

**KENTUCKY'S FORT HARROD
BEEF FESTIVAL**
P.O. Box 627
Harrodsburg, KY 40330
www.fortharrodbeeffestival.org
June 9-10, 2017



BEEF GRILL-OFF DESCRIPTION & REGISTRATION FORM

Competitor Descriptions:

Professional - applies if you are a food professional, such as a chef, food writer, family consumer economist, food educator, caterer, dietitian or if you prepare food on a professional basis.

Backyard Griller (amateur) - Anyone 19 years and older as of June 9, 2017, not professional

Youth - Anyone between 9 -18 years of age as of June 9, 2017 (parental permission and grill-off accompaniment required).

Categories for the 2017 Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Grill-off are as follows:

Backyard Griller (amateur) & Professional Division - Steak, Backyard Burger & Beef Brisket

Youth Category - Backyard Burger & Steak.

One Bite Challenge – Beef item and cook's choice item

People's Choice Award - All Backyard Griller (amateur) and professional competitors will automatically be entered into The "People's Choice Award" contest. The general public will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets from the Fort Harrod Beef Festival to sample your cooking. Sampling will occur on Saturday, June 10 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Tickets collected by participating teams will be counted as "votes". We will only be serving beef brisket to the public.

Best of Show Award - Backyard Griller (amateur), professional and youth team competitors are encouraged to bring props, costumes, decorations, gear, and anything else needed for a great presentation. All beef for the contest categories and People's Choice Award samples will be provided by the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival. Teams competing in One Bite Challenge will have to provide everything. This year, Critchfield Meats will be providing the Kentucky Proud Beef. Toothpicks will also be supplied. Competitors will be responsible for all other items.

How to enter: Mail registration form, check for all fees and Indemnity Form to:

Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Grill-Off

P.O. Box 627, Harrodsburg, KY 40330 by May 10, 2017

Entries & Fees must be postmarked no later than May 10, 2017. A confirmation email will be mailed by May 20th (we will also provide set-up and other logistical information at that time).

All entries **must** include entry fee per category and health inspection fee for temporary food service permit. Fees are non-refundable unless event is cancelled.

Please make checks payable to the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival.



We are excited about holding our second annual Kansas City BBQ Society Sanctioned Competitor Series. We hope to have KCBS Trained judges for this years event.



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OFFICIAL RULES & GUIDELINES



2017 GENERAL RULES: (Applies to all competitors unless noted specifically)

1. A team consists of one chief cook and no more than four assistants. Contestants may check into the Grill-Off Grounds beginning at 8:00 A.M. Friday, June 9, 2017. All equipment, including grills, must be set up by 8:00 pm Friday, June 9, 2017.
2. Eligibility: Back Yard Griller (Amateur) & Professional
Youth: 9-18 years of age as of June 9, 2017 (if younger, parental permission and cook-off accompaniment required and must be entered in youth categories).
3. Categories for the 2017 Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Grill-off are as follows:

Back Yard Griller (Amateur) & Professional Division: Following categories: Steak, & Backyard Burger, Grill-Off Prize money and banners will be awarded:

- 1st Place Each Division: \$600.00 (cash) & Banner
- 2nd Place Each Division: \$400.00 (cash) & Trophy
- 3rd Place Each Division: \$200.00 (cash) & Trophy

Beef Brisket: Grill-Off Prize money and banners awarded:

- 1st Place Each Division: **\$750.00 (cash)** & Banner
- 2nd Place Each Division: **\$500.00 (cash)** & Trophy
- 3rd Place Each Division: **\$200.00 (cash)** & Trophy

"People's Choice Award" contest:

All Backyard Griller (amateur) & professional competitors will automatically be entered into The "People's Choice Award" contest. The general public will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets from the Fort Harrod Beef Festival to sample your cooking. Specific times are to be announced. Tickets collected by participating teams will be counted as "votes" and the winner will awards as follows:

