Saturday, 10 AM - Bloody Mary

Saturday, 11 AM - Beans



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ALL COOK OFF FORMS CAN BE
FOUND ON THE LEXINGTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEBSITE.

979-777-0570

Lacey Hannes, Cook Off Coordinator

HOSTED BY THE LEXINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
645 MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, TEXAS 78947



International Bar-B-Que
Cookers Association



★ **LEXINGTON
HOMECOMING
BBQ COOK OFF** ★
2026



Team Name: _____

Chief Cook: _____

Check if you are bringing a travel trailer Length(Don't exceed 40ft) _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Team Members:

Saturday fee is \$200 for all three. Jackpots are \$20 each. Late charge of \$25 for entries after April 24, 2025.

Circle Jackpots you wish to participate in.

Jackpot Categories: Margarita Beans Sausage Cook's Choice Bloody Mary

Saturday Categories: Chicken Half Pork Spare Ribs (No Baby Backs) Brisket

Make checks/money orders payable to: LEXINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mail Entries to: LEXINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PO BOX 562, LEXINGTON, TEXAS 78947

OR turn it in at the Chamber of Commerce drop box located at: 645 MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, TEXAS 78947

Teams are responsible for abiding by all published rules for the current year.

Chief Cook must read/understand - Award and Prize Money requirements set forth and the penalties for non-conformance.

Teams should not setup without authorization from the Cook off Coordinator.

Very limited electrical hookups are available.

Disclaimer

The Lexington Chamber of Commerce, their officers, members, and designated officials along with the land owners are not liable in either official or individual capacity for property damage, personal injury, or death arising from your participation in the Lexington Homecoming Chamber of Commerce BBQ Cook off. By signing this form, the responsible person for the entry:

(1) Binds each person participating in the cook off under the authority of this form to hold harmless from liability the Lexington Chamber of Commerce, their officers, members, and designated officials, in official or individual capacities, for property damage, personal injury, or death arising from participation in the Lexington Homecoming Chamber of Commerce BBQ Cook off; and

(2) Agrees to provide each person participating under the authority of this form with a copy of this disclaimer.

(3) Agrees that no glass containers will be allowed in the cook off area.

Printed Name

Signature and Date

Please contact Cook off Coordinator, Lacey Hannes with any questions (979) 777-0570

LEXINGTON HOMECOMING ★ BBQ COOK OFF ★ 2026

COOK OFF RULES:

1. Unless approved by the Cook off Coordinator, NO PITS will be allowed in the area until after 5 pm on Thursday, April 30th.
2. Pit check-in will be Thursday , April 30th from 5 pm-9 pm and Friday, May 1st from 8 am-6 pm.
3. There will be a head cook meeting at 6 pm on Friday, May 1st at the Chamber of Commerce building on Main Street. The chief cook or a designated team member must be in attendance. **This is mandatory**. Any team not present for roll call will be disqualified from competition unless the cook off coordinator is notified beforehand. Tray pickup will be from 4-6 pm.
4. Each team **MUST** keep their area clean.
5. **NO VEHICLES** in the cook off area except in designated parking areas. You will be asked to remove vehicles. A vehicle hooked up to a BBQ pit is permitted but no additional vehicles.
6. All RVs and travel trailers will be stored on the county lot across Belton Street. We will have limited spaces available for RVs/Campers. **Campers exceeding 40 feet will not be permitted**. Campers/RVs will need to provide an **inverted generator** for power. Please check the box if you are bringing a camper and specify the length on entry form.
7. The cook off will be held on the NW side of the square next to the Chamber building and the county lot.
8. Each team member will provide their own equipment and pits to cook their own meat.
9. The Chief cook is responsible for the conduct of their team members and visitors in their assigned areas. Absolutely **NO UNDER-AGE DRINKING** will be allowed! A team will be disqualified if found providing alcohol to minors. Please keep this event friendly, family oriented, & fun for everyone.
10. The Mason Lodge Patio is not to be used.

COOKING:

1. Use only “brisket” in the brisket category, “Pork Spare Ribs” in the pork spare rib category, (No Baby Backs), and (1) chicken half that includes breast, wing, thigh and drumstick in the “chicken” category.
2. Meats may NOT be pre-seasoned and must be cooked on the premises. Meat may be pre-trimmed before arrival.
3. All fires for BBQ must be wood or wood substance. No open pit fires allowed.
4. Each team will cook their own meat on their own pit.
5. All BBQ pits must be removed from the premises no later than 3 pm Sunday, May 3rd and your area cleaned before you leave.

