



## ***RULES:***

All registration will be done online. Registration is not complete until you have received a confirmation by email and payment is made.

**Set Up:** Check-in and setup will begin at 8:00 AM on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. No early setup.

**Tear Down:** You may begin tearing down after the community event on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 PM. All Teams must be out of the parking lot at space cleaned by 8:00 AM, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

- All contest meats for each team are to be inspected by the committee prior to cooking. All meat entered will be inspected at this time.
- Non-inspected meats will not be accepted.
- No preseasoned or precooked will be allowed.
- Marinating is allowed only after inspection.
- No sauce or garnish may be added to entries at judging time. Sauce may be used as a "sop" during cooking, but not poured on the presentation.
- Aluminum foil may be used for cooking purposes but is not allowed on the entry tray.
- Fire must be wood or wood substance.
- No electric or gas-fired pits will be allowed for contest entry meats.
- Fires may be in suitable containers, but at no time, be allowed directly on the ground – one fire extinguisher for every 30' x 40' space.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for each category beginning Saturday at 4:00 PM (chicken, ribs, brisket, appetizer/holiday cocktail). Each team will be responsible for having their contest meat at the judging station at the designated time. Contest meat entries received after the designated time (determined by the official clock) will NOT be accepted for judging. The contest chairman reserves the right to amend or make additional regulations as situations may warrant. Times are subject to change.

### **Judging Times:**

- **Chef choice appetizer and holiday cocktail 8:00 PM Friday**
- **Chicken 11:00 AM Saturday**
- **Ribs 12:30 PM Saturday**
- **Brisket 2:00 PM Saturday**

**NEW!** During the Heart of Christmas Community portion held from 6 PM – 9 PM on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the event attendees will have the opportunity to vote for your team for two awards:

Christmas Spirit Award – will go to the booth that displays the best Christmas Tree in our newly established tree walk at the HOC BBQ Cook-Off. Participation in the tree walk is a portion of the community event and is required for participation in the HOC BBQ Cook-Off.

#### Tree Walk Guidelines:

- Trees should be artificial and no taller than 7 feet
- Team will supply all needed décor and lights for the tree
- Each team is asked to donate their tree to an individual family or organization of your choosing after the event. If your team needs help with a potential organization, please let us know prior to the cook-off.

Crowd Favorite Award – for the crowd's choice of favorite food item served. Your team can cook ANYTHING for this part of the event. Keep in mind that the crowds are large, and whatever you offer will need to be served in a way that is easy to eat on the go. We understand that you can't estimate the crowds, but more samples could mean more votes for you.

The Chief Cook's meeting will be held Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at Fire Station 1 in Angleton.

The DECISIONS of the CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE, and JUDGES are final.

The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of his team and visitors. Absolutely no firearms or explosives will be allowed. Amplification equipment should be used in moderation. All such equipment **MUST BE TURNED OFF** by 10:00 PM. There will be no alcohol allowed outside the designated booth space during the community portion of the event (6:00-9:00 PM on December 3, 2022). The City of Angleton will not be responsible for theft or damage to equipment, supplies, or personal belongings while participating in this event.

Each team will be allowed one sleeping quarter and one vehicle within the assigned site. All other vehicles must be parked outside the assigned site. Booth spaces will be assigned. We will take into consideration your past spot from the previous HOC Cook-Off.

Have fun, be festive, and share your love of cooking with our community!

About the Heart of Christmas Event. This event is a wonderful testament to the giving spirit of the season and the joy of sharing with others. Scheduled for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 PM around the Courthouse, activities include a tree lighting ceremony, pictures with Santa, rides for kids and a tree walk - ALL FREE!

In 2018 we kicked off the First Annual Heart of Christmas Cookoff in conjunction with this established community event and it was a huge hit among cookoff teams as well as the public. All profits from this event go to a charitable organization. This year's recipient will be VOW22, an organization that seeks to prevent veteran suicide through community awareness, camaraderie, interaction, and communication with veterans. For more information visit <https://vow22.org/>. VOW22 is a registered 501(c)3. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

The City of Angleton is pleased to incorporate the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Heart of Christmas BBQ Cook-Off with the Heart of Christmas Celebration and we're excited to have your team competing in this wonderful event!

We look forward to some amazing BBQ!