

Friends for Wishes BBQ Cookoff 2026



OCTOBER 23-24

Waller County Fairgrounds
21988 FM 359
Hempstead, TX 77445



Friday, Oct. 23rd

Gates open at 5:00pm
Ticketed Dinner
Live Auction
Fireworks from Roar Over
Texas
Music by Cooper Wade

Saturday, Oct. 24th

Gates open at 8:00am
Kids-Que
Silent Auction
Kids Zone
Champion Chicken
Champion Ribs
Champion Brisket

1st-10th Place Paid! With Payouts Up To \$10,000

For more information:

Scan the QR code or visit us at:

<https://www.friendsforwishes.org/bbqcook-off2026>





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Schedule of Events

Thursday

- Early Drop-Off – Noon till 7:00 pm
DROP-OFF ONLY – NO SET UP

Friday

- Setup 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Cook Team Check in 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Container Pickup 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Chief Cooks Meeting 6:00 pm in judges' room
- 8:00 pm – Fireworks by Roar over Texas (Cooper Wade to sing Amazing Grace)
- 8:15 pm – 11:00 pm Music by Cooper Wade

Saturday

TURN IN TIMES

- 8:00 am – Kids-Que Check In
- 9:00 am – **Bloody Mary** Turn-In
- 10:00 am – **Desert** Turn-In
- 11:00 am – Silent Auction Opens, (closes after awards).
- 11:00 am – Big Board Auction Opens, (closes after award)s
- 10:00 am – Kids-Que Turn In - Open
- 10:45 am—Kids Que Turn In - Pork Chops
- 11:30 am – Kids Que Awards
- 11:00 am - 10:00AM – Kids Zone Open
- 12:00 pm – **Chicken** Turn In
- 1:30 pm – **Ribs** Turn In
- 3:00 pm – **Brisket** Turn In
- 4:30 pm – Make-A-Wish Kids, Speeches & Awards

Sunday

- 12:00 pm **ALL TEAMS OFF PROPERTY**

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