- 1st Place: \$150.00 (cash) and banner
- 2nd Place: \$75.00 (cash) and plaque
- 3rd Place: \$50.00 (cash) and plaque

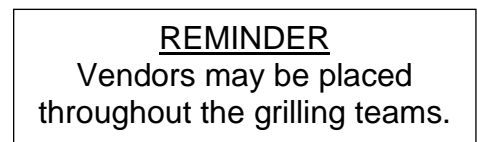
Youth Category: Individual competition held on Friday, June 9, 2017

Backyard Burger Category (one pound ground beef 30% fat or less) & Steak Category (Cut – 1 1/4" thick ribeye).

2 age divisions: 9-13 years old and 14-18 years old

Grill-Off Prize money and banners will be awarded as follows:

- 1st Place Each Division: \$100.00 (cash) & Banner
- 2nd Place Each Division: \$75.00 (cash) & Trophy
- 3rd Place Each Division: \$ 50.00 (cash) & Trophy



BBQ Sauce Competition:

Saturday, June 10. Turn-in time will be 3:00 pm.

Entry fee is \$10.00 per entry. 1st place winner in each division: \$50 & banner.

This competition is open to anyone, does not have to be a member of a registered team.



Sauce Categories:

- 1) Mild/Sweet 2) Spicy 3) Mustard Base**

Each sauce may be entered in ONE category in ONE division only. Teams are allowed to submit multiple entries not limited to number of entries

Sauce Ingredients:

We respect your honesty. Do not use commercially prepared BBQ sauce and then doctor it up. There won't be much satisfaction from submitting "Commercial BBQ sauce."

Sauce Preparation:

Preparation of the sauce will take place at each competitor's own cook site.

Sauce Presentation:

Each team will be provided with a small styrofoam container, you will be given a competitor number at the check in table. Do not apply any marking to the containers, so as to make them unique or identifiable.

Sauce Judging:

1. Judging for the Sauce Competition will be conducted by a panel of judges. Decisions by the judging panel are final; there will be no appeals.
2. A given competitor's entry will be scored separately on three separate components: 25% on appearance [e.g. aroma, luster, color]; 25% on texture [e.g. smooth, chunky, thick, thin, oily, watery]; and 50% on taste [e.g. salty, sweet, sour, spicy, mild, presence or absence of aftertaste].
3. Individual scores by each member of the judging panel will be made available to the competitors on Saturday after the awards program.
4. A single whole number from ten (highest score) to two (lowest score) will be used. A score of 1 represents a disqualification. Only whole numbers (i.e. no fractions) will be used.
5. In the event of a tie, the winning entry will have the highest value in the "taste" component.
6. Judges will not fraternize with competitors until the Sauce Competition is concluded.
7. Judging will use a "double blind" method.
8. Judges may taste the sauce alone, or with crackers/bread.

One Bite Challenge:

Friday, June 9, 2017. Turn in time will be 7:00 p.m.

Entry fee is \$25.00 per entry, teams can have multiple entries

Prizes: 1st Place - \$100.00 + award, 2nd Place - \$75.00, 3rd Place -\$50.00

"People's Choice" Award: Will be determined by attendees of the Wine & Cheese Event. Prize will be Kentucky Proud Gift Basket.

Categories:

- 1) Beef related one-bite item
- 2) Other category (cooks choice)

Rules:

1. One bite entries do not have to be bbq related, so feel free to be creative.
2. The only limitation is the entry must be a one bite portion.
3. All ingredients must be uncooked (meat, vegetables, etc.) unless it comes from the store prepackaged (canned food, cold cuts, etc.).
4. All entries must be made onsite, and contain 6 portions for judging.
5. A portion is defined as "one bite". Each bite should have all the ingredients and flavors of the dish.
6. Turn in boxes shall be provided by the judges with your team's number. The box may have garnish, but it is not required.
7. Turn-in time will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2017
8. We encourage you to prepare more of your one bite entries to be served at the Wine & Cheese event.

