

Backyard Challenge Rules:

- 1) Entry fee will be \$75.00 to enter in either or both divisions: Charcoal or Gas
- 2) Chicken and Pork Rib (no country ribs). You must enter both the Gas and Charcoal divisions and have entries in both the Chicken and Rib categories to be eligible for Grand Championship.
- 3) All meat must be inspected, in original store wrapper and in a cooler with ice, and must be held at 40 degrees.
- 4) After meat is inspected, you may begin to marinate products. Meat inspection will start at 6:00pm Friday through 8:00am Saturday.
- 5) No food products are to be sold or given to public from cook site.
- 6) A 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner will be awarded in for both Divisions in each category.
- 7) Turn in times: 12:00 Chicken; 1:00 pm – Ribs; 1:45 pm - Dessert. 2:30 –3:00 pm Awards.
- 8) You will have five (5) minutes before and five (5) minutes after the hour to turn in your entries to judges.
- 9) Containers for judging turn-in will be provided. You must turn in at least 6 samples. Example: 6 ribs; 6 chicken thighs, etc.
- 10) Entries will be judged on appearance, tenderness/ texture and taste in accordance with Kansas City BBQ Society rules.
- 11) When you finish cooking, a container will be provided for your hot ashes, excess grease etc. please use this container to avoid fires and help keep your area clean.
- 12) Your cooking area must be as clean as you found it. Garbage containers will be provided. Must have a gray water container and cleaning containers with a solution of water and bleach.
- 13) Do not have any open fires on the ground. Use a charcoal starter (chimney or start the fire in your cooker). All grill fires must be contained.
- 14) You will have a 10 x 10 cook site area designated for you. Those needing more space need to notify the Backyard Challenge coordinator for possible consideration as available.
- 15) **Access to electricity and electric extension cords will be available on a limited basis and may not be available to all areas of the competition. Those requiring an electric outlet need to notify the Backyard Challenge coordinator prior to the event for possible consideration, as available.**
- 16) You may cook with gas, wood, or charcoal.
- 17) Water and ice will not be provided.

- 18) The decisions by the judges will be final. A **MANDATORY** cooks meeting will be held Saturday, June 4th at 8:00am to go over rules and questions.
- 19) No pets, fireworks, or firearms are allowed on grounds.
- 20) Failure to follow the above rules may cause your entry to be disqualified.
- 21) Value of Awards will be in excess of \$6,000 in cash, prizes, and products.
- 22) Set up times will be Friday June 3rd, 6-10pm & June 4th, 6-8am. NO exceptions. Overnight security will be provided for the event and access to restrooms will be available.
- 23) You must be 18 years of age to compete. 18 or younger, a parent or guardian must be present at all times.
- 24) Hearth and Grill Shop, vendors, sponsors and any other participating entities shall not be held liable for any injury or loss.

Competition Tips: Don't forget tables, chairs, awning, or other covering. Have plenty of water and ice on hand. If you are competing in the Dessert Category – Freezer space is extremely limited. Consider a Dessert that does not require Frozen Items, i.e. Ice cream. Do a checklist of what you will need. Containers will be provided for judging turn-in. Plan ahead to have fun.

Grand Champion Prize: ~ Large Big Green Egg*

1st, 2nd, & 3rd place cash and prizes awarded in each category.

Sponsors: Big Green Egg, Firemagic, Pepsi Bottling Group, Broilmaster, Weber, and Music City Metals

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**7TH ANNUAL HEARTH AND GRILL SHOP BACKYARD CHALLENGE
SATURDAY – JUNE 4th, 2011**

Show your cooking skills in either gas or charcoal or both. If you are a beginner or seasoned backyard veteran, come have fun and compete for over \$6000.00 in **CASH & PRIZES**.

Entry Fee - \$75.00 Gas and/or Charcoal Divisions

Contact Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Each Division: Gas Grilling and Charcoal Grilling will have 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners for both the Chicken and Ribs Category.

You may compete in one or both Divisions, **but to be eligible for the Grand Champion prize, you must enter both Divisions and in all 4 categories.**

Dessert Category is for a Prize and Bragging Rights, it does not apply toward the Grand Championship prize.

Please check each category in which you plan to compete.

Gas Division _____

_____ Chicken

_____ Ribs

Charcoal Division _____

_____ Chicken

_____ Ribs

Dessert Category _____

I have read the rules and agree to abide by them. (See form)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Please fill out this entire page and return with it with your entry fee to The Hearth and Grill Shop. Please keep the Backyard Challenge Rules page for your information.

