

2nd Annual
Texas Reds Steak & Grape Festival

June 20-21, 2008



Cook-Off Information Packet
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April 25, 2008

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Texas Reds – April 25, 2008

Dear Festival Applicant:

The City of Bryan Parks & Recreation invites you to apply to participate in the 2nd Annual Texas Reds Steak & Grape Festival to be held June 20-21, 2008. **June 20th will feature live entertainment and food only. Cook-Off will be featured on Saturday, June 21st.**

Please follow all application instructions carefully and note that the deadline for submitting the application for Texas Reds is **April 25, 2008**. You will be notified of acceptance by mail. Checks and photos will be returned only to those applicants not selected.

Please remember to include the following items once you have completed the application, as we will not accept any incomplete forms: **(1) your entry fee, (2) notarized hold harmless agreement.**

Texas Reds is an outdoor event and there are no refunds for inclement weather.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancel prior to March 21, 2008 – 100% refund

Cancel prior to April 21, 2008 – 50% refund

Cancel on or after April 21, 2008 – **No refund**

All cancellations must be in writing and mailed to: Texas Reds Steak & Grape Festival, c/o Gwynne Shillings, 1309 E. Martin Luther King Blvd., Bryan, TX 77803.

If chosen as a festival cook-off team, you must be available for set up Friday, June 20th and on Saturday, June 21st for teardown after the close of the festival. No vehicular traffic is permitted on festival grounds until after clearance by festival officials.

Owners will be responsible for keeping their pets leashed at all times and disposing of all pet waste along with providing necessary water and shade for their animal. Please have proof of rabies certificate available upon request.

Please review the attached cook-off information. If you have any questions, please contact us at (979) 209-5527. We look forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,

Gwynne Shillings
Special Events Marketing Coordinator
City of Bryan Parks & Recreation

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 25, 2008

Festival Hours: Friday: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Make check or money order payable to: Texas Reds Steak & Grape Festival, c/o Gwynne Shillings
1309 E. Martin Luther King Blvd. Bryan, TX 77803

My signature acknowledges that I will be present during all advertised hours of Texas Reds. I agree to set up my area before Festival opens. I agree to follow all rules and regulations set forth by Festival staff and understand that failure to do so can result in immediate expulsion without refund. I will have no illegal substances, or weapons on my person, my table, or my vehicle during the Festival.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Internal use only)

Business Name: _____ Location: _____

Please use this area for comments or requests.

Vendor Checklist:

- _____ **Check(s)/money order enclosed made payable to City of Bryan**
- _____ **Hold Harmless signed and notarized**
- _____ **Completed and signed application**

Make Check or Money Order to: City of Bryan

Paper Clip Check or Money Order Here (do not staple)

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979.209.5524.

Cooking Rules

- 1) There will be only 30-35 teams accepted for this event.
- 2) Cooking teams may use wood, charcoal, or propane.
- 3) Cooks meeting will be at 8:00am. Containers and Competition Steaks will be distributed.
- 4) ***Texas Reds*** will provide each team with 3-5 steaks. Cooks will choose 2 steaks to be judged for the competition.
- 5) Grilled Competition Steak will be turned in for judging at 3:00pm, awards announced at 6:30pm on the main stage located at Main and 28th St.
- 6) No garnishment; foil will be provided for judging tray.
- 7) Steaks may not be removed from your numbered cooking booth; any violation of this will result in immediate team disqualification from the competition.
- 8) The cooking teams need to provide all seasonings and “secret ingredients”. No illegal substances, chemicals, or drugs can be used. Steaks cannot be branded or injected.
- 10) All steaks remain the property of the ***Texas Reds***. Teams are expected to account for all steaks issued, either by turning in a ticket stub or a cooked steak. We realize that a steak is occasionally lost in the cooking process. We understand this and make allowances where necessary. i.e. tasting product for service and waste.
- 11) All steaks are to be handled in a sanitary manner. Plastic gloves are to be used in handling the steaks at all times. Proper food handling procedures must be followed.
- 12) Grills will be inspected for cleanliness before cooking. Unclean grills will be rejected.
- 13) Cooking teams are responsible for providing tables and chairs they might need at their cooking area.
- 14) A minimum 5 lb. ABC rated fire extinguisher must be readily available to each cooking team. All tents and canopies need to have certificate of fire retardant.
- 15) All beer and any other beverage must be in a plastic or aluminum container; no glass. Beer and beverages are for your own consumption. Do not distribute to Festival guests.
- 16) Ashes will need to be contained in the event ash barrels.
- 17) No more than two people can sleep at the site Friday night. All sites must be shut down for the night by 11:00pm.
- 18) Entry form and fees are due Monday, April 25, 2008.

Contest and Prizes

Cook-Off

1st Place

\$1,000 + Award + Wine

2nd Place

\$750 + Award + Wine

3rd Place

\$500 + Award + Wine

Peoples Choice

Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival Bragging Rights!!!

Our Festival guests will have an opportunity to vote for you for Peoples Choice. Teams need to provide own entertainment, food samples, etc. as part of the fun atmosphere of the ***Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival***.
Brag-on!!!

HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
Texas Reds Steak & Grape Festival
June 20-21, 2007

I, _____, the Undersigned, binding my heirs, executors, administrators, estate and assigns, do hereby agree to completely and wholly release, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Bryan, its officers, agents, independent contractors, and employees for any and all claims, damages, harm, personal injury, including death, property damage, lawsuits and judgments, including court costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees, and all other expenses resulting from the activities, programs, and events occurring on the above-state date of the state festival in Bryan, Texas.

It is the understanding of all parties that this release, indemnity, and hold harmless agreement shall apply whether or not the claims, damages, harm, personal injury, including deaths, property damage, lawsuits, judgments, court costs, attorney's fees or any other expense arise from the negligence of whatever nature, omissions, willful or intentional acts of the vendors or vendor's officers, agents, employees, independent contractors, other representatives, invites, licensees, or guests.

If this vendor is other than an individual, vendor certifies, warrant and represents that the individual whose signature appears below is duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the firm, corporation, partnership or other entity who is the vendor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed this ____ day of _____ 2007.

Vendor: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Before me _____ on this day personally appeared _____ known to me (or proved to me on the oath of _____) or through _____ (description of identity card or other document) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledges to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration there in expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this ____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

(Seal) _____
Notary Public In and For the State of _____.

My Commission expires _____.