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Hello Cookers,

It's that time of the year to begin planning for the 3rd Annual USMC Toys for Tots Mid-Year BBQ Cook Off. We have added some new things to the cook off that we believe will make it the "funnest" cook off around. This year, we have been invited to hold our Mid-Year Cook Off at the Pasadena Fairgrounds in conjunction with the 4th Fest held by the City of Pasadena Parks & Recreation Department each year. The festival will be hosted on July 3rd this year.

Friday, July 2nd will be all about the cook off. "Ritas and Fajitas" competition will be held and this part of the cook off competition is optional. The cost to enter these categories is \$20 each or \$30 for both. If your team registers before May 28th, the cost will be \$10 each or both for \$15. The Chris Elliot Band will be performing Friday night.

Saturday's competition will be for the top three entries in each of the categories of beans, ribs, chicken, and brisket. The entry fee is \$150.00 for Saturday Categories. We will be having the "People's Choice Award" and the team with the most "\$1.00" votes will be receiving a trophy. All the money collected from the cook off will be donated to USMC Toys for Tots, Galveston Division which provides toys for area children that may not otherwise receive gifts at Christmas. There will also be a "Best Setup" Trophy and we are adding a "Top Beer Sales" Trophy this year. The "Best Setup" Trophy will be judged on decoration of area, cleanliness, and who is having fun. The new addition of the "Top Beer Sales" trophy will be awarded to the team with the most single beer sales at the cook off.

With the move to the Pasadena Fairground, there will be a few changes. The cook off area will be fenced in and we will be selling beer, water, soft drinks, and ice.

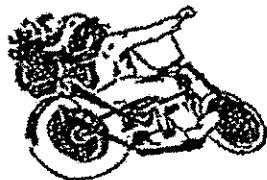
During Saturday's competition, the city will be hosting the Pasadena 4th Fest which is a free event for the whole family. This event is held by the City of Pasadena each year and provides free family activities to the Pasadena area. Enjoy a Car Show, huge, air-conditioned Kid Zone, zoo, hay ride, vendors and the best Fireworks display in the area to name a few of the activities. Parking and admission to the festival is free. Everyone in the cook off area will have a front seat view of the fireworks and is invited to remain in their spots to enjoy the fireworks with family and friends. For those cook teams that do not wish to stay for the fireworks display, there will be a window of opportunity for you to remove your setups from the area.

We hope you will join us for the 3rd Annual USMC Toys for Tots Mid-Year BBQ Cook Off. Please visit us at our web site: www.toysfortotstoyrun.com. The cook off entry form, rules, and schedule will be available there for downloading. You may also email your entry form to usmctoyrun07@yahoo.com or afosterus@yahoo.com. For more information call Amy Foster 713-502-2715 or Paul Perry at 281-948-7098.

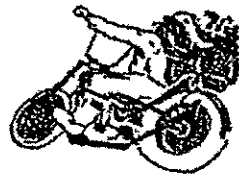
Hope to see ya there!!!!

BBQ Cook-off Committee

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COOK OFF ENTRY DEADLINE: Early entry deadline May 28th. Teams returning entry forms before May 28th will receive ½ off of Ritas and/or Fajitas. Teams must submit their entry form and fees no later than the Cook's Meeting that will be held June 26th at 6:30pm. The Cook's meeting will be held at Just 2 More, 5002 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX. Teams are placed on first come, first serve basis until all spaces have been taken. Entries received after the cook's meeting will only be accepted if space allows.

ENTRY FEES & CATEGORIES: \$150.00 will cover the categories of Brisket, Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs (no baby back or country style) and beans. Fajitas and margaritas will be optional categories for \$20 per category or \$30 for both (Enter before May 28th and receive ½ off on these categories). "Ritas & Fajitas" will be judged on Friday night.

SET UP: Begins on Friday at 9:00am until 6:30pm. Hook ups are available – water and electric. Motor homes/pop ups must be self contained as there are no sewer hook ups. Electricity will be available but you must supply your own electric cords, special electric plugs, and water hoses. You must supply all of your own equipment.