Health, Safety & Personal Conduct:

The general public (wearing an approved arm band) will be allowed tasting privileges, prior to, during or following sauce preparation, presentation and/or judging.

All competitors will observe all rules governing the main "Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Grill-Off" competition.

BEST OF SHOW: Prize - Banner


Backyard Grillers (amateur) & professionals competing for Best of Show should incorporate a theme and must adhere to the showmanship rules: (judged on theme, decoration, costumes, originality/creativity, presentation, and audience appeal).

- A. Showmanship must be limited so as not to interfere with other teams, or to cause hazardous or unsafe conditions to exist (guns, fireworks, etc.)
- B. Music may be used, with limited volume, so as not to interfere with surrounding cooks or teams.
- C. Show teams must not offer or dispense any alcoholic beverages to spectators.
- D. Disqualification will result for any team discharging firearms, or using any other explosives or noise-producing pyrotechnics. (No guns, capable of firing bullets/blanks, will be allowed for show.)
- E. Nudity, obscenity, and lewdness are banned from showmanship.

TRAVELING TROPHIES:

- A. Open to Backyard Griller (amateur) and professional divisions.
- B. Three Traveling Trophies will be offered in the following divisions: Bank, Industry/Business, Overall Professional/Backyard Griller (amateur).
- C. Backyard Griller (amateur)/Professional must participate in all categories (brisket, backyard burger, & steak), highest total points from all categories will determine winner. In case of tie, audience will determine winner.

- D. Traveling Trophy Winner must return with the trophy and compete to defend their title in 2017 at Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival. If not competing, trophy must be returned prior to 2017 event. Trophy is perpetual trophy and property of Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival.
4. Participating teams must use meat provided by Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival. Critchfield Meats will be the Kentucky Proud Beef Supplier for 2017. Tooth picks will be provided. Taste tickets (votes) will be collected in containers provided by the grill-off committee. Votes will be counted and will be announced during the awards program. **Saturday's Competitors will be disqualified if giving samples out to anyone who isn't wearing a Kentucky's Fort Harrod Bracelet as proof of purchase.**
 5. The Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Grill-off Committee reserves the right to combine categories based upon participation.
 6. Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary a manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Committee and/or Mercer County Health Inspectors. You must be in compliance with all Concessionaire Food Sanitation guidelines from Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources. Copy of this will be mailed with confirmation letter. Conditions found to be unsanitary will be grounds for disqualification from this cook-off. Be prepared for random inspection(s) by the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Committee or County Health Inspector.
 7. Fire may be wood or wood substance or charcoal. No propane, open fires, or dug pits will be allowed. However, a burn-down barrel will be allowed but MUST have some type of safety barrier placed across the top and around the sides of the barrel. Precautions MUST be made to prevent fire threat. You MUST have federally approved fire extinguisher with-in your cooking area. Failure to have a fire extinguisher will be subject to disqualification.
 8. Contest spaces will be available for each team. All cooking facilities, rigs, props, or show articles should fit within your team's contest space. Size of space will be assigned with confirmation letter. Additional parking for vehicles will be available outside the contest area.
 9. JUDGING: Contest meats must be delivered to the designated turn-in point located in the grill-off area.
 10. Attend the Cook's Meeting at designated times listed below at the designated grill-off area for explanations of the rules, any additional instructions and confirmation of turn-in times to be announced.
 - One Bite Challenge competition will be Friday, June 9, 2017
 - Sauce, steak, brisket, & burger competition will be Saturday, June 10, 2017
 - Griller's Meeting – Friday, June 9 @ 5:30 pm (estimated)
 11. The OFFICIAL TIME will be the one as kept by the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Grill-Off Chairperson. Winners will be announced after all judging is completed.
 12. DOUBLE BLIND JUDGING: You will receive a foam tray w/lid for each category entered. Each of these trays will have a team or exhibitor number; nothing should be attached to the exterior.
 13. Music Bands, and/or sound equipment within your team area is allowed. HOWEVER, excessive loud music and/or sounds which interfere with announcements, schedules, live bands and entertainment on stage, or which intrude upon or interfere with the comfort of fellow contestants will NOT BE ALLOWED NOR TOLERATED. Offenders will receive no more than 3 warnings from the Grill - Off personnel and non-compliance will be grounds for disqualification from the Grill-off and expulsion from Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Grill-off Grounds.
 14. QUIET TIME is 1:00 A.M. and will be strictly enforced, due to City of Harrodsburg Ordinance.

