



Mena Lions Club

6th Annual BBQ Cook-off

June 5, 2010 – Janssen Park, Mena, Arkansas

90% Payback of Prize Money

Rules:

1. Categories to be judged:
 - a. Beef brisket – must turn in seven (7) full slices approximately 1/4” to 3/8” thick.
 - b. Chicken – must turn in one half of a whole fully-jointed chicken; half must include leg, thigh, wing, and breast portion. NO Cornish game hens. Must be fully cooked or entry will be disqualified.
 - c. Pork spare ribs – must turn in seven (7) full ribs, cut apart. NO Country Style, Baby Back or Loin Back entries allowed.
 - d. Beans – must turn in a 20 oz. cup. Note there is a separate (\$10) entry fee for the beans contest.
2. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to the 1st through 3rd place winners in the brisket, chicken, and pork ribs categories. Certificates will be awarded to the 4th through 10th places in each category. The 1st through 3rd place winners of the beans category will receive cash prizes with a 90% pay back of the entry fees. A trophy will be awarded to the Grand Prize winner.
3. **Cooks meeting will be held Friday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the judging area. Head cooks MUST attend.** Competition cooking may begin after the meeting.
4. Contestants will NOT be allowed to sell BBQ.
5. Any photos taken by the Mena Lions Club, or on behalf of the Mena Advertising and Promotions Commission of your team and/or equipment become the property of each.
6. Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. NO gas or electric BBQ cookers allowed. Gas or electricity may be used to start the combustion of wood, wood products, or charcoal, but not to complete cooking. All fires must be contained and none are allowed on the ground. Each team should have fire extinguisher on hand.
7. No electricity will be available. Please bring your own generators. Self contained campers are welcome.



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8. Absolutely no firearms or explosives will be allowed.
9. Contestants will purchase their meat for the competition. Along with the entry fee, contestants must turn in one hot, cooked brisket at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday June 5th.
10. **Turn in Times:**

Pinto Beans	11:00 a.m.
½ Chicken	12:00 noon
Pork Spare Ribs	1:00 p.m.
Brisket	2:00 p.m.
11. Cooks are prohibited from participating as judges.
12. Each head cook is responsible for having his/her entry at the judging area at the proper time. The judging area will be under blue tents in the cooking area of the park.
13. All meats will be cooked on site without pre-cooking or marinating. Random inspections may be performed to assure that meat is not prepared prior to the official start of the competition. All entries will be subject to inspection.
14. Judging will be conducted under the IBCA secret, double number system.
15. No sauce or garnishes may be added to entries at judging time.
16. Each team will be responsible for the clean up of their space. The head cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests. This is a family-oriented event, so please act accordingly.
17. The Mena Lions Club reserves the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant; all regulations will be in accordance with the International Barbeque Cookers Association. Decisions of the judges and Mena Lions Club are final.
18. Announcement of winners will be take place at 3:00 p.m. or after judging is completed.
19. Please note – the cook off takes place in a dry county.



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Official Entry Form

HEAD COOK'S NAME: _____

TEAM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(please check categories to be entered)

- BRISKET CHICKEN PORK SPARE RIBS BEANS

Entry Fee = \$75.00 for one or all three meats, plus one hot, pre-cooked brisket to be turned in at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Entry fee for the beans competition is \$10.

Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold *Lum & Abner Days*, Mena Lions Club, Mena Advertising and Promotions Commission, their employees and volunteers harmless from any and all claims made against the above stated, including without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, and attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with (1) any structure erected by the Contestant, (2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by the Contestant, (3) any act or omission to act of Contestant, its agents, invitees, participants, representatives, employees, servants, and agents, and (4) any claims made on account or resulting from Contestant's participation in the contest. IBCA RULES APPLY.

I agree to abide by all rules established for the Mena Lions Club BBQ cook off.

Head Cook's Signature

Date

Please submit this original document with entry fee to: **Mena Lions Club BBQ Cook off**
PO Box 44
Mena, AR 71953

Make checks in the amount of \$75.00 (plus \$10 if you wish to enter the beans category) payable to the Mena Lions Club. Hurry, limited space is available. **Please submit entry fee and official entry form or RSVP by June 3rd.**

For questions contact Robby Hines at (479) 243-5797 or email 3hines@arkansas.net, or Steve Rook at (479) 394-7622.