

DALLAM & HARTLEY - DISTRICT 1 4-H

DATE: August 27, 2024

MEMO TO: Dallam & Hartley County Extension Agents, 4-H Members, Parents and Volunteers

SUBJECT: 2024 Dallam County 4-H Grilling Games

FROM: Luke Sharp
Dallam & Hartley County,
CEA -4H

CONTEST DATE: October 26, 2024
CONTEST LOCATION: [Insert Location]
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
CHECK IN: COOKS MAY START THEIR FIRES upon
GRILLS: arrival 10:00 a.m.
CONTEST BEGINS: Following Cook-Off
AWARDS BEGIN:
4-H ONLINE October 1st thru October 18th October
 < Early Registration 19th thru October 25th
 < Late Registration \$5 Per Category
ENTRY FEE: \$25 flat fee + \$5 per category
LATE FEE: Luke Sharp, (806) 244-4434
CONTACT:



GRILLING GAMES RULES:

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ELIGIBILITY- Must be a member of 4-H in Dallam or Hartley county.

ENTRY FEE- 4-Hers may enter one or all categories. This is also cooking and turn-in order.

Corn on the Cob \$5.00

Boneless Pork Chop \$5.00

Hamburger Patty \$5.00

Chicken Breast \$5.00

Chip Dip \$5.00

ENTRIES- There will be no team entries this year. All entries will be individual.

PIT OR SMOKER – Wood, charcoal or gas pits may be used. Household families may share a grill.

(4-Hers must provide their own grill). **NO GROUND FIRES.**

FIRE EXTINGUISHER - 4-Hers must provide their own fire extinguisher.

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT- Parents are allowed to assist teams with fire management and any safety issues that may arise. Parents are not allowed to cook, season, cut or prepare the entry in any way.

MANDATORY MEETING- There will be a mandatory cooks' meeting at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday in front of the judges' table. All additional questions and information will be handled at that time. You will not be eligible to cook if you are not at the meeting.

COOKED ON SITE – All meat/vegetables will be furnished the day of the cook-off. All food items will be available for pick up at 9:00 a.m. Meats and dessert will be prepared from scratch within the time constraints of the cook-off. The Pitmaster will officially start the contest at 10 a.m.

COOKING AREA – All cooks will set up in the designated cooking area. Trailer grills must stay in parking lot.

SANITARY CONDITIONS – Contestants must maintain the cooking area in a clean and sanitary condition. The Pitmaster may disqualify a contestant for unsanitary conditions or entries.

TURN-IN TIMES – Prior to the cook-off, the Pitmaster will determine the turn-in times. The turn-in times will be announced during the cooks' meeting.

Order of Grilling: TENTATIVE TURN-IN SCHEDULE

- 10:45 Corn on the Cob- must be turned in on the cob
- 11:00 Chip Dip- item of your choice. You will provide ingredients. Must be cooked on site
- 11:30 Hamburger Patty
- 12:00 Chicken Breast
- 12:30 Pork Chop

Contestants are responsible for making sure they know the turn-in times for each cook-off they compete in.

INSTRUCTION FOR MEAT AND CHIP DIP TURN IN- Entries will be turned in at the judges table using the styrofoam container provided by the Pitmaster.

GARNISH FOR THE ENTRY –Any garnish used will be at the discretion of the contestants.

JUDGING CRITERIA- Taste, appearance, texture/tenderness, and overall impression.

JUDGING FORMAT – The Grilling Games Score Sheet will be used for scoring entries. Judges' ruling and selection will be final.

BLIND JUDGING – All entries will be submitted in identical containers which have been assembled and brought to the turn-in table by the contestants. The container is a 9 X 9 hinged foam tray with a number to identify the Cook.

TURN-IN WINDOW – A window is an all-inclusive period of time. There will be a twenty (20) minute window which breaks down to ten (10) minutes before and ten (10) minutes after the designated turn-in time. This allows anyone who is a great distance from the turn-in point to have enough time to have his/her product checked and correct any mistakes before the window closes. If a cook misses the window the product will not be accepted and will not be judged.

TIES- All ties will be broken by scores in this order: Pork Chop, Hamburger, Chicken, Chip Dip, Corn

AWARDS- Top two cooks in each division will receive awards.

TOP COOKS OVERALL- Top two cooks overall will receive awards. Must compete in all 5 categories to be eligible for Top Cook.

Supplies provided:

- 2 lbs Ground Beef (turn in one Burger)
- 2 Boneless Pork Chop (turn in one)
- 2 Chicken Breasts (turn in three)
- 2 Ears of Corn (turn in one)
- 9 x 9 Styrofoam containers (for food entries)
- FUN

Contestant provides:

- Pit or smoker
- Fire Extinguisher
- Garnish to line the container (recommended leaf lettuce)
- Shade
- Water
- Seasonings/ Spices
- Cutting Boards, knives, tongs
- Cleaning supplies
- Ice chest to store meats
- Table
- Trash bag(s)
- Dessert ingredients. Must be cooked on site!!!**