



Saturday, October 21, 4 to 9 p.m.
Bobby Lanier Farm Park
2660 Cross Country Drive

GRILLING COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Teams may enter just one or all categories of the grilling competition. There are no additional entry fees for entering more than one category.

There are three burger 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 Grilled Anything Goes – 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.
 - b. Burgers should be placed in a covered container after cooking and maintained at a safe temperature until submitted to the judges.
 - c. After cooking, all meat must be held at 140°F or above OR cooked meat shall be cooled as follows: Within 2 hours from 140°F to 70°F and within 4 hours from 70°F to 41°F or less. Meat that is cooked, properly, cooled and later reheated for hot holding and serving shall be reheated so that all parts of the food reach a temperature of at least 165°F for a minimum of 15 seconds.
 - d. Cleanliness of the cook, assistants and contestant area is required.
 - e. NO live animals are allowed in the cooking area. This is grounds for disqualification.
 - f. Each team MUST have hand-cleaning capabilities. Soap and water or waterless hand cleaner is acceptable. Facilities are available on site.
 - g. Use of any tobacco products is prohibited while handling food.
 - h. Shirt and shoes must be worn.
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. A fire extinguisher shall be near all cooking devices.

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 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. Grills, tents or any other equipment shall not exceed the boundaries of the team's assigned cooking space. All seasoning and cooking of product shall be done within the assigned cooking space. Teams shall not share an assigned cooking space or cooking device.
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 meeting:
Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. (prior to the event, followed by Cooks Dinner)

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at 901-757-7378 or email JRoberts@Germantown-TN.gov.