



Florida Keys Media



BBO Cook Off Guidelines and Entry Form

You're a good barbeque cook. You care about how your BBQ comes off the grill and onto the plate. You've practiced and perfected your craft. Your friends and family all love your barbeque. It's time to take the next step and enter the 4th Annual Key Plaza All-American BBQ benefiting the Navy League Key West Council.

We are looking for the best BBQ in the Keys! You and three of your closest friends, family or co-workers will compete for a series of cash prizes and bragging rights!! Your team will be judged on four (4) different categories. We will have no more than twenty (20) teams in total and spaces will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis so please submit your completed entries as soon as possible.

This is a non-sanctioned event so it is open to both rookie and experienced BBQ teams.

Event Date: Saturday, October 15th

Time: 11am – 3pm

Set Up Time: 5am or later

Contest winners will be announced at 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm

THE CONTESTS

1. There will be four categories: Brisket, Ribs, Pork and People's Choice. Judging of the competition will be blind judging. Each team will be provided a box to place the entry into and one team member will be responsible for bringing the entry(s) to the judging tent on time. Any meat brought to the judges table after deadline will be disqualified from that category.
2. In addition to the judges' samples we request that you provide a minimum of 200 2oz samples, including at least 1 side (coleslaw, beans, corn bread, etc.) for the cook off guests. The general public will also be able to vote for their favorite BBQ team, so your samples are VERY important.

3. No food or drinks whatsoever may be sold by the contestants to the public during the event. Only BBQ samples or other pre-approved items may be given out to the public in return for a tasting ticket.
4. Turn-in times for each category shall be pre-set. Once this time is pre-set and/or announced no changes will be made. A turn-in window of ten (10) minutes before and after the set turn-in time will be recognized.
5. Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible.
6. Judges will be chosen by Florida Keys Media and its sponsors.
7. No pets or other animals are allowed in the cook off area.
8. Cook Off will take place rain or shine.
9. PRIZES:
 - a. Brisket + Ribs + Pork (prizes below will be awarded for each category)
 - i. 1st Place - \$250 Cash + \$250 Publix Gift Card
 - ii. 2nd Place - \$125 Cash + \$125 Publix Gift Card
 - b. People's Choice: The promoter will sell tickets to patrons, 10 tickets for \$25.00. Along with those tickets, a single voting chip will be given to the patron as well as an alcoholic (age verified) or non-alcoholic wrist band. The patron can visit any BBQ teams he/she wishes. The patron will drop his poker chip in the designated ballot boxes located at each team's table. Teams may purchase additional poker chips at the cost of \$5/chip (100% of proceeds to Navy League). All collections will end at 2:45pm and the winner will be announced at 3pm. The team with the most poker chips wins the People's Choice Award.

CONTESTANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Each team competing shall supply ALL of his/her own meat, cooking ingredients, individual cooking devices (portable stoves, wood, charcoal, grills, etc.) and utensils. We will provide a 10x10 area for you to set up your own tables and your umbrella/tent for shade and ice. All contestants must ADHERE to all electrical, fire and other codes. Teams will be allowed access to set up any time after 5am the day of the cook off – Saturday, October 15th. Contestants must be present and set up in their designated spot no later than 10am.

The Chief Cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team, guests or invitees. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. Any offensive conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the Cook Off. Glass bottles are not permitted in the contest area

PARKING

We will provide you with an area on-site for designated parking. The cooking area is for equipment only. No cars, trucks, RVs, etc will be allowed in the cooking area. You may erect additional free-standing tents or other shelters within your area. Teams may erect pop-up covers, tent covers, and/or enclose their space in any reasonable manner. **DO NOT PLACE STAKES OF ANY KIND** into the concrete or cause any damage to the parking lot.

TRASH AND OTHER DISPOSAL ITEMS

Trash receptacles will be placed throughout the contest area for each contestant to use. It is the responsibility of the BBQ cooking teams to keep their area clean and assist in garbage disposal.

WATER AND ELECTRICITY

Water will be available in selected locations. Electricity will not be provided.

ACCEPTANCE

Space is **LIMITED** and teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. A maximum of 20 teams will be allowed to participate.

Your entry must be received no later than October 13th.

If you have any questions or concerns you may reach out to ricklopez@floridakeysmedia.com.



BBQ Cook Off Entry Form

Team Name: _____
Business Names, Organizations or Individual Team Name

Chief Cook: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Each BBQ team is allowed up to 4 people per team.

How Many Members On Your Team?: _____

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FLORIDA KEYS MEDIA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS
AS THE SITUATION WARRANTS, ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.

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GENERAL RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I hereby acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in the 4th Annual Key Plaza All-American BBQ Cook Off. I hereby assume full responsibility for all liability and all risk of injury or less, including death, which may result from my participating in this Program. I hereby hold harmless, release, waive, forever discharge and covenant not to bring legal action or claim against Florida Keys Media or its sponsors for any and all claims or demands that I may have by reason of any accident, illness, injury or death, or damage to or loss or destruction of any property, arising or resulting directly or indirectly from my participating in the Program and occurring during such participating or any subsequent thereto.

Florida Keys Media, officials, sponsors or any other organizations or persons associated with the event are not responsible for any injury, theft or damage.

By signing below you are agreeing that you understand and agree to all terms.

All Team Members Must Sign this document in order to be considered for the BBQ Cook Off.

Date: _____

1. Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

2. Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

3. Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

4. Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

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