ENTRY DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4th, 2025

**(To ensure placement in park and avoid $50 Late Fee)**

**IBCA Sanctioned BBQ for Meats**

**Larger Payouts, Payouts for all 10 Places on IBCA Meats**

Second year we will be enclosing the Park for the entire weekend!!!! All cookers will need to be in their spots by 3:30PM on Friday (see \*\* below) and will not be able to exit the Park until Saturday at Midnight to ensure the safety of everyone involved. Read below for all rules in each category, how to access your site, and everything you need to know to make this the best Cook off!!!

Those new to our cookoff, we are located in the Yoakum City Park. The closest Google address is 105 Kvinta Drive, Yoakum, Texas 77995. This is the Senior Citizen’s Building and will be where you check in, receive trays, have the cook’s meeting and turn in entries.

Each team that cooks all three meats, will receive three (3) combo/weekend wristbands, limit six (6) wristbands per team if cooking two sets or more of meats for the weekend. $35 value for each wristband, $105.00 to each team entered!!!

Since we are closing off the park, we are providing parking in Chumchal Field (Entrance off Southwell Street) for BBQ Cookers and Vendors to be close to the action, but still be able to use your vehicles during the weekend. Any vehicle inside the park on Friday afternoon, after 3:30 PM will not be able to move until Saturday at midnight. \*\* If you have to come in late or leave Saturday after Awards, please advise when signing up, so you can be assigned an area to accommodate this. Failure to do this will keep you out if you’re not already in OR in til Saturday at midnight if you’re already there!!!

Once we close the park, due to TABC temporary license, there will be NO Beer in and NO Beer out!!! So come well stocked for the weekend and if needed, we will be happy to sell you refreshments during the weekend as needed, as well as Ice by the Bag. We are hoping to provide this service by an ATV coming around to cook sites, as an added convenience.

Lastly, even though it is a sanctioned IBCA cook off, you do not have to be a member or join IBCA to cook in this cookoff, ALL Cookers are welcome!!!!

**Please turn in forms to Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce, 105 Huck St, Yoakum, TX 77995 or via email at** **info@yoakumareachamber.com****.**

**Payment can be mailed to P.O. Box 591, Yoakum, TX 77995 or we can take payment with Credit Card over the phone adding a 3.5% convenience fee.**

**ALL Cook-off Awards will be on Saturday at approximately 6:30PM at the Main Stage.**

**CULINARY EVENTS RULES:**

**Friday Events:**

**MIXER’S CHOICE: Turn in 7:00 PM on Friday.**

1. **Be on time. No entries will be accepted after 7:00 PM on the official event clock at the judging site.**
2. **Cup should be ¾ to completely full.**
3. **Please provide at least 12 oz. for judging.**
4. **Judging criteria is taste.**
5. **Be prepared to tell cook-off officials the type(s) of alcohol used in the beverage.**

**SALSA: Turn in 7:30 PM on Friday.**

1. **Be on time. No entries will be accepted after 7:30 PM on the official event clock at the judging site.**
2. **Cup should be ¾ to completely full. Salsa must be homemade.**
3. **Do not put anything but salsa in cup.**
4. **Judging criteria is taste and texture.**

**TOMATO MAIN INGREDIENT: Turn in 8:00PM on Friday.**

1. **Be on time. No entries will be accepted after 8:00PM on the official event clock at the judging site.**
2. **One (1) piece of aluminum foil may be placed in the bottom of the plate.**
3. **Amount to turn in: Should be enough placed in the plate to judge appearance of food plus approximately 10 bite size pieces for judges. But WE will cut it up once at judging station to retain moisture.**
4. **Turn in anything you wish as long as the main ingredient of the recipe is Tomato. Entry must be Homemade.**

**CHEF’S CHOICE: Turn in 8:30 PM on Friday.**

1. **Be on time. No entries will be accepted after 8:30 PM on the official event clock at the judging site.**
2. **One (1) piece of aluminum foil may be placed in the bottom of the plate.**
3. **Amount to turn in: Should be enough placed in the plate to judge appearance of food plus approximately 10 bite size pieces for judges. But WE will cut it up once at judging station to retain moisture.**
4. **Turn in anything you wish as long as it is made on a BBQ pit.**