MEAT TO TURN IN:

1. Brisket: 8 slices must be turned in.
2. Pork Spare Ribs: 8 individually cut ribs must be turned in.
3. Chicken: (1) fully jointed chicken half that includes breast, wing, thigh and drumstick must be turned in.

TURN-IN TIMES AND JUDGING:

1. Turn-in times will be: Chicken Half at 12pm (noon), Pork Spare Ribs at 1:30 pm and Brisket at 3 pm with a 20 minute turn in time of 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after.
2. Judging and scoring for the Homecoming BBQ cook off will be handled by the IBCA for Friday and Saturday categories. Jackpot categories will not count for points towards Grand/Reserve Champion.

AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY:

1. Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 places for all categories. 6-10th place will receive a banner. Top 5 places in all categories will receive prize money. The top 15 of Saturday's categories will be called to the stage to earn points for Grand/Reserve grand champion. Jackpot categories called will be 10-1st place.

2. Grand Champion will receive a trophy and a prize of \$1000 and Reserve Grand Champion will receive a trophy and a prize of \$500. The best rig will also receive a trophy.

3. The award ceremony will begin at 5 pm at the stage on Main Street. There will be no auction of Saturday's categories 5-1 place this year.

IBCA CONTEST RULES APPLY

Contest rules available at the link below. You can also scan the QR code to access contest rules.

<https://ibcabbq.org/organization-documents/>



JACKPOT RULES

MARGARITA CONTEST RULES: TURN IN TIME 7 PM FRIDAY

1. Must use tequila as a main ingredient. May use pre-mixes and spices.
2. Must bring your own ingredients, entry cups are provided.
3. Entry fee is \$20. Only 1 entry per team is permitted.
4. Garnishes are allowed, but there can be no salt on the rim of the cup.
5. Jackpot placings do not apply to Grand/Reserve Champion points. Decisions of judges are final.
6. Highest scoring entries will be paid prize money based on the number of entries.

SAUSAGE RULES: TURN IN TIME 8 PM FRIDAY

1. The sausage MUST be in link form in a casing. Stuffed or any other sausage not in link form is prohibited.
2. Highest scoring entries will be paid prize money based on the number of entries.
3. Entry fee is \$20. Only 1 entry per team is permitted.
4. Jackpot placings do not apply to Grand/Reserve Champion points. Decisions of judges are final.
5. Highest scoring entries will be paid prize money based on the number of entries.

COOK'S CHOICE: TURN IN TIME 9 PM FRIDAY

1. Entries are at the Chief cook's discretion. Entry may be any meat and/or vegetable dish cooked on the pit or grill. NO DESSERTS OR BREADS.
2. Highest scoring entries will be paid prize money based on the number of entries.
3. Entry fee is \$20. Only 1 entry per team is permitted.
4. Jackpot placings do not apply to Grand/Reserve Champion points. Decisions of judges are final.
5. Highest scoring entries will be paid prize money based on the number of entries.

BLOODY MARY: TURN IN TIME 10 AM SATURDAY

1. Bloody Mary must be vodka and tomato based
2. No skewers or food items outside of the cup. The lid must be secured to the cup at turn in.
3. Premade mix is permitted as long as vodka is the spirit.
4. Must bring your own ingredients, entry cup will be provided.
5. No restrictions on ingredients in the cup. Make it fun!
6. Highest scoring entries will be paid prize money based on number of entries.
7. Entry fee is \$20. Only 1 entry per team is permitted.
8. Jackpot placings do not apply to Grand/Reserve Grand Champion points. Decisions of the judges are final.

BEANS: TURN IN TIME 11 AM SATURDAY

1. Beans are to start out as DRY and must be started on site only after the conclusion of the head cook's meeting.
2. Beans can be soaked after the cook's meeting.
3. Cooks can use any ingredient they desire but nothing larger than a bean can be in the cup when turned in.
4. Highest scoring entries will be paid prize money based on number of entries.
5. Entry fee is \$20. Only 1 entry per team is permitted.
6. Jackpot placings do not apply to Grand/Reserve Grand Champion points. Decisions of the judges are final.