



UNIT PARTICIPATION FAQS

1. What does it cost to enter and what does my fee cover?

Units may enter 1 or all events. The salsa entry fee is \$30.00 for each category and the BBQ entry fee is \$50.00 for each category. If you choose to enter all the categories the fee is \$150.00 (for a savings of \$60.00). The fee covers your entry into the event and 2-4 tasting cards. Individuals and teams are encouraged to enter. A team consists of 2-4 members including the “Pitmaster”. Individuals may be 1-2 people.

*2. How does this benefit my unit? *(please see page five)*

Your entry fee will be credited towards your 999 For Kids campaign. *Units may also provide **5 volunteers to work during the event** at various areas (sodas, ticket booth, trash, supplies, etc.) and earn up to \$1,000.00 towards their 999 campaign. *Units with **static displays may also bring them, staff them and provide 2 additional volunteers** and earn up to \$1,000.00 towards the 999 campaign.

3. What if we don't have a static display of volunteers, can we still earn extra money toward our 999 campaign?

YES! Units have the opportunity to sell “EVENT TICKETS”. Each ticket costs \$5.00, each unit will receive \$1.00 from each ticket sold. Units may use that money to cover their entry fee, supplies, 999 For Kids campaign, or put the money in their unit fund. The more tickets you sell the more money your unit earns.

4. What do we need to enter?

You will need your entry fee, 1-2 easy-ups, tables, chairs, BBQ (wood or charcoal burning) supplies from the list provided, and your team. Oh yea and a kickn' award winning recipe!

5. Can we sell merchandise from our booth?

You may sell station, unit, Baker to Vegas, or other tee shirts and merchandise. You may **NOT** sell, share, provide, or give away any additional food items or drinks including alcohol at the event to the general public. Please remember Stars & Stripes BBQ/Salsa Showdown is a fund raiser and these items are sold by the organizers to raise money. Enjoy, but don't ruin it for future competitors.

6. Can we set up early?

YES! You are always welcome to set up early. You are welcome to even camp out at the venue with us the night before. We have RV hook ups and even space for tents.

7. How will we know where our space is or how to set up?

You will be provided a map of the venue and your space number via email before the event. Space is first come first serve and limited. Register early to ensure your space is saved. You will also be given a diagram of how to set up your food prep area which meets the County Health Services requirements. We will have a walk-through of the venue including a booth display at the cooks meeting the night before the event. At the meeting you will receive your supplies. If you have any questions or need your booth moved it will be handled during the cooks meeting. **There will be no booth moving the day of the event.**

8. What if we have a problem or supply issue during the event?

There will be event staff throughout the venue to address any concerns or supply needs. In addition we will have a table set up at the location for competitor check in and assistance.

9. Do we have to have a booth like at the Chili Cook-Off?

NO. Your booth only needs to be an easy up with 3 sides enclosed and a tarp floor per health code regulations (by covered tables, rope, bunting, etc.) We are encouraging booths to get into the spirit of the event and decorate their easy ups to go with our Stars & Stripes theme (this could be patriotic table cloths, flags, bunting, streamers). A special prize will be awarded to the best decorated booth.

10. How is the competition judged, can I be a judge?

The competition will be judge by KCBS sanctioned standards by certified judges. Judges are required to provide there certificate number to judge the BBQ competition. To be fair to all the contestants the judges will come from the local community and sponsors.

11. Can my uncle or neighbor enter the competition?

YES!! We welcome all contestants and encourage the community to participate in this event!

12. How else can we help?

You can tell family and friends about the event, encourage business to purchase ads in our event program, and you and community members can honor your favorite Vet or Active Duty Member by donating to our “Lincoln for Liberty” program. For \$5.00 your Vet or Active Duty member’s name will be placed in our program and on our website.

13. What is the “Grand Champion” award?

The “Grand Champion” award is a perpetual award presented to the individual or team and is determined by the highest overall score for the category entered. For the BBQ, it is the highest combined score of both categories. The winner’s name will be engraved on the award and they will allowed to display the trophy at their unit/station for 1 year until the next competition. If the winner is a community member the trophy will be displayed at the nearest station for the

year. The award remains the property of the Stars & Stripes BBQ/Salsa Showdown. The winner will also receive a plaque to keep and show off at the next event! Each year the new winner will be added and they will be allowed to display the award at their unit/station for the year.

14. What do we do with our hot coals at the end of the event?

There will be barrels marked to dispose of hot coals. Please do not dump your coals anywhere but in the designated barrels for fire safety.

15. What if it rains?

We will be cooking rain or shine! The event will go on unless there is continued downpour or severe lightening.

16. Can my family/friends come and help?

Friends and family are welcome to come and cheer you on however, they are not allowed in the food prep area per health code regulations. Only identified members of your team are allowed in the food prep area.

17. May I bring my pet to the event?

No. We are sorry but due to health code regulations pets are not allowed at this event. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

18. Will there be enough samples for people to enjoy?

Yes. There will plenty of samples for people to enjoy although we do not guarantee that any item will last throughout the event. Each adult admission comes with 1 EVENT card. Additional cards can be purchased at the event. Remember, the teams are competing for the title of Stars & Stripes "People's Choice Champions". You will have the opportunity to taste chicken wings, pulled pork, ribs, and salsa. If you are worried about the size of the tastes, don't! Each taste sample is 1-2 ounces of meat or salsa. Even the heartiest of appetites barely handle more than 5-8 tastes.

19. *What if I choose to set up the day of the event?*

If you choose to set up the day of the event, please be aware for unloading and set up, vehicles will be allowed in the staging area from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. ONLY.

ONLY ONE VEHICLE PER SPACE will be allowed inside the venue at any time. We ask for your cooperation during these congested times. Please come in, drop off and park so others may do the same. After you have parked you may come back to your space to set up. NO vehicles are allowed in the staging area during the event hours. We have a designated parking area for contestants and vendor; please do not park in any other areas. Please follow the parking area staff's directions to allow everyone to park.

* Because this is a new event the amount earned toward 999 for Kids depends on revenue generated on the day of the event and is not guaranteed.

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