Tri-Tip Cook-Off

Saturday, September 6, 2014

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Cooks Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
Contest Begins at 3:00 p.m.
Food Judging 4:00 p.m.
Gates Open to the Public 5:00 p.m.
Rodeo Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: $75.00
Entry Deadline: August 29, 2014

Prizes:
Champion Tri-Tip: $1,000.00
Reserve Champion Tri-Tip: $500.00
3rd: $250.00
People’s Choice: $100.00

Booth Decorated Around Theme of Fair (judged with Peach Cobbler Cook-Off entries): $100.00

Fair Theme:

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Entry Form

Team Name: ____________________________________________________________
(Your team may consist of 1-4 persons)

Team Member Names:

1. ___________________________________ 3. ________________________________
2. ___________________________________ 4. ________________________________

Team Captain Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________ Zip Code: ______________

Phone Number: __________________________ Email Address: __________________________

Team Captain Signature: ____________________________________________________________________

Registration form and entry fees must be received by August 29, 2014
Entry Fee $75

Waiver of Liability: In consideration of your accepting this entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, my team, executors and demonstrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my team may have against, the Tulare County Fair Foundation and/or the Tulare County Fair and their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by myself, my team, or my guests in the event. I hereby grant full permission to the event organizers and/or agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, videotapes, recording or any other record of the event for any legitimate purpose. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Cook-Off Competition as interpreted by the Judges/Organizers of the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Cook-Off event.

Team Captain/Chief Cook (Print Name)____________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________________________________________

Mail your entries to:

Tulare County Fair Foundation
215 Martin Luther King Blvd
Tulare, CA 93274

Email: PamelaFyock@tcfair.org

For questions please call: (559) 686-4707

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**Rules & Regulations**

1. Ingredients may not be precooked and must be combined, chopped, sliced, or diced, during the competition on-site, including garnishes. For safety reasons, no ingredients prepared or processed at home will be allowed.

2. All cooking must be done on a barbecue and everything MUST be presented to the judges in a disposable dish. Please provide enough for 5 judges. Dishes must be presented to the judges’ table on time-No Exceptions!

3. **ONLY TEAM MEMBERS** will be allowed in the cooking area. One team member should remain in the cooking area at all times for fire safety purposes.

4. A team may consist of one to four members. An adult should accompany any underage contestant.

5. There should be no eating in the cooking area, but all teams need to be aware that they need to stay hydrated during the cook off.

6. Alcohol and tobacco ARE NOT permitted in cook off area.

7. Be prepared to provide a 2oz sample of beef for 100 people.

8. Interaction with the public is encouraged; please be courteous in sharing cooking information.

9. All judging decisions are final.

10. The decision and interpretations of the Tri-Tip Cook- Rules and Regulations are at the discretion of the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Representatives. Their decisions and interpretations are final.

11. 25 entrants will be accepted on a first received first serve basis. Cook-Off space will be assigned at time of registration. All Tri-Tip Cook-Off and other equipment used by the team must remain within the assigned cooking space.

12. Contestants must follow all local fire, electrical, health and other appropriate local codes. **Contestants must review the Tulare County Environmental Health Department Temporary Food Facility Guidelines and obtain a one day permit from the Tulare County Environmental Health Department.** For information call 559-624-7400. One Day Food Permit application must be submitted to TCEH on or before August 29th.

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13. Teams will provide their own product, equipment, tables, shade, generator, etc. as needed or required for the cook-off. A fire extinguisher is required by each team.

14. One person is to be designated as the team captain or chief cook. The team captain will attend the Cooks Meeting and will be responsible for all the actions of the team. Only team members may assist with and be in the designated cooking space and or designated peaches cutting areas.

15. Check in time starts at 1 p.m. Cooks Meeting starts at 2:00 p.m. Vehicles will only remain in set-up area for loading and unloading. Judging will start at 4:00 p.m. People’s Choice will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Results will be announced at during the Rodeo.

16. All Tri-Tip shall start out raw and be inspected by the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Official. Once the meat has been inspected, they shall not leave the contest site. Cooking shall not begin until after the Tri-Tip has been inspected and approved.

17. Tri-Tip Cook-Off samples will be sold for Tri-Tip Cook-Off tickets only and may not be given away.

18. Tri-Tip Cook-Off tickets will be sold to the public for $1 each with 75% of sales going back to the teams. Collected tickets should be kept in a sealed box identifying the team. Team will turn in collected tickets to the Tri-Tip Cook-Off office at 7:00 p.m. for reimbursement.

19. Judging - Contestants must submit at least (6) six cuts of Tri-Tip enough for five judges to the judging area at 4:00 p.m. Beef entries will be submitted in a numbered container supplied by the cook-off committee. The number must be on the top of the container at turn-in. The container or Tri-Tip shall not be marked or presented in any way to make the container or beef identifiable. Judging will be based upon Appearance, Tenderness/Texture, and Taste.

20. People's Choice Award - Teams must provide 2-ounce samples of Tri-Tip for approximately 100 people. The team will provide one sample in exchange for one ticket. Attendees will receive one People’s Choice vote per Tri-Tip Cook-Off ticket. Attendees may cast their vote for their favorite team at the Tri-Tip from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The team with the most votes will win the People’s Choice Award.

21. Award Ceremony - Winners will be announced during the rodeo. Prizes will be awarded as follows: Champion Tri-Tip Cook-Off 1,000, Reserve Champion $500, 3rd Place $250, People’s Choice $100.

Please keep in mind that this is a Family Friendly Fundraiser and is intended to be a fun filled day!