



Sunday, October 12, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bobby Lanier Farm Park
2660 Cross Country Drive

COOKING COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Teams may enter just one category of the cooking competition, however there are no additional entry fees for entering more than one category.

There are three categories:

Best Grilled Burger - primarily ground beef, chicken or turkey but may contain other meats, veggies or cheese

Best Grilled Veggie - any grilled veggie or combination of veggies

Best Anything Goes Grilled - anything that isn't a burger or veggie

Each team shall follow these guidelines:

1. Each contestant must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Meat must be stored at 35° F or less before cooking. Coolers with plenty of ice will keep it cold enough.
 - b. After cooking the burgers, they should be placed in a covered container and maintained at a safe temperature until submitted to the judges.
 - c. Cleanliness of the cook, assistants and contestant area is required.
 - d. NO live animals are allowed in the cooking area. This is grounds for disqualification.
 - e. Each team MUST have hand-cleaning capabilities. Soap and water or waterless hand cleaner is acceptable. Facilities are available on site.
2. Bobby Lanier Farm Park Staff and Grill Off Chairs reserve the right to prohibit any team entry into the cooking competition, categories and event.
3. Chefs, restaurant staff, cooking hobbyists, backyard Joes, tailgaters, etc. may enter the competition.
4. Teams must cook on a backyard style grill. Charcoal, propane, flat top, skillet, smoker, Egg, etc., are all permitted. **Competition style or sized grills are prohibited.**
5. No electricity will be provided and **GENERATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
6. The main ingredient for each category must be prepared on site during the competition time frame.
7. Each contestant competing shall supply all of their own burger meat, cooking ingredients, individual cooking devices (propane or charcoal) utensils, preparation tables, etc.
8. Each contestant must check-in upon arrival. A contestant number and cooking area will be assigned.
9. Each team must have a fire extinguisher. All tarps and tents must be fire retardant.
10. Each team may have as many as five members.

11. The only thing provided to contestants by the Bobby Lanier Farm Park is a cooking area. Teams may set up a tent no larger than 10' x 10'. Pop up tents are preferred.
12. Contestants are expected to prepare at least six of the same item for judging in each category in which they are competing. One large aluminum pan and lid will be provided to each team as a blind box.
13. Turn in boxes/containers can contain garnishes or additional food. Only the main content of the category will be judged.
14. Judging will be done by a team of five persons per category. A sixth judge will be on hand in the event of a tie. Only judges, contest reps and necessary support staff are allowed in the judging area.
15. Items will be scored on taste and creativity on a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the highest possible score. Judges scores will be combined and averaged. The highest scores will be deemed the winners.
16. All results are final. Teams are reminded that this is friendly cooking competition to raise money and awareness for the Bobby Lanier Farm Park. Sportsmanship is required at all times.
17. Mandatory cooks meetings:
Monday, October 6, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 12, 12:30 p.m. just prior to the event
Both meetings at the Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive

**For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at
901-757-7375 or email jroberts@germantown-tn.gov**



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TEAM ENTRY FORM

Team name: _____
Team captain: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Email: _____
Mobile number: _____

Team entry fee: \$50 per team

Checks payable to: City of Germantown

Mail to: Germantown Parks and Recreation, 2276 West Street, Germantown, TN 38138

Categories: Best Burger _____ Veggie _____ Anything Goes _____

For office use only: Check # _____ OR Paid by credit card _____

By signing below, each team member agrees to comply with all event rules and to the terms of this waiver:

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the activities relating to "Grill Off in the Garden" the ("Special Event"), I hereby expressly assume all risks and hazards incidental to my participation in the Special Event and assume full responsibility for all risks of bodily harm and property damage resulting from or in connection with my participation in the Special Event, including without limitation, transportation to and from the activities relating to the Special Event. I hereby voluntarily release, waive and forever discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, the City of Germantown, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives and related persons (collectively the "City") from any and all liabilities, claims, damages, injuries and losses, including attorney's fees and courts costs, resulting from, arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in the Special Event and related activities; and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless from and against any and all liabilities, claims, damages, injuries and losses, including attorney's fees and courts costs, for personal injury or property damage to any person or entity resulting from or related to my participation in this Special Event.

Team Captain: _____
Team Member: _____
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For more information, contact Joni Roberts at 901-757-7375 or jroberts@germantown-tn.gov.