15. The Chief Cook for each team will be responsible for the conduct of his team, guests, or invitees. As well, the Chief Cook will be responsible for his team's compliance with the rules and regulations herein set forth. EXCESSIVE USE of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. No public display of alcoholic beverage consumption is allowed. Contestants must not give, offer, sell, or donate alcoholic beverages to the general public. Any offensive conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the Grill-off and expulsion from the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Grill-off Grounds.
16. Any nudity, lewdness, or any form of vulgarity will NOT be allowed. NO pyrotechnics or explosives are allowed. Any intentional use of the above by a team will result in disqualification, removal from grounds and possible elimination from any future Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Grill-offs!
17. The Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival, its members, directors, or sponsors will not be held responsible for theft or damage to equipment, or bodily injury of any kind.
18. Animal(s) of any kind WILL NOT BE PERMITTED in any contestant's contest space, nor will any animal(s) be permitted on the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Grill-off Grounds, with the EXCEPTION of service animals.
19. Under no conditions or circumstances will any contestant, or family of contestants, or guests be allowed to bring golf carts, motor vehicles, motorcycles, three or four wheelers, bicycles, or any type of transportation into the grill-off area, except wheelchairs or apparatus for the handicapped. PLEASE NOTIFY IN ADVANCE IF YOU PLAN TO USE A HANDICAP APPARATUS.
20. Opportunity to be a food vendor will be available to teams. We will have limited number of food vendor spots available. Please contact us for more information. 
21. Anyone interested in being a general vendor must complete a vendor application and pay the vendor fee. Applications are available from Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival.
22. By participating, entrants agree to these official rules and the decisions of Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival and the judges which shall be final in all matters relating to the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Grill-Off. THE KENTUCKY'S FORT HARROD BEEF FESTIVAL GRILL-OFF CHAIRMAN AND HEAD JUDGE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS THE SITUATIONS WARRANT. Rules are subject to change without notice.
23. All participants will sign a consent and release to grant the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival sponsors permission to use their names, likeness and personal information in any media relating to their participation for publicity, promotion, advertising and other purposes without further notice or additional compensation to promote the contest, their recipe and beef.
24. Additional Information: Any questions regarding the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Grill-Off should be directed to the cook-off chair-person Dana Anderson at 859-734-4378. If you are interested in helping sponsor the event, contact Linda McClanahan at 859-734-4378. For additional copies of this information and rules please visit the web-site: <http://www.fortharrodbeeffestival.org>

**INDIVIDUAL YOUTH PARTICIPANTS: AGE DIVISIONS: 9-13 & 14-18 years of age as of June 9, 2017
Contest – Friday, June 9, 2017**

1. Youth can bring their own grill or may share with another youth. We will provide grill for you to use. Please let us know if you need to use ours. Cannot have gas grills, must use charcoal.
2. Confirmation will be emailed to each registered competitor. It will list the type and amount of meat provided.
3. Youth may have assistance for setting up grills ONLY.
4. Youth may not have any form of assistance from ANYONE during the event. Youth contestant must prepare and grill the meat entirely. **Competitors may be disqualified if anyone assists beyond grill set up. This will be strictly enforced.**
5. Youth Cooks meeting – Friday, June 9 - 5:00 p.m.
6. Estimated Youth Grill-Off turn-in times – 7:00 p.m. for burger and 7:30 for steak

