



HOPKINS COUNTY STEWFEST 2019

Down To Earth Appetizer Challenge

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Date: Friday, October 25, 2019
Location: Buford Park
Time: 4:00-7:00pm (Turn in Window 6:15-6:45pm)
Cost: Free!!! (Cash Pot Available)
Prize: \$250

****The Tailgate Appetizer Challenge is an optional event. Stew Cooks are not required to participate.****

Description: The new annual Tailgate Appetizer Challenge will be held in the StewFest Camp Grounds the evening before the Hopkins County Stew Contest. Stew Participants are encouraged to participate in this fun contest that will be announced during the Sulphur Springs Wildcats Football Game. We will be having a side bet, "Cash Pot". The cost to enter the cash prize pot will be \$20. Six (6) judges will judge all appetizers entered in the based on the attached rules and criteria. If you have any questions about the rules and appetizer criteria, please email all questions to logan@hopkinschamber.org. 50% of the cash pot entries will be awarded to the winner. If the winner of the competition in not participating in the Cash Pot, all cash pot entries will be donated to Chamber.

RULES:

Turn in boxes will be provided for all participating and will be turned in at location to be determined. Appetizers may be cooked on any fire or heat source. Teams may enter more than one entry into appetizer categories if they pay a separate entry fee for each of them. Elements of the Appetizer item may be pre-cooked, but the turn in must be assembled and cooked onsite. Appetizers must use provided turn in box, the lid must be closed to turn in. Any type of garnish is allowed to be used in Appetizer boxes. Garnish is optional and not a part of the appearance score. Boxes may contain small disposable cups, toothpicks, or skewers to hold food items together. Only 1 type of Appetizer item per turn in box. Sauces and condiments are allowed, and the judges are required to taste them. The scoring is a composite score of all items in the box. All entries should be fully assembled for judging. Desserts are not allowed for the tailgate competition.

All Appetizer entries will be judged on the following criteria on the scale of 1-25 points per criteria with a total collective score max of 100 points.

1. Appearance (1-25pts)
2. Creativity (1-25pts)
3. Taste (1-25pts)
4. Execution (1-25pts)

APPETIZER TURN IN AMOUNTS: A minimum of six (6) portions, or six (6) servings

EXCEPTIONS

1. Burgers - 2 Burgers (1 whole and 1 cut into 4 pieces)
2. Chicken Wings - 5 Flats and 5 drumettes
3. Grilled Cheese - 2 Grilled Cheese
4. Hot Dogs – 3 Hot Dogs (1 whole and 2 cut in half)
5. Jaffle – (1 whole and 1 cut into 4 pieces)
6. Pizza – 1 Whole pizza cut into a minimum of 6 slices
7. Chili, Jambalaya, Mac & Cheese – 6 portions or bulk in box

Reasons for Appetizer Disqualification:

1. A marked box
2. Entry turned in after the turn in window has expired.
3. Any turn in determined to be raw.