



~~~~~*The Annual Tribute to Juan Gonzales & John Goodson*~~~~~  
All proceeds benefit the scholarship recipients of the Youth Fair Board  
Always the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May

## **RULES**

**\*\*\*CHANGES ARE HIGHLIGHTED YELLOW\*\*\***

### **1. ENTRIES PER PIT:**

A Team consists of **only ONE (1) Chief Cook** and up to **FOUR (4) Assistant Cooks**. Only one entry (one chief cook) will cook on a given BBQ pit. With the exception of the Junior Division Cook-off, **ALL** contestants must be at least 18 years of age to compete. **Multiple entries in the same category by the same cook and multiple entries from the same piece of meat shall not be allowed.**

### **2. REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN:**

Contestants may check into the BBQ Cook-Off Grounds during the following hours:

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| Wednesday: | 5:00 p.m. until dark    | (pick up registration info on Thursday) <i>If you hookup to utilities on Wednesday, you will be accessed a fee!</i> |
| Thursday:  | 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. |                                                                                                                     |
| Friday:    | 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  |                                                                                                                     |

Payment of the entry fee is the contestant's express acceptance of these rules. Non-compliance of any rule or regulation will subject contestant(s) to disqualification. **Entry fees are non-refundable.**

### **3. Safety:**

The Lee County Fair Security Team has identified safety concerns for visitor foot traffic at the Charcoal Challenge and as a result, strongly recommends that we place restrictions on vehicles inside the cook-off area. We are all concerned about visitor safety and grateful for your cooperation. With fair activities and cook-off entertainment beginning on Thursday evening, attendance increases, which necessitates enforcing some changes to vehicles parked at cook-off sites. Once you have parked your equipment at your designated site, you will be required to move your vehicle(s) to the parking lot. Beginning on Thursday at 4:00 pm, all vehicles will be prohibited from being inside the cook-off grounds. **THE CHARCOAL CHALLENGE ENTRANCE GATE WILL BE LOCKED BY 4:00pm on THURSDAY until 7:30am on Friday then locked again at 2:00pm on FRIDAY until Sunday morning at 6:00am.** We encourage all teams to bring their supplies with them as soon as possible with the implementation of this policy. Due to safety concerns raised by our Insurance Carriers, you will no longer be able to pack up and leave on Saturday immediately following the awards, you will not be able to bring any vehicles in/out of the gates before 6:00am Sunday morning.

### **4. COOK'S MEETING:**

The Cook-Off on Saturday **WILL NOT BE IBCA SANCTIONED THIS YEAR** but will follow the same general rules as before...**A MANDATORY meeting for Chief Cooks will be held on FRIDAY @ 6:00 p.m. in the Judging area.**

## 5. COOKED ON SITE:

Any and all meats will be cooked on-site. The preparation and completion (excluding pre-trimming) of any and all meats in competition is within the confines of the event. Competition meat may be removed from the store packaging and pre-trimmed. However, pre-cooking, marinating, pre-soaking, or pre-spicing etc. **WILL NOT** be allowed prior to start of the cook-off.

**\*All competition meat is subject to inspection.**

## 6. SANITATION:

Cooks are to prepare and cook meat in a sanitary manner. Cooking conditions are **subject to inspection** by the judging committee. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be immediately corrected or the cook will be subject to disqualification.

## 7. BBQ PITS:

Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. Fires must be wood or charcoal. Pit may include gas or electricity to start natural substance **but not to complete cooking.**

**REMINDER: Your Pit should be of a permanent design that contains separate individual cooking chambers and heat sources. (No sharing of heat sources.)** Holes or open pits are not permitted.

**WOOD PELLET GRILLS CANNOT BE USED THIS YEAR! Fires must be contained and a safe distance from any adjoining team(s). Any flammable containers must be a safe distance from the fire.**

**Each team MUST bring a fire extinguisher**

## 8. PETS:

**NO PETS OR LIVE ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED IN THE COOK-OFF AREA WITH EXCEPTION THOSE ASSISTING THE DISABLED.**

## 9. JUDGING TRAYS:

Styrofoam trays approximately 9 inches square on the bottom with hinged lids and without dividers will be the judging container. A single sheet of aluminum foil will be supplied in each tray. All judging containers shall be clean and free of markings. Marked containers may be disqualified at the Head Judge's discretion. Cooks are responsible for insuring that the containers they receive remain clean and undamaged.