**Saturday Events:**

**BLOODY MARY: Turn in 10:00 AM on Saturday.**

1. **Be on time. No entries will be accepted after 10:00 AM on the official event clock at the judging site.**
2. **Cup should be ¾ to completely full. Each entry will be given a mason jar at tray pickup. Entry must be turned in, in mason jar provided.**
3. **Please provide at least 12 oz. for judging.**
4. **Judging criteria is taste and appearance(garnishing).**
5. **Be prepared to tell cook-off officials the type(s) of alcohol used in the beverage.**

**JACKPOT BEANS: Turn in 11:00AM on Saturday.**

1. **Be on time. No entries will be accepted after 11:00AM on the official event clock at the judging site.**
2. **Cup should be ¾ to completely full.**
3. **Dry Pinto Beans – Cooked on Site. (Nothing larger than bean will be permitted in cup at turn in).**

**BBQ SAUCE: Turn in 11:30 AM on Saturday.**

1. **Be on time. No entries will be accepted after 11:30 AM on the official event clock at the judging site.**
2. **Cup should be ¾ to completely full.**
3. **Do not put anything but sauce in cup. Sauce must be Homemade.**
4. **Judging criteria is taste.**

**1/2 CHICKEN: Turn in 12:00 PM on Saturday.**

1. **See IBCA Rules in attached link and QR code for all rules and requirements.**
2. **Half (½) Chicken must include one (1) fully jointed Chicken Half to include breast, wing, thigh and drumstick.**

**PORK SPARERIBS: Turn in 1:30 PM on Saturday.**

1. **See IBCA Rules in attached link and QR code for all rules and requirements.**
2. **Entry should include eight (8) individual Pork Spareribs.**

**BEEF BRISKET: Turn in 3:00 PM on Saturday.**

1. **See IBCA Rules in attached link and QR code for all rules and requirements.**
2. **Entry should include eight (8) full slices of Brisket.**

**JACKPOT RIBEYE STEAK: Turn in 4:00 PM on Saturday.**

1. **Be on time. No entries will be accepted after 4:00 PM on the official event clock at the judging site.**
2. **One (1) piece of aluminum foil may be placed in the bottom of plate.**
3. **Amount to turn in: One (1) Ribeye Steak. WE will cut it up once at judging station to retain moisture.**
4. **Ribeye Steak should be the only thing in the plate.**

**KID’S STEAKS: Turn in 5:00 PM on Saturday.**

 **See separate handout and entry form for all rules and requirements. Pick up Steaks between 12 and 1 PM.**

 **Grills will be ready at 4:30 PM and turn in is at 5:00 PM. This cookoff is limited to first 20 kids signed up**

 **and paid. Kids do not need to be associated with a cook team. Anyone age 14 and under is welcome!**

**Cook Off Awards**

**Main Stage**

**Followed by Live Entertainment by**

**Carson Jeffrey and Jon Wolfe**

Don’t miss out on the 11th Annual

Tom Tom Kids’ Cook-Off

Registration is limited to first 20 paid entrants.

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**FOR YOAKUM TOM TOM BBQ COOK-OFF:**

