



**WILD GAME COOK-OFF
2011 APPLICATION**

Presented By:
Woodville/Wilkinson County Main Street Association, Inc.
Woodville Deer and Wildlife Festival
October 8, 2011

TEAM NAME: _____

NAME OR TYPE OF WILD GAME DISH: _____

WILDLIFE CAEGORY: VENISON PORK FOWL ALL OTHER

CHIEF COOK: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NO.: _____ WORK PHONE NO.: _____

INSPECTION NEEDED PRIOR TO 7:00 A.M.: YES NO

ENTRY FEE: - **\$50.00 PER ENTRY UNTIL SEPT. 1ST** \$75.00 AFTER SEPT.1ST, 2011

Applications must be signed by the Chief Cook and accompanied by a check in the amount of the entry fee. An application must be accepted, and an entry fee must be paid for each *division* and *dish* entered in the contest. A COOK TEAM shall be comprised of no more than three members: One Chief Cook and two Assistants.

Make checks payable to: Woodville/Wilkinson County Main Street Association, Inc.
Mail entry and fees to: Woodville's Deer and Wildlife Festival's
Wild Game Cook-Off
P.O. Box 1546
Woodville, MS 39669

All contestants agree to indemnify and hold Woodville Main Street, Inc., the Woodville Deer and Wildlife Festival, its employees, agents and volunteers, harmless from any and all claims made against the same, including without limitations, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, and attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with (1) any structure erected by contestant, (2) any apparatus, equipment or personal property used by contestant, (3) any act or omission to act of any contestant, its agent, invitees, participants, representatives, employees and servant, and (4) any claims made on account of or resulting from any contestant's participation in the contest.

By signing this application, the Chief Cook acknowledges that he/she has read the attached 3 pages of Rules and Guidelines for the 2011 Wild Game Cook-off, an activity of the Woodville Deer & Wildlife Festival, and that he/she, as well as any representatives or participants with their team, will adhere to those rules and guidelines.

CHIEF COOK'S SIGNATURE

DATE

4TH ANNUAL WILD GAME COOK-OFF

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RULES AND GUIDELINES

I. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Wild game is defined as the meat of a non-domesticated animal. All wild game must have been legally killed and the sale or offering for sale of any wild game is illegal and strictly prohibited. The Chief Cook for each team will be required to declare the Wildlife Category their team will be competing in.
2. All wild game must be cooked on site. Any type of cooking device and fuel may be used. All fires must be contained in a grill, smoker or other similar device. NO fires on the ground or in pits are permitted. Wild game may be marinated or basted as the cook sees fit with any nontoxic substances and sauces. Meat inspection will be held on Saturday, October, 2011. Meat may be marinated prior to inspection, but must still be in a form that is recognizable as wild game until after inspection. Any ground wild game to be used for chili, etc., should be ground after the meat inspection. **At 7:00 a.m. a committee person, along with an inspector, will come by each team's assigned lot. If the wild game is not present and ready for inspection when the inspector comes by, or if the meat is not recognizable as wild game, that team will not be judged or allowed to compete in any of the competitions.** If an earlier inspection is needed, please indicate that on the application. Also, if you have any question as to whether the meat will be recognizable as wild game, please contact Wild Game Cook Off Chairman Scott Wesberry (601) 888-4343 prior to the inspection date.
3. Enough wild game must be prepared to provide samples to at least 5 judges, plus small (bite-sized) samples for at least 100 members of the public. You are not required to provide the same cut of meat to the public that you provide to the judges, but the samples provided to the public must be prepared the same as those provided to the judges. Other ingredients may be included in the wild game dish, as long as the dish is predominantly wild game and is prepared on site. Therefore, stews, chili, casseroles, etc. are not excluded, provided they meet the above requirements. Non-wild game side dishes, sauces, etc. may be prepared either on or off site. Judging and sampling by the public will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2011, and all required samples for the public must be available at that time.
4. Each contestant shall supply all of his own wild game, fuel, cooking ingredients, cooking devices, utensils, serving dishes and tables. The only things provided to the contestants are a cooking area and necessary sanitary facilities. All contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire and other codes of the City of Woodville, Wilkinson County, State of Mississippi and the United States of America. A team identification sign must be displayed in your cooking area. Since this is an outdoor event, and we have no control over the weather, it is suggested that you bring suitable shelter, as weather may require.
5. Team set up time may begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2011, and must be completed by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2011. All activities, setup, etc. will end at 10:00 p.m. on Friday and may resume on Saturday morning. The Friday night quiet time will be strictly enforced. All deliveries of equipment, stoves, supplies and other paraphernalia must arrive within the setup time. Each team must have an appropriate fire extinguisher within their cooking area. **After 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2011 NO VEHICLES will be allowed within the contest area.** Vehicles will be allowed in contest area at the end of the Festival (Approximately 5:00 p.m.). All liability/risk for items left in the cooking area Friday night shall be assumed by the contestants setting up and leaving the items. The Cook-off Committee, Woodville Deer and Wildlife Festival and Woodville Main Street disclaim any liability, and any items left in the cooking area are left at your own risk.
6. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of team and guests.
7. **The Chief Cook may have no more than TWO assistants.** A MAXIMUM OF THREE PERSONS SHALL CONSTITUTE A COOKING TEAM. If a cook-off participant wishes to be a part of a cooking team that is more than three members, then that person shall form his/her own team, or shall purchase a gate ticket/wrist band. Any assistant that handles food in any way must comply with paragraph 8 of these rules.
8. Each applicant must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Mississippi Department of Health including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Meat must be stored at 40 degrees or less before cooking. Coolers with ice will be sufficient.