Trailers, motor homes, vehicles, tents and any other equipment may not exceed the boundary of the contestant's assigned space. No extra vehicles will be allowed in the pit area once the cook-off begins.

HEAD COOK: Each team will have a designated Head Cook. Head cook is required to attend the cook's meeting. The head cook is responsible for the operation of the team space and all actions of team members during the cook off. The head cook is responsible for picking up turn in containers from the check in table and making sure entries are brought to the turn in table at the designated times. The Head Cook of each team will be responsible for providing one team member as a judge if called on to do so.

GENERAL RULES

Any and all category entries will be cooked from scratch on site. Precooking, marinating, etc will not be allowed prior to the cook-off. All preparation must be done at the cook-off after the meat/beans are inspected. Once inspected it must not leave the cook-off site.

Only dry pinto beans will be used for cooking. Nothing larger than the bean and no meat product will be allowed in the turn in cup.

No garnishes, condiments, or sauces may be added to the judging container. Sauces & mops may be used during cooking. Sauces must be cooked on not poured on for presentation. No sauce may be visible in the judging container.

Teams may use any type of barbeque pit or smoker they chose. However, open fires, ground pits, or gas grills are not allowed. All meats must be cooked over a wood or wood product fire – except for beans which gas/propane may be used. Each team must bring a fire extinguisher.

There will only be 1 entry per category per team. Multiple entries in the same category or from the same piece of meat or batch of beans is not allowed. If more than one team cooks on the same pit, the head cook for each entry must be available for spot inspections. Pit must be large enough to accommodate 2 teams.

Teams are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by BBQ Committee members. Unsanitary conditions are cause for team disqualification

It is the responsibility of the BBQ team to see that their assigned area is cleaned and policed during and at the end of the event. Please do not dump coals, ashes, or grease on the ground.

TURN IN TIMES will be posted on-site and announced at the cook's meeting. Teams will be responsible for delivering their entry to the judging area. A 5 (five) minute window before turn-in time until 5 (five) minutes window after turn-in time will be in effect.

TURN IN QUANTITIES

- Brisket** 8 (seven) slices, approximately ¼ to 3/8 inch thick
- Ribs** 8 (seven) pork spare ribs, bone in
- Chicken:** One half of a non dis-jointed chicken, skin on
- Beans:** Turn in cup full.
- Fajitas:** Enough for 5 judges with extra for 3 judges in case of a tie
- Margaritas:** 5 Judges will come to each team's area for judging.

JUDGING – **Judges decisions will be final.** If there is any questions about a turn-in entry at the judging table, it will be up to the judges to determine how and if the entry in question will be judged or disqualified with no interference from outsiders. In case of a tie for any of the top three places, the panel of original judges will be dismissed and a panel of 3 new judges will be assembled to break the tie. As with the original judges, the decisions of the judges concerning the tied entries will be final and will be decided with no interference from outsiders.

Judging of the ritas will take place at each team's space. A panel of 5 judges will be brought to you area. Each team has 15 minutes to mix, serve, and entertain the judges. 50% of the judges score will be based on the drink and 50% of the score will be based on showmanship. As with all other entries, the judge's decision will be final. In case of a tie for any of the top three places, a new panel of judges will be assembled and the teams involved in the tie will be given 15 minutes with these judges to mix, serve, and entertain the judges. The ritas can be a traditional mix, custom mix, frozen, on the rocks, or just anything the team feels like will have their entry picked as the best rita.

TOP BEER SALES The top beer sales award will be determined by a running count of single beer sales for each team at the beer booth. When purchasing a beer at the beer booth, let the server know what team the credit should be given to. At the designated cutoff time, the counts will be tallied and the winner will be announced at the Awards Ceremony. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE ARE ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE PURCHASED AND/OR GIVEN TO A MINOR.** Anyone discovered to be purchasing or giving beer to a minor will be asked to leave the cook off along with the minor immediately. All beer purchased at the cook off must stay within the confines of the fenced in cook off area per TABC rules. Anyone trying to leave the cook

off area with beer will be asked to stay until finished or to throw it