



April 26-27, 2019

The Ambassadors are busy gearing up for our 7th annual BBQ Cook-Off. We will be “Grillin’ for Grads” again this year! The last six years we have raised more than \$80,000 in scholarship funds for area high school seniors to use toward their college education! With help from community minded people like you, we hope to be able to award even more from proceeds from the 2019 BBQ Cook-Off.

We hope you will mark your calendar and join us again this year as a sponsor for this great event. Friday, April 26th we will have our Kick Off/Sponsor Party, on Saturday, April 27th the competition is on! The day will be filled with music, Kid’s Area and lots of good food and drinks. Back again by popular demand, we will have our Kid’s Cook-off and Rib Eating competitions. BBQ goers will enjoy various dishes and the People’s Choice “Belly Buster” award winner will be decided! For the team who raises the most money, the “Bringing Home the Bacon” People’s Choice Award will be presented! It’s a day full of delicious fun and activities for the whole family!!

New this year, “The Beer Barn”! This will be another great event within our BBQ event. There will be a designated area for our BBQ goers, who choose to purchase special wristbands, to join local brewers and taste the many flavors of beer they have to offer. This is sure to be a hit!

Enclosed, you will find the entry form for our 2019 Cook-Off and information on membership in the Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors. If you join now, your membership will cover the 2019-2020 year. Please review the opportunities to join in promoting and highlighting our event and making a difference in our great community.

We are looking forward to another great BBQ Cook-Off. Mail your entry form along with your payment or register on our website at grillinforgrads.com! Feel free to contact us with any questions or request.

Fire up the grill while we Fire Up the Fun for the 2019 BBQ Cook-Off!!!

Dr. Peggy Murphy
BBQ Chairman/
Board President

Madge Davis
Executive Director



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Mark your calendars for the Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors' 7th annual BBQ Cook-off at Festival Plaza in downtown Shreveport, Louisiana, April 26th-27th, 2019. Plans are well underway for a weekend of food, music and fun for all ages. Proceeds from the BBQ Cook-off will go towards the Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors' College Scholarship Essay Contest for Ark-LA-Tex high school seniors.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 25th: (for judges only)

6:30 PM: Judging School - Silver Star Smokehouse
1201 Dixie Overland Road
Bossier City, LA

Friday, April 26th:

8 AM – 5 PM: Team arrival and meat inspection
5:30 PM: Cooks' Meeting
6 PM: Kickoff/Sponsor Party-2 tickets per team included with entry

Saturday, April 27th:

8:15 – 8:30 AM: Judges sign in
8:30 AM: Judges' Meeting-The Depot at Festival Plaza

Turn-ins for Judging:

9:00 AM: Chicken
9:45 AM: Pork Ribs
10:30 AM: Pork
11:15 AM: Brisket
12:00-5:00 PM: Gates open to the public Music, Children's Play Area, Food Vendors, Mechanical Bull Rides
Rib Eating Contest and Kid's Only Cook-Off, People's Choice, Awards Ceremony

Approximately 5:30 PM: **Site Closes - may begin load out *once SPD has given the all clear.***

BEGINNING AT 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019 NO ONE MAY DRIVE VEHICLES ON OR AROUND THE FESTIVAL SITE UNTIL SECURITY DECLARES THE SITE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019. IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE PRIOR TO CLOSING, PARK YOUR VEHICLE ON THE STREET OR PARKING LOT!!!! NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE.

Sunday, April 28th:

8 AM: Site Tear Down. All sites must be free of litter by 12 PM.

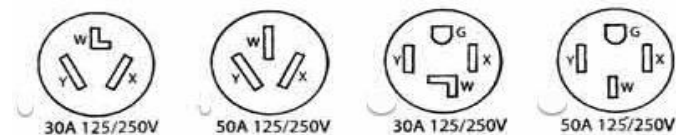
Extra tickets for Friday Night Kickoff Supper: _____ x \$15.00 ea. = _____

Will you be bringing an RV in addition to a smoker? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what is the length of the RV? _____

Will you need electricity? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, circle the one you need:



VEHICLE AND CAMPER PARKING POLICY FOR FESTIVAL PLAZA SITE:

ARK-LA-TEX AMBASSADORS BBQ COOK-OFF OFFICIALS, SHREVEPORT PARKS AND RECREATION (SPAR), SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT, SHREVEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CONTROL, LIMIT, RESTRICT OR PROHIBIT PARKING OF VEHICLES OR CAMPERS ON THE FESTIVAL PLAZA SITE (THE SITE). PARKING OF VEHICLES AND CAMPERS IS PROVIDED AS A CONVENIENCE AND PRIVILEGE TO TEAMS ON A LIMITED BASIS. THE SHREVEPORT FIRE MARSHAL HAS FINAL AUTHORITY ON THE PLACEMENT AND LOCATION OF VEHICLES AND CAMPERS ON THE SITE.

AFTER LOAD-IN HAS CLOSED AND BEFORE LOAD-OUT HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED, **NO VEHICLE ALLOWED TO PARK ON THE SITE MAY BE MOVED.** A STRICT "VEHICLE MOVEMENT" POLICY IS IMPOSED FOR THE SAFETY OF COOK-OFF PARTICIPANTS AND THE PUBLIC. IF TRANSPORTATION MAY BE NEEDED DURING THE EVENT AND PRIOR TO AUTHORIZED LOAD-OUT, PLEASE PARK OFF-SITE. OVERNIGHT PARKING AND PARKING DURING THE EVENT IS AVAILABLE ON THE STREET OR IN THE PARKING LOTS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS AND THE PUBLIC. DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE. BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU AND ALL TEAM MEMBERS YOU REPRESENT ACKNOWLEDGE THE AUTHORITY OF THE PARTIES INDICATED IN THIS POLICY STATEMENT, AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN, AND INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS ALL PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT.

ALL TEAMS MUST WAIT FOR SPAR ELECTRICIANS TO CONNECT TO ANY ELECTRICAL OUTLETS. IF ANY DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT OCCURS BECAUSE YOU CONNECTED YOUR OWN ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS WITHOUT SPAR ELECTRICIANS, YOU ARE COMPLETELY AND SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION.

Entry will not be processed without the signed release and acknowledgement.

By signing this form, I, and the team or organization I represent, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the National BBQ Festival, LLC; National Barbecue News; Holiday in Dixie; Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors, Inc, Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors BBQ Cook-Off, Inc.; Shreveport Parks and Recreation, the City of Shreveport, the sponsors, co-sponsors, agents, employees and volunteers, of the Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors BBQ Cook-off, individually, jointly or by class, from any and all claims including without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages or reasonable attorney fees arising out of or in connections with 1) any structure erected by a contestant, sponsor, host or municipality; 2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by a contestant, sponsor, host or municipality; 3) any act of the contestant, its agents, invitees, participants, representatives, employees, servants, and agents, and 4) any claims made on account or resulting from contestant participation in contests.

Chef Cook's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return the signed entry form with payment to:

Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors BBQ
7591 Fern Ave, Suite 1201
Shreveport, LA 71105

For Questions call 318-458-6102
or
email: arklatexbbq@gmail.com

SITE WILL NOT CLOSE UNTIL AFTER AWARD CEREMONY AROUND 5:30PM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28. NO VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED TO DRIVE ON SITE UNTIL SPD GIVES PERMISSION. THERE WILL BE OVERNIGHT SECURITY AND PLAZA MUST BE CLEARED OUT BY NOON ON SUNDAY, APRIL 29