

**SHINER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
HALF MOON HOLIDAYS BBQ COOK-OFF**

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Cook-off contest is hosted by the Shiner Chamber of Commerce. Teams which have pre-registered and have paid the entry fee by June 22, 2023 may start setting up at 5pm on THURSDAY (June 29, 2022). If you are NOT staying for the BBQ cook-off on Saturday, we ask that you set up in the Late Arrival/ Early Departure area.

All teams are asked to be out of the cook-off area by noon on Sunday, July 02, 2022. In the Cook Team area, we will limit any vehicle movement (except during an emergency) after dark. If you will be arriving after dark on Thursday, please park in the BBQ Team Late Arrival/ Early Departure area.

Please read the rules and regulations for the event as they will be enforced. We hope that you enjoy the competition and thank you in advance for participating.

SHINER HALF-MOON COOK-OFF SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

1. Teams must furnish all equipment and supplies needed. Teams should bring their own generator and water for the event. There is a very LIMITED number of water and electricity connections, available on a first come/ first serve basis. Shaded areas are limited in some cook-off areas; the committee strongly encourages teams to bring suitable shelter as the weather may require.
2. MOTOR VEHICLES: Motor vehicle access will be restricted within the cook-off area. Each team has a choice of only two:
(1) motor vehicle, one (1) motor home, or one (1) camper that will be allowed in the team's designated space (which could be limited to 30'X40' in size). All other vehicles will be parked in the general public parking area. Unauthorized vehicles in the cook-off area are subject to be towed at the owner's expense. Golf carts and UTV's (no ATV's) will be permitted by LICENSED DRIVERS ONLY. Any vehicle in the designated cook area will not be permitted to leave until Sunday morning, with the exception of the cook off area designated for late arrivals and early departures. Please note that there will be NO vehicle, golf cart, UTV movement allowed after dark in the cook-off areas. No horses or other animals allowed.
3. ENTRY FEE: See entry form. This CBA Four-Meat Fee reserves a space of 30' X 40'. Additional categories involve additional fees (see entry form). Teams must be PAID IN FULL before being authorized to enter park grounds. NO EXCEPTIONS will be made. There will be NO REFUND of entry fees for any reason.
4. JUDGING: only the judges and members of the barbeque committee are allowed in the judging area during active judging. Spectators are urged to watch the judging but are asked not to talk to the people in the judging area. No team members are allowed to be judges.
5. AWARD PRESENTATIONS: Awards will be given, as presented on entry form. The winners of the Friday & Saturday events will be announced at 6:00pm on Saturday at the Merrem Pavilion. If the head cook's winnings are over \$500, we will require you to fill out a W-9 form.
6. PROHIBITED ITEMS: Firearms, fireworks or any other explosive devices are PROHIBITED according to City Ordinance. Glass containers are PROHIBITED at the event. Horses and pets are PROHIBITED in the park. Quiet time will be strictly enforced after midnight.
7. The head cook is responsible for the conduct of his or her team. Failure to comply with the rules of the event, any health department rules and regulations, or the excessive use of alcoholic beverages may result in immediate disqualification and you will be asked to leave the event without refund.
8. All head cooks must be sure all their trash is put into the dumpsters and be sure no food or other trash is thrown into the porto-potties. No food to be dumped in campsites.
9. Each cook/registrant is encouraged to have some type of fire extinguishing device in their cook site.

10. The minimum age to compete in the adult categories (steak & jackpots, excluding Margaritas) is 13 years old. The minimum age to compete in Margaritas is 21 years old.
11. In case of a total tie score the prize money will be split between the cooks. Example: A tie between two cooks for first place. The prize money from first and second place will be added up and divided between the cooks. The rep will flip a coin to decide who gets which trophy.

MARGARITA RULES

- The promoter will provide 1 cup. The cups or containers provided by the promoter must be used.
- Drinks must be free standing. CBA and/or the Shiner Chamber of Commerce is not responsible if an entry is spilled in the judging area.
- Cups will be judged for appearance, creativity and taste.
- Garnish does not have to be edible on drink entries.
- No serving trays or placing of the cup inside something to make it stand up is allowed. Example: inside a pineapple
- REASON FOR A MARGARITA DQ: Entry turned in after the turn-in window has expired.

STEAK

- Steak may be cooked on any fire or heat source. (Wood, Charcoal, Gas, Electric, Pellet, Sous Vide etc.)
- The Shiner Chamber of Commerce will provide all ribeye competition steaks for the event to create a level playing field. No other ribeye steaks are allowed at a cook's site. Registrants are subject to random ice chest inspections by any representative.
- Steak cooks may only register once per competition and must cook their own steaks.
- No other ribeye steaks other than the ones provided to the head cooks by the promoters are to be present at cook sites.
- Turn in one steak, whole and uncut. The steaks will be judged as presented in the box.
- Placement of the steak and inspection for foreign objects is the team's duty, the boxes will not be opened at the turn in table.
- Steaks are judged on presentation, taste, and texture.
- REASONS FOR A STEAK DQ
 - Any foreign object found in the turn in box. (String, Toothpick, Skewer, etc.)
 - A steak turned in after the turn in window has expired.
 - Using ribeye steaks other than the ones provided by the promoter.
 - Cooking a steak for another competitor.

KIDS PORK STEAK COOKOFF:

- Kids competitors are 6-17 years of age. The parents may start the fire, but the KIDS must do the seasoning, preparation, and cooking.
- The Shiner Chamber of Commerce will provide the competition meat – pork chops.
- No garnishes allowed.