

# Roaming Elks Camping Club Backyard Smoke-a-Thon 2023 Rules and Regulations

Mandatory Cooks Meeting:  
Friday 7:30pm in the Hall

**Chicken** – Includes all cuts except wings

**Pork Ribs** – Bone in pork ribs / Country Style ribs are prohibited

**Pork** – Defined as Boston Butt, Picnic, or Shoulder

**'Anything But'** - Can include appetizer, dessert, or side-dish. This entry is optional and **MUST BE finished** in the smoker.

Anything But **CANNOT** just be a smoked meat entry (*for example- burnt ends*) and **CANNOT** be a Competition meat. Limited to one entry per team. You must enter 1 competition category to be eligible to cook in the 'Anything But' Contest

**People's Choice:** Pork Butt is the main item for the people's choice category! We ask that the teams help to stress this among those who have purchased taster kits and that teams plan to have extra available if they want to be considered for this award.

## Pay-Outs

\*Pay outs will be based on a percentage of entry fees for the three (3) main competitive categories.

80% of all entry fees will be divided up between each of the 3 categories (winners will receive a cash prize plus a trophy).

20% of all entry fees + Trophy will be awarded to the Grand Champion (**MUST** compete in Pork/Ribs/Chicken to be eligible)

Winners for the People's Choice and 'Anything But' contest will receive a Trophy + Bragging Rights.

Ties: In the event of tie, the tie breaker will be judged based on scores in the order of: Taste, Tenderness, and then Appearance.

Contestant may enter one (1) or more categories (entering all four is not required). You will only be judged in the categories you have registered for. Entry fee covers all three (3) competition categories. Early registration fee is \$60 for Chicken/Ribs/Pork + \$10 for optional Anything But contest if paid by April 15<sup>th</sup>. After April 15<sup>th</sup>, the registration fee will be \$70 +\$10 for optional Anything But contest.

(MUST compete in the three (3) main categories to be eligible for Grand Champion award)

**Register / Check in: Friday evening between 6:00-7:00pm**

*(if not able to make Friday check in, please see Lori or Leslie Saturday morning prior to cooking)*

**Start time:** If checked in on Friday, can start cooking after mandatory cook meeting; if check-in on Saturday, can start cooking once registered

**Turn in times:** Anything But 12:30pm // Chicken 1:30pm // Ribs 2:30pm // Pork Butt 3:30pm

**Taster Kits on Sale at 4pm or shortly after last turn in (while supplies last)**

**\*\*People's Choice voting will end at approximately 5:20pm (to allow time to tally votes)**

**Winners announced @ approximately 5:30pm**

For the safety of others, if you or anyone in your cook team has been ill or recently exposed to COVID-19, we ask that you or that individual follow recommended CDC guidelines and please refrain from being involved in the event. All cook teams will be required to wear gloves while handling food! Cleanliness of the cook, assistant cooks, cooking device(s) and the team cooking space is expected.

Please remember, we are a non-sanctioned 'Backyard' event, we ask that you be respectful and honest with the prepping of your meat- no prep-work should take place prior to check-in/cooks meeting. Prior to cooking, meat must be maintained at 40 degrees F or less. After cooking, all meat **MUST** be held at 140 degrees or more.

Each contestant must submit at least six (6) portions of meat in an approved container supplied at the time of registration. Chicken and Pork may be submitted chopped, pulled, sliced or diced as the cook sees fit, as long as there is enough for six (6) judges. Ribs shall be turned in bone-in.

Sauce is optional. If used, it shall be applied directly to the meat and not be pooled or puddled in the container. **NO** side Sauce containers will be permitted in the turn-in container. Category meat and optional bed of greens **only** permitted in the turn in box. Anything else will be considered a foreign object and your entry will be disqualified.

**Taster kits:** Go on sale at 4pm. Each person with a taster kit will receive a ticket to vote for People's Choice. Samples for the taster kits will be provided by the competing teams – We also ask that you keep this in mind and bring enough meat for the people to try after they buy their taster kits.

Judging will be done by a team of six (6) persons. Only Judges, Contest Reps and Necessary support staff are allowed in the judging area during the judging process. Each judge will first score all samples based on appearance of the meat. The turn-in containers will be passed around the table and each judge will place a sample from each of the containers in the appropriate box on the judging mat. The judge will then score each entry for taste and tenderness, before moving on to the next entry. **NO** other activities are permitted in the judging area during the judging process.

Fighting and/or disorderly conduct, theft, dishonesty, cheating, use of prohibited meats, or any act involving moral conduct is prohibited. Excessive or continued complaints from teams on any of the above rule infractions shall be considered grounds for immediate disqualification from the contest.

**\*\*If you have any questions about the meat you are considering for your entry, please contact Lori or Leslie\*\***

Roaming Elks Camping Club



April 29th

# 12th Annual Backyard Smoke-a-Thon 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Smoker length \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not camping, Do you need access to Electric for your smoker? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEE PAID BY APRIL 15th, 2023 : \$60.00 + \$10 for Optional Anything But Category**

**ENTRY FEE PAID AFTER APRIL 15th, 2023: \$70.00 + \$10 for Optional Anything But Category**

We are competing in: Pork Butt \_\_\_\_\_ Ribs \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ 'Anything But' Contest \_\_\_\_\_

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.....PLEASE NOTE ....You must enter ONE (1) competition category to compete in the 'Anything But' Contest) and you must be entered in all THREE (3) Main categories to be considered for Grand Champion)

Weather permitting, there will be limited camping spots with electric available. If you have your own generator or would like to dry camp more spots are available. Camping spots are \$10—Please include this with your entry fee.

**Reservations must be made by April 8th, 2023**

**Note:** Spots are limited, so call first to confirm spots are available (see contact info below)

Camping Spot: Electric: \_\_\_\_\_ No Electric: \_\_\_\_\_ RV/Trailer Length: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "ROAMING ELKS CAMPING CLUB"

Mail Registration form and Fees to:

Roaming Elks Camping Club  
C/O BBQ Committee  
P.O. Box 3772  
Broken Arrow, OK 74013-3772

You may also drop off registration and fees in the RECC mailbox located in the Elks Lodge.

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you have any questions, please contact: Lori Speaks 918-770-6662*

**Agreement:**

In consideration and your accepting this entry, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive any/all rights and claims for damages I may have against Broken Arrow Elks Lodge, Roaming Elks Camping Club and all of its sponsors for any an all injuries suffered by myself or my team at the event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to the event organizers to use any photographs, video tape recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate reason. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Backyard Smoke-a-Thon. My signature of this application signifies an agreement for my participation at the Backyard Smoke-a-Thon. Furthermore I have read all the rules and requirements that pertain to this competition and agree to follow these conditions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_