- b. After cooking, the meat must be maintained at 140 degrees or above in a covered container.
- c. Cleanliness of the cook, assistants, and the contestant's area is required.
- d. No live animals are allowed in the cooking area.

9. Each team must check in at the registration area and will receive their cooking area assignment at that time. Cooking may begin any time after meat inspection.

10. There will be a **Chief Cook's Meeting** at the Judging Area on site immediately following the meat inspection on Saturday, October 8, 2011. If a team does not have a representative at the Chief Cook's Meeting, that team will not be allowed to compete; however, that team will be responsible for meeting any requirements or changes announced at the Chief Cook's Meeting.

11. No open alcoholic containers are allowed.

12. Cooking area must be left as you found it.

II. JUDGING SYSTEM:

1. Judging times will begin at 1:00 p.m. beginning with Venison followed by Pork, Fowl and then All Other.

2. Any team which does not have its entry ready to be judged at the required time will be disqualified.

3. A Cook-off Co-Chairman will provide each team with an official serving dish to present its sample to the judges.

4. A member from each team will be responsible for delivering their team's entry to the judging area at the assigned time. No team member may be present at the judges' table during the judging process.

5. A Cook-off Co-Chairman at the judges' table will insure coordination of entries being judged and keep the judges' table cleared of all entries for which sampling has been completed.

6. All judging will be anonymous. Each team will be assigned a number, and their entry will be marked with that number. The judges will not know any team's number.

7. A Cook-off Co-Chairman will remain at the judges' table throughout the judging process and insure that the judges judge the entry by matching each entry with the appropriate team.

8. Any judge not present when the first entry is judged shall not participate in judging any entries, and the contest shall continue without that judge.

9. First, second and third prize will be awarded to the teams with the three highest scores. Any ties will be decided by a coin toss.

10. **Awards presentation for all categories will be at approximately 4:50 p.m. , just before the end of the Festival.**

III. SAMPLING SYSTEM:

1. A minimum of 100 bite-sized samples are required for each competing team. Samples need not be made of the same cut of meat as served to the judges, but must be prepared in the same manner.

2. Samples in excess of 100 are strongly encouraged, but are not required.

3. Members of the public shall be allowed one bite-sized sample.

4. Each competing team shall have a sign posted at its Cook-off area identifying that team by name.

5. A Cook-off volunteer will be assigned to each competing team and will alert Cook-off personnel to any unruly conduct on the part of any members of the public.

IV. SHOWMANSHIP:

1. One or more judges who are not from Woodville or Wilkinson County shall judge the Showmanship Prize.

2. The judging will be over a continuous period from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2011.

3. There is no set criteria. Whatever the contestants believe is good showmanship is encouraged. Costumes, booths, decorations, actions and demeanor of cooks and assistants, and all other things located in and occurring at the contestant's cooking area will be considered.

V. SITE ASSIGNMENT:

1. All sites will be 20' by 20' squares until space runs out; then all sites will be smaller. Teams will receive their location upon arrival.

VI. NON-DISCRIMINATION:

The Woodville Deer and Wildlife Festival is sponsored by Woodville Main Street, Inc., a 501(c)3 corporation, whose policy is not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or disability. During the Festival, it is expected that all contestants and their representatives will adhere to a similar policy, and anyone deemed not to be adhering to such a policy will be disqualified and asked to leave the Festival.

VII. NO ALCOHOL or OTHER SALES:

No participant will be allowed to sell or distribute alcoholic beverages of any kind during the Festival. No participant will be allowed to sell T-shirts or other items, including beverages. The Main Street Association has exclusive rights to sell T-shirts and beverages at the Festival. This policy is in place because proceeds from those sales helps to pay for community improvement projects that Main Street sponsors, namely, the Pocket Park beside the Library on Main Street in Woodville, and the new composite Woodville/Wilkinson County full color brochure. Both projects are currently in the works.

NO EARLY (before 5:00 p.m.) Breakdown!!!

Because of safety, no cook team's cookers, vehicles, grills, and other equipment will be allowed to be moved before the end of the Festival (5:00 p.m.). At 5:00 p.m., **security officers** will direct the orderly and safe exit of all team's vehicles and their equipment. Thank you for your cooperation!

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WITH YOU THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

Your signature: _____ Date _____

I have read and agree to abide by all the rules spelled out in this 5-page contract. Not abiding by these regulations can make me and my team members subject to being disqualified from the competition.