1. **Even though it is a sanctioned IBCA cook off, you do not have to be a member or join IBCA to cook in this cookoff, ALL Cookers are welcome!!!!**
2. **Each team will be assigned a site for cooking. Size of each spot is 30’ x 40’. There will be a $50.00 fee for RV’s but they are welcome. Electricity is very limited. Generators are recommended and encouraged. Prior year BBQ teams will be allowed to pre-mark their spots from the previous year on Thursday from 1:00pm until 5:30pm, AFTER the BBQ committee has marked spots with paint. If spot is marked off before being assigned by the BBQ committee, it will be removed. After 5:30 PM Thursday, spots will be awarded on a First Come-First Serve basis. WE ask that all cookers enter the park off Davis Avenue and CHECK IN at Judging Center (Senior Citizen’s Building) to confirm spot assigned. We ask that ALL Cookers be in place by 3:30 PM on Friday afternoon. Once the park is closed, we do not want any vehicle traffic at all to ensure the safety of ALL participants of the Festival. If not, you will be placed near an entrance/exit using S. Park Entrance Only as space allows to avoid as much traffic as possible. \*\* If you have to come in late or leave Saturday after Awards, please advise when signing up, so you can be assigned an area to accommodate this. Failure to do this will keep you out if you’re not already in OR in til Saturday at midnight if you’re already there!!! In order to be eligible for more than one site (if needed), cooking team must cook a second set of all three meats in the cook off. If only cooking Beans or participating in Friday night events, you will not be allowed an extra spot.**
3. **Address of Cook Off is Yoakum City Park. Closest Google Address is 105 Kvinta Drive, Yoakum, Texas 77995. This is the Senior Citizen’s Building and will be where you check in, receive trays, have the cook’s meeting and turn in entries. This is where judging will take place.**
4. **Entry deadline is Wednesday before Cook Off, June 4th, 2025 at 5:00 PM. This is to ensure placement in the park as well as to avoid late fee of $50.00. We will still accept additional entries, if you have already turned in initial entry form to enter cook off. For example, originally signed up to cook 3 entries, but have decided to add an additional entry such as Mixer’s or Salsa. There will not be a late fee for this.**
5. **IBCA rules and regulations will be in force for all three meat categories. Please see their rules at the attached link** [**https://ibca.org/organization-documents/**](https://ibca.org/organization-documents/) **. By their rules we will award a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. Their rules explain teams will receive points for their rank in each of the three meat categories, similar to what we have done in the past and they have tie breaking rules as well. Grand Champion will receive $500 prize money and a plaque. Reserve Champion will receive $250 prize money and a plaque. (See below in Blue)**
6. **BBQ Triple Crown 77995 Winner will be awarded to the top performing BBQ team that lives in 77995 zip code, in Brisket, Pork Spareribs and ½ Chicken. Definition of 77995 zip code is any non IBCA member team who has a physical address in the 77995 zip code. To be eligible a team must enter all three events. Teams will receive points for their rank in each of the three events. Points for each category are awarded the same as in IBCA as they will be judging all the meats and recording judging. If top 15 happen to all be IBCA members, we will keep going down the list until we get to top three 77995 BBQ Teams. Monetary prizes will be given to 1st – 3rd place in BBQ Triple Crown as follows: $500 first place and plaque, $250 second place, $150 third place.**
7. **Plaques will be awarded for 1st – 10th place in Beef Brisket, Pork Ribs and Half Chicken. Cooker must be listed on team registration in order to win. Additionally monetary prizes will be given to ALL 10 places in Each Meat Category as follows: $345 first place, $295 second place, $245 third place, $200 fourth place, $165 fifth place, $135 sixth place, $112 seventh place, $90 eighth place, $70 ninth place and $60 tenth place.**
8. **In TWO Jackpot categories, Beans and Ribeye - plaques will be awarded for 1st – 10th place. Cooker must be listed on team registration in order to win. There will be an 75% payback. Payback to 1st place (50% of 75%), 2nd place (30% of 75%), and 3rd place (20% of 755). Amount for each place will be determined by the number of entries.**
