

BBQ Cook-off Rules
62nd Annual Sylvan Beach Day Festival
Sponsored by the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce

1. Move-in is Friday, April 27, 2017 between 7:00am and 7:00pm. Any team that moves in prior to 7:00am on Friday, April 27, is automatically disqualified.
2. There will be no vehicles parked in the cook-off area. All vehicles must be parked outside Sylvan Beach Park by 7:00pm Friday. No exceptions. Violators will be towed.
3. There are only 31 spaces for cook teams. Spaces will be offered to past participants first and then sold on a first come basis.
4. Spaces are 40' x 35'. Cook teams are not to exceed the boundaries of their assigned space.
5. All cook team members must be 21 years of age. Proof of age is required.
6. Head cook will be responsible for the conduct of all team members and guests.
7. **State law requires that a person must be 21 to consume alcohol. Anyone violating this law will be held accountable. Any cook team serving alcohol to a minor will be disqualified and escorted off the premises and may be subject to prosecution.**
8. No bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, recreational vehicles or pets of any kind except service dogs or handicapped scooters.
9. No music after 11:00pm or during stage entertainment.
10. No glass containers in park.
11. Cook team meeting will be Friday at 6:00pm. Briskets will be tagged on Friday night.
12. Cook team area must remain clean at all times. Cook teams must supply their own trash bags and containers and are responsible for disposing of trash in dumpsters.
13. Requests for Port-a-cans must be made on the entry form. You are **not** allowed to order your own.
14. Each cook team must have at least one fire extinguisher in full view at all times.
15. The Chamber reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone for any reason.
16. Each team must have its own pit(s).
17. Fires must be wood or wood substance. No gas cookers allowed for judged meats.

18. Cook teams must supply their own firewood. No wood will be available at the cook-off.
19. Cook teams will be responsible for tent anchor weights. No anchoring will be allowed into the asphalt or concrete.
20. Cook teams must cook their own entries. No pre-cooked or pre-seasoned meat allowed.
21. Cook teams are responsible for turning in entries on time for judging.
22. Rules for entry containers and judging will be discussed at the cooks' meeting on Friday, April 27, at 6:00pm.
23. Judging will be held Saturday, April 28 (Friday, 7:45pm – Cooks Choice):

11:00am	Beans
12:00 noon	Chicken
1:00pm	Pork Ribs
2:00pm	Brisket
24. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in beans, chicken, ribs, and brisket.
25. Cook-off awards will be announced at 4:30pm on the main stage.
26. Judging results will be posted for all entries at cook-off chairman area.
27. No additional beer supplies may be brought in from outside on Saturday. Cook teams needing beer on Saturday must purchase it from the Chamber.
28. On Saturday, ice will be sold by the Chamber for \$6 for a 40# bag.
29. There is no water available. Bring your own water.
30. No generators, electricity will be provided.
31. No selling of food or fundraising to interfere with festival vendors.
32. Move-out is Sunday, April 29, between 8:00am and 12:00noon.
33. There are no refunds if the event is declared a rain-out.
34. Each team will receive 6 arm bands.

Please remember that this is a community fundraiser and we ask that you drink and act responsibly. Let's make this a fun event for all.