GRILL-OFF Rules & Guidelines for all competitors:

The Grill-Off judging criteria are as follows:

TASTE -10 points

- A. Flavor is unique, but characteristic of its cut: Flavorful with no burned or bitter taste - 5 points
- B. Spices and/or toppings compliment without overpowering the natural flavor of the meat - 5 points

TEXTURE -10 points

- A. Firm, tender crust; May be crisp, but not tough; Cooked to desired doneness - 5 points
- B. Meat is tender, firm: Not tough or dried out - 5 points

PRESENTATION/APPEARANCE -10 points

- A. Exterior nicely browned; not charred - 5 points
- B. Meat has eye appeal - 5 points

1. Foam containers with lids will be provided when cook signs in for his/her tray. Use this container ONLY. Meat is to be placed in the container for turn-in. DO NOT mark the container in any manner.
2. Garnishing for the entries should be only greens: **bed of green leaf lettuce or bed parsley**. NO ADDITIONAL SIDES OF FOOD such as pineapple, asparagus or anything else should be added to the foam container. Buns and condiments are allowed for the burger contest.
3. **Meat is to be COOKED ON SITE (NO EXCEPTIONS). All teams will be checked randomly on Friday night to check on progress. Check will be conducted by Official Grill-Off Representatives.**
4. Competitors will be disqualified if meat is taken off grounds - NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. **All meat will be provided by the Fort Harrod Beef Festival to the competitors RAW - Fresh. No outside beef will be allowed for grill-off competition.** Beef products will be supplied in excess of what is needed for the judges. All brisket, not turned in for judging, will be served to the public as samples from each competitor's contest area for the People's Choice Award.
6. ALL rules will be strictly enforced.



EXHIBITOR/CONTESTANT INDEMNITY FORM

KENTUCKY'S FORT HARROD BEEF FESTIVAL GRILL-OFF

The undersigned, with the intent of binding myself, my spouse, if any, and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns, do hereby execute this release. In consideration of the privilege of myself competing in the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival 2017, I release and discharge the Mercer County Fair Board Inc. and any of the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Steering Committee members, its successors and assigns including its officers, directors, servants, agents and/or employees, and the Owner/Exhibitor/Contestant, including parents and/or legal representatives, hereinafter called "Exhibitor/Contestant" agree that the Mercer County Fair Board Inc. and Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival, will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage or injury to the person, property of Exhibitor/Contestant, or Exhibitor/Contestant(s) agents, servants, family and/or employees, regardless of how such loss, damage or injury is occasioned and by whom. Mercer County Fair Board Inc. and Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Committee, and Exhibitor/Contestant further agree that Exhibitor/Contestant will protect, indemnify and hold harmless Mercer County Fair Board Inc. and Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Committee, from any and all claims, suits and/or judgments, including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit and/or judgment(s) by, through, or behalf of Mercer County Fair Board Inc. and Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Committee, brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage, or injury, personal or otherwise, to any person, or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Exhibitor/Contestant, either solely or in conjunction with Mercer County Fair Board Inc. and Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Committee, or anyone else. Mercer County Fair Board Inc. and Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Committee, retains exclusive television rights pertaining to all shows/events, as well as any and all skits or additional contests held in conjunction with the Show/Event. By signing below, Exhibitor/Contestant gives the Show/Event permission to use video of Exhibitor/Contestant, including Exhibitor/Contestant(s) property, skits, etc., for television and video presentations without compensation or prior permission of Exhibitor/Contestant(s).

Exhibitor/Contestant agrees to abide by all Rules and Regulations, published or otherwise presented, of the Kentucky's Fort Harrod Beef Festival Grill-Off Committee and the Mercer County Fair Board Inc.

Chief Cook	Date of Birth	Date
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Team Member	Date of Birth	Date
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If youth competitor, please complete this section:

Youth Participant	Date of Birth	Date
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Parent/Guardian		Date
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