## 10. DOUBLE NUMBER SYSTEM:

The secret, double number system will be utilized. The system requires that two tickets bearing the same number be used with one firmly attached to the judging tray (or cup) in a manner which hides the number and the other ticket easily removed by the Chief Cook for retention after signing the Head Cook's name in front of an Charcoal Challenge representative. Winning numbers will not be revealed until time to announce each place in each category. Only then will the secret numbers attached to the tray/cup be removed and announced. Only lids with tickets will be taken to the awards ceremony with final table numbers. The actual ticket will have to be physically presented for verification. Photos or copies **will not** be accepted for verification.

## 11. JUDGING TRAY CONTENTS:

Trays will be inspected at the time of turn-in in order to assure compliance with the turn-in criteria. All three meats are required to be turned in meat side up. The amounts are as follows:

- a. Brisket - Nine (9) full width slices (approx. 1/4" to 3/8" thick). All blocking must be done before cooking. The fat cap may be trimmed or cut away before the slices are placed in the tray.
- b. Pork Spare Ribs – Nine (9) individual ribs (bone-in) St. Louis Cut acceptable.  
(NO baby back ribs allowed). Ribs must be placed in the trap TOP side up lying parallel to the hinge.
- c. Chicken - Two (2) Separate 1/2 fully jointed chicken halves to include breast, wing, thigh, & drumstick.  
**SKIN ON. (NO Cornish hens. No garnishes, sauce, or PUDDLING in bottom of the tray allowed.)**

## 12. TURN-IN TIMES:

Times are set and/or announced at the Chief Cooks meeting and no changes will be made. A turn-in window of ten (10) Minutes before and after the set turn-in time will be recognized. Judging trays received after that time will not be accepted for judging. Ten minutes and one second is considered AFTER the set turn-in time.

## 13. TERMS FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

After the tray has been turned in, any tray found to be in violation of the rules will be disqualified at the discretion of the Head Judge. Disqualified tray numbers will be called out immediately following the category announcements.

## 14. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

Each team is responsible for compliance with the rules as set forth. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. **ALCOHOL is NOT to be brought onto the fairgrounds after check-in.** Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the general public by contestants. Each team must monitor its own area when it pertains to minors. **MINORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CONSUME OR BE IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT ANY TIME. NO GLASS containers are permitted in the BBQ area. REMINDER: COOLERS ARE TO REMAIN WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE COOK-OFF AREA OR THEY WILL BE CONFISCATED BY FAIR OFFICIALS AND DISQUALIFIED. REMINDER: NO OPEN CONTAINERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT IN OR TAKEN OUTSIDE OF THE TICKET GATES.** Any team found in violation of any of these rules and regulations set forth by the Lee County Fair Association and Charcoal Challenge Committee will be disqualified. Disqualified Teams have no appeals and no refunds.

## 15. BOUNDARIES:

Teams must fit within the assigned boundaries with all structures/equipment. Travel trailers, RVs or similar vehicles (exclusive of your cooking rigs) will only be permitted inside the contest area. **NO pickups, trucks, cars, etc will be allowed to park in the cook-off area.** All contestants are responsible for keeping their contest area clean & that the area is cleaned & policed following the contest.

All fires must be put out, concrete blocks & other building materials or props hauled away & all equipment removed from the Cook-Off grounds before noon on Sunday.

## 16. SPACES:

Spaces 1 thru 24 are 35'x40'. Spaces 25 thru 74 are 30'x30'. Spaces 75 thru 83 are 32'x50'. Spaces A thru H are 30'x30'. Spaces J thru L are ±30'x30'. Spaces M thru O are ±40'x34'. Vehicle equipment and props for each team must be within your allocated space. RVs may be moved in beginning on Wednesday.

## 17. SOUND EQUIPMENT – LIVE MUSIC:

With respect to all cookers, **QUIET TIME WILL BE OBSERVED EACH NIGHT FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6:30 A.M.** Sound equipment, stereos, speakers, live bands, etc. which are set up within your area are permissible. **HOWEVER, ANYTIME THE EVENT STAGE IS OCCUPIED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS, SCHEDULED ENTERTAINMENT, CONTEST, ETC. ALL SOUND EQUIPMENT MUST BE TURNED OFF OR DOWN TO A LOWER VOLUME SO AS TO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE EVENT STAGE.** Any team whose music or noise volume disturbs neighboring teams will be asked to cooperate by lowering the volume. We are all here to have a good time, but please be considerate of others. The last thing the Cook-off Committee would want to do is to disqualify someone for being uncooperative. This, of course, is a last resort.