9. **Tomato Triple Crown Winner will be awarded to the top performing team in Salsa, BBQ Sauce, and Tomato as Main Ingredient. To be eligible a team must enter all three events. Teams will receive points for their rank in each of the three events. Points for each category are awarded as follows: 10 points for 1st place, 9 points for 2nd place, and so on to 10th place which will be awarded 1 point. These points will be added together and the team with the highest total will be the overall winner. IF there is a tie, the team with the highest place in Tomato as Main Ingredient will be the winner. IF there is tie and neither team placed in Tomato as Main Ingredient, then team with the highest place in BBQ Sauce will be the winner. Monetary prizes will be given to 1st – 3rd place in Tomato Triple Crown as follows: $100 first place and plaque, $75 second place, $50 third place.**
10. **Mixer’s Choice; Salsa; Tomato Main Ingredient; Chef’s Choice; Bloody Mary; BBQ Sauce; and Kid’s Steaks – Plaques will be awarded for 1st – 5th place in each category. ALL Entries must be Homemade. Cooker must be listed on team registration in order to win.**
11. **Teams must be in compliance with ALL Health Department rules and regulations. IBCA recommends each team have a fire extinguisher at their site.**
12. **Entries should be presented to the judges in the provided containers only. No tampering with or marking of the judging containers. Any tampering with the taped-on ticket or judging container will disqualify that entry. Remember to retain one ticket and leave the taped-on ticket with the container.**
13. **If Electricity is needed, please mark appropriate box on entry form. There are NO water hook-ups at all. Electricity is very, very limited!!!!**
14. **Each team/group is allowed to have ONE vehicle/RV at their cook site. This vehicle will NOT be able to come and go!!!! All other vehicles need to be parked outside Festival area in marked parking lots. We will reserve Chumchal Field (entrance off Southwell Street) for BBQ Cookers and Vendors to be closest to sites. Only vehicles allowed, other than Golf Carts will be Emergency Vehicles as necessary.**
15. **ONE Golf Cart only, (NO ATV, 4 wheeler etc.) will be allowed per cooking group (not team).**
	1. **This means if you have BBQ Team #1, BBQ Team #2, and BBQ Team #3, all cooking together they are allowed ONE cart.**
	2. **There will be a $20 Permit for this vehicle.**
	3. **It must be driven by someone 18 years or older and can ONLY be used to transport entries to Judging station. Therefore, it should be parked before 6:00 pm and after 8:30 pm on Friday, AND before 10:00 am and after 4:15 pm on Saturday.**
	4. **They CANNOT Leave the park once inside fenced area!!!! They are NOT allowed on any Roadways entering the park.**
	5. **Safety First – passengers must be in a seat. No more allowed on cart if there are no more seats. NO hanging off the sides.**
	6. **We will have designated area for trailers in Parking Area/Chumchal Field, please ask if you are not sure where this area is located.**
	7. **Failure to follow these STRICT rules will result in the privilege being taken away this year AND any future year that you cook.**
16. **To ensure impartiality in judging, anyone associated with a cooking team will not be allowed to judge any event. IBCA Rules will be followed for all three main meat categories. Otherwise, in all other categories ALL judges will judge ALL entries.**
17. **Please be courteous about music (or other entertainment) at your cooking site. Maintain a volume that is for your area only. Curfew for all music is 10:00pm. We will have Live Entertainment by the Pavilion Friday evening, and Saturday day/evening so come join us and enjoy what we are offering. We are very excited with our lineup of live entertainment!!!!**
18. **BBQ teams are welcome to pick up their containers between 4PM – 6PM before the Cook’s Meeting on Friday or Saturday Morning at 10:00AM before any turn in times. Please take advantage of this as containers will not be available after the cook’s meeting.**
19. **Each team that cooks all three meats, will receive three (3) combo/weekend wristbands, (limit six (6) wristbands total if team is cooking two sets or more of meats) for the weekend. This is a $35 value for each wristband, $105.00 to each team entered.**
20. **Once we close the park, due to TABC temporary license, there will be NO Beer in and No Beer out!!! So come well stocked for the weekend and if needed, we will be happy to sell you refreshments during the weekend as needed, as well as Ice by the Bag. We are hoping to provide this service by an ATV coming around to cook sites, as an added convenience.**
21. **If at all possible, please turn in all team forms together at one time by the Wednesday deadline.**

**If you should have any questions that haven’t been answered by IBCA rules or these rules, please feel free to contact us here at the Chamber Office 361-293-2309 or Craig Oates, Local BBQ Organizer 361-210-9995, or Leyton Bohac Chamber BBQ Committee Chair 361-649-9070. If we cannot answer your question, we will contact IBCA Head Judge that will be coming and get back to you as soon as we get an answer.**