## 18. DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR:

The Charcoal Challenge Committee and the Lee County Fair is implementing a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for any & all fights that break out in team spaces including team members or visitors. **REMINDER: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHIEF COOK TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS IN HIS/HER COOK-OFF SPACE REGARDLESS OF IF THE CHIEF COOK IS PRESENT OR NOT DURING THE INCIDENT.** Individuals exhibiting obnoxious or unruly conduct including: cursing, screaming profanity, verbal threatening, fighting or other disruptive behaviors directed at Charcoal Challenge Committee members, or Fair Board members will be escorted from the cook-off premises by security and prohibited from participating in future Charcoal Challenge cook-offs. As determined by Fair Board and/or Charcoal Challenge cook-off officials & law enforcement. Offense defined--A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if, with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, he/she:

- engages in fighting or threatening, or in violent or tumultuous behavior.
- makes unreasonable noise.
- uses obscene language, or makes an obscene gesture; or
- creates a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose of the actor.
- does not abide by rules & guidelines of Charcoal Challenge and the Lee County Fair.
- The Charcoal Challenge reserves the right to refuse admittance to alumni or any other persons seeking entry to this event.

Additionally, there will be no lewd or inappropriate acts, behavior or events allowed on the grounds of the BBQ cook-off by cooks, guest, staff, etc. Any cooks found participating in or allowing inappropriate activities in their tent area will be disqualified from the cook-off, the team's event will be shut down and the team involved will be removed from the premises immediately and not allowed to participate in future Charcoal Challenge cook-offs. Disqualified Teams have no appeals and no refunds.

## 19. SECURITY:

Security is located on the Fair Grounds and can be contacted by calling 979-542-2800. A security officer will be dispatched as needed. Contact information will be included in your Registration Packet.

## 20. PARKING:

The Lee County Fair Association requires that RV trailers (pull type or motorized) only be allowed within each team's contest area. **No pickups, trucks, cars, etc. will be allowed in the contest area.** We have parking outside the contest area. ***No gators, 3 or 4-wheelers or golf carts are allowed within the Fairgrounds.*** Accommodations will be made for our cooks with disabilities & special needs. Due to the policy of the Lee County Fair Association, use of mobility aids or other motorized devices (i.e. golf carts, ATV'S, etc) are restricted to Fair and Charcoal Challenge Staff and Volunteers alone and such use must occur within the confines of the cook-off area only.

**NO PASSENGERS.** No unlicensed drivers will be permitted to operate mobility aids including no unlicensed driver under 18 years of age. Strict adherence to this policy will be enforced and voluntary cooperation is encouraged. Non-compliance will be considered an abuse of this policy and will result in the banning of the use of mobility aid. ***SIX PARKING SPACES ARE DESIGNATED FOR OUR SPECIAL NEEDS TEAMS & GUESTS. TEAMS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE MAY NOTIFY A CHARCOAL CHALLENGE COMMITTEE MEMBER TO ARRANGE PICKUP IN CHARCOAL CHALLENGE DESIGNATED PARKING. ADDITIONAL PARKING IS LOCATED IN GENERAL PARKING OF THE FAIR.***

## 21. VIOLATIONS:

**Any team found in violation of any of these rules and regulations set forth by the Lee County Fair Association and Charcoal Challenge Committee will be disqualified. Disqualified Teams have no appeals and no refunds.**

**22. INDEMNIFICATION STATEMENT:**

The *Lee County Fair Association* including its officers, directors, volunteers and agents (herein called Fair) and the *County of Lee* (herein called County), and the *Charcoal Challenge BBQ Cook-Off Contestants* including parents, and/or legal representatives (herein called Contestant), agree that the Fair and County will in no case be responsible for any loss damage or injury, regardless of how much loss, damage or injury is occasioned by whom. The Fair and Contestant will protect, indemnify and save harmless, the Fair from any and all claims, suits and/or judgments (including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit by the Fair) brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Contestant, whether solely or in conjunction with the Fair or anyone else.

# CHARCOAL CHALLENGE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

\*all new items are highlighted yellow\*

### 1. CHECK-IN TIMES

Check-in to the BBQ Cook-off Grounds is as follows:

Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. until dark (pickup registration info on Thursday)

Thursday: 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**\*\*\*ALL CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE CHECKED IN BY 2:00pm. ON FRIDAY TO COMPETE IN THE COOK-OFF.** Please contact us if you are delayed!

Upon registration you will receive one packet containing the following information:

- One (1) Chief Cook ID Badge
- Cook-off Map, Cook-off Brochure, Fair Brochure, RV Services, & Security Contact Info

**Teams are responsible for packets in their possession. No replacements will be issued, no exceptions!**

*IMPORTANT: Entry fees include the use of utilities beginning on Thursday.*

### 2. MEMBER YOUTH FAIR BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS

In conjunction with the Lee County Fair, ALL PROCEEDS from the Charcoal Challenge help fund scholarships for qualifying high school seniors in the county who are members of the Youth Fair Board and participate in various responsibilities throughout the event. The Lee County Fair and Charcoal Challenge have awarded over \$260,000 to qualifying seniors through this worthwhile program.

### 3. RULES

The *Charcoal Challenge* WILL NOT BE IBCA SANCTIONED THIS YEAR, HOWEVER THE SAME GENERAL RULES WILL APPLY. A MANDATORY CHIEF COOK'S MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 PM ON FRIDAY.

FRIDAY: See **EXHIBIT A** attached for *JackPot* events

SATURDAY: See **EXHIBIT B & C** attached for *Bloody Mary, Junior Division and Meat* events

A turn-in window of ten (10) minutes before and after the set turn-in time will be recognized. Judging trays received after that time will not be accepted. In the event of a tie for Grand Champion BBQ Team, the **BRISKET** will be the first tiebreaker, followed by ribs, then chicken.

### 4. TEMPORARY TEAMS:

**Temporary Teams: Teams can only provide a substitute team for one year and that temporary team must be approved by the Charcoal Challenge Committee. If a team cannot cook two years in a row, that space will be forfeited and the Charcoal Challenge Committee will assign a new team to that space. There are no exceptions!!** TEAMS must state that a temporary team is substituting on the entry form. The fill in team has the option of going on the waiting list but is not considered an alumni team and **WILL NOT** receive automatic for the following year event!

5. **WRISTBANDS – Per Decision of Lee County Fair Committee**

TEAMS ARE PROVIDED WRISTBANDS ACCORDING TO YOUR ENTRY FEE:

\$225.00 WILL RECEIVE 5 WRISTBANDS;

\$150.00 WILL RECEIVE 4 WRISTBANDS;

\$135.00 WILL RECEIVE 3 WRISTBANDS:

\$ 85.00 WILL RECEIVE 2 WRISTBANDS

Provided for the Chief Cook & Assistant Cooks. Wristbands serve as admission to the Fair & Cook-off Events. TEAM BADGES are for identification purposes only and are **NOT** your pass to get into any of the Ticket Gates. Team members are required to wear their wristbands at all times during the Cook-off on Friday & Saturday. If you do not wear your wristband, you will be required to purchase a ticket at the Charcoal Challenge Ticket gate or at any of the Fair Ticket Gates. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

6. **JACKPOT BEAN CONTEST**

The JackPot Bean Contest is open to all Cook-off teams and will be held on Friday at **4:00 p.m.** at the Judge's Tent. **Entry fee is \$20.00.** Reminder: a portion of the Jackpot events entry fee of \$2.00 per entry will be dedicated specifically to the Youth Fair Board Scholarship Fund. **CONTESTANTS must come to the Judge's Tent between 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. to pay entry fees and pickup containers. Only one cup of beans can be turned in from any one pot of beans.** Beans must be cooked on site from dry pinto beans. No pre-cooked beans will be allowed. Cook at least one pound. Use regular spices only. Ham-hocks, bacon, condiments & veggies etc. may be added while beans are cooking, however, **NOTHING BIGGER THAN THE BEAN WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE CUP AT TURN IN.** (See Exhibit A for a list of prizes and announcement of winners.) Cash prizes are based on the number of entries which determines the total amount of the JackPot. Prizes awarded to **TOP TEN WINNERS.** Entry should be brought to the Judge's Tent at 4:00 p.m. for check-in and judging. All decisions of the Judges are final.

7. **JACKPOT OPEN CONTEST**

The JackPot Open Contest is open to all Cook-off teams and will be held on Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Judge's Tent. **Entry fee is \$20.00.** Reminder: a portion of the Jackpot events entry fee of \$2.00 per entry will be dedicated specifically to the Youth Fair Board Scholarship Fund. **CONTESTANTS must come to the Judge's Tent between 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. to pay entry fees and pickup containers.** The "contest dish" may be any meat and/or vegetable dish cooked on a pit or grill – from rattlesnake to prime rib to cabbage, lobster, shrimp, or any other meat or vegetable dishes! **No desserts or breads permitted.** More than one "contest dish" may be entered with an **additional fee of \$20.00 per entry.** Cooking may begin after arriving on the Cook-off Grounds. (See Exhibit A for a list of prizes and announcement of winners.) Prizes awarded to **TOP TEN WINNERS.** Cash prizes are based on the number of entries that determines the total amount of the JackPot. Entry should be brought to Judge's tent at 5:30 p.m. for check-in and judging. All decisions of the Judges are final.

8. **JACKPOT MARGARITA COMPETITION**

The Jackpot Margarita is open to all Cook-off teams and will be held on Friday at **7:00 p.m.** at the Judge's Tent. **Entry fee is \$20.00.** Reminder: a portion of the Jackpot events entry fee of \$2.00 per entry will be dedicated specifically to the Youth Fair Board Scholarship Fund. **CONTESTANTS must come to the Judge's Tent between 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. to pay entry fees and pickup containers** (See Exhibit A for a list of prizes and announcement of winners.) Prizes awarded to **TOP TEN WINNERS.** Cash prizes are based on the number of entries which determines the total amount of the JackPot. Entry should be brought to Judge's tent at 7:00 p.m. for check-in and judging. All decisions of the Judges are final.

## 9. JACKPOT BLOODY MARY CONTEST

The JackPot Bloody Mary Contest will be held on Saturday at **10:00 a.m.** in the Judge's Tent. **Entry fee is \$20.00. REMINDER: CONTESTANTS must come to the Judge's Tent @ 9:30 a.m. to pay entry fee and pickup container. Showmanship has been discontinued for this contest.** Entries will be judged on taste only. Only **VODKA** will be permitted as the alcohol ingredient. May use pre-mixed juices. Regular spices only. Bring entry to Judge's tent for check-in and judging. Prizes and ***Trophies awarded to the TOP THREE WINNERS. Winners will be announced at 12:00 NOON*** (See Exhibit B). Cash prizes are based on the number of entries which determines the total amount of the JackPot. (See Exhibit B for prizes.) All decisions of the Judges are final.

## 10. JUNIOR DIVISION COOK-OFF

The Junior Division Cook-off will be held on Saturday at **11:30 a.m.** in the Judge's Tent. Contestants are required to have a parent or guardian who is a participant in the sanctioned cook-off. Contestants can register and pickup their containers at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Judge's Tent. **Winners will be announced at 1:30 p.m.** The division will consist of two categories including the **Pork Chop Flop & Mop** and the **Small Fry Burger Burn**. ***NO ENTRY FEE TO PARTICIPATE.*** (See Exhibit B for prizes.) The two categories are as follows:

- **The Pork Chop Flop & Mop** is open to youth ages 7 thru 12 years. A team consists of ONE (1) or TWO (2) COOKS. Contestants grill a pork chop of their choice (*not provided by Charcoal Challenge Committee*) that is no more than 1" thick. The pork chop must be cooked on the pit or grill on site. AWARDS will be given to the **TOP THREE WINNERS**. All entries will receive participation medals.
- **The Small Fry Burger Burn** includes ages 6 years and under. Contestants grill a hamburger patty (provided by the Charcoal Challenge Committee) with a container and picked up at the main tent at 9:30 a.m. The patty must be cooked on a pit or grill on site. AWARDS will be given to **ALL** contestants.

## 11. CHICKEN

The Chicken Cook-off Contest will be held on Saturday at **11:00 A.M.** at the Judge's tent (See Exhibit B for announcement of winners). **MEAT INSPECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY FROM NOON THROUGH 8 P.M. & FRIDAY FROM 7 A.M. UNTIL 2 P.M.** Each team will be given a container with a secret number in which to put the contest chicken. The chicken may be cooked however you want as long as it is cooked on the pit or grill. **Place Two (2) 1/2 fully jointed halves in the container meat side up to include breast, wing, thigh & drumstick. SKIN ON. NO CORNISH HENS.** Entry should be brought to the **Judge's Tent at 11:00 A.M.** (See Exhibit C for prizes.) All decisions of the Judges are final.

## 12. PORK SPARE RIBS

The Pork Spare Ribs Cook-off will be held on Saturday at **1:00 p.m.** at the Judge's tent (See Exhibit B for announcement of winners). **MEAT INSPECTION (WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY FROM NOON THROUGH 8 P.M. & FRIDAY FROM 7 A.M. UNTIL 2 P.M. Only Pork Spare Ribs (bone-in)** (St. Louise Cut acceptable) will be accepted for judging. **NO BABY BACK RIBS.** Each team will be given a container with a secret number in which to put the contest ribs. The ribs may be cooked however you want as long as they are cooked on the pit or grill. **Nine (9) individual cut ribs should be placed in the tray Top side up lying parallel to the hinge for judging.** Entry should be brought to the **Judge's tent at 1:00 p.m.** (See Exhibit C for prizes.) All decisions of the Judges are final.



### 13. BRISKET

The Brisket Cook-off will be held on Saturday at **3:00 p.m.** at the Judge's tent (See Exhibit B for announcement of winners). **MEAT INSPECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY FROM NOON THROUGH 8 P.M. & FRIDAY FROM 7 A.M. UNTIL 2 P.M. PRE-TRIMMING IS PERMITTED.** Pre-cooked, pre-salted, pre-marinated, or pre-anything meat is **not** allowed. **NO GARNISHES, SAUCE ON OR WITH THE MEAT AND NO PUDDLING AT TURN-IN.** Each team will be given a container with a secret number in which to put the contest brisket. **Nine (9) slices of brisket cut no wider than a pencil should be placed in the container meat side up for judging.** Entry should be brought to the **Judge's tent at 3:00 p.m.** (See Exhibit C for prizes.) All decisions of the Judges are final.

### 14. COOLEST PIT AWARDS

The awards given to the Cook-off teams displaying the **MOST UNIQUE BBQ PIT** (See Exhibit C). The **TOP THREE WINNERS** will be named when the Cook-off winners are announced on Saturday (See Exhibit B). All decisions of the Judges are final.

### 15. UTILITIES

Utility hookups include: Spaces 1 thru 24 & 75 thru 83 have ONE 30 AMP circuit each with individual water hookup; spaces 25 thru 74 share ONE 30 AMP circuit with another team with individual water. **If you require more amps, please bring a generator to support your electrical needs.** In order to keep in compliance with the electrical output of your space, please make sure that all your electrical appliances do not exceed the amps provided. If you keep blowing the breakers, we will have an electrician onsite to determine if you are in compliance. If not, you will be asked to disconnect. Spaces A-H & J-O will **NOT** have utilities. **REMINDER: IF YOU ARE USING A GENERATOR, PLEASE TRY TO BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS. 70 DECIBLES IS THE MAXIMUM NOISE LEVEL ACCEPTABLE. WE WILL HAVE A DECIBLE METER ON HAND IF WE HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS!** RVs may be moved in beginning on Wednesday. **NOTE: AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$30 PER NIGHT PER SPACE WITH UTILITIES IS PAYABLE FOR HOOKUP AND USE PRIOR TO Thursday.** Teams wanting to have their RV waste reservoir emptied should register by Friday. Payment due to Service Provider when services are performed. Details for times will be provided in your registration packet at check in time!

### 16. ICE

Ice will be sold in the cook-off area. The Ice crew will assist you with obtaining ice.

### 17. GARBAGE

Each team will have **ONE 55 GALLON LINED DRUM.** Please help us keep your area clean. If your trash is full, pull it out and we will pick it up and replace the liner. We supply the garbage bags.

### 18. RESTROOMS

Permanent Men's & Women's restroom facilities with showers are located at the East side of the Judge's tent. **BECAUSE VANDALISM AFFECTS EVERYONE: THE PERMANENT RESTROOMS ARE LOCKED AT 11 P.M. EACH NIGHT AND OPENED AT 6:00 A.M.** Additional portable toilets will be located near the registration building and **to the north of the permanent restrooms** and will be serviced daily.

**19. PETS**

**AS STATED IN THE CHARCOAL CHALLENGE RULES: NO PETS OR LIVE ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED IN THE COOK-OFF AREA WITH EXCEPTION TO THOSE ASSISTING THE DISABLED.**

**20. END OF COMPETITION**

The *Charcoal Challenge* is concluded following the announcement of winners on Saturday . **Vehicles will not be permitted in or out of the cookoff until Sunday Morning.** You may return Sunday morning, between 6:00am and 12:00 NOON to pack up. Please have your area clean and cleared by no later than 12:00 NOON on SUNDAY.

**THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN  
CHARCOAL CHALLENGE AT THE  
LEE COUNTY FAIR.**

PLEASE CONTACT **BETTY PETZOLD @ 979.820.1952** or **ALMA WEISER @ 979.716.4569**  
SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION OR CONCERNS.

**CHARCOAL CHALLENGE  
ALWAYS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEKEND IN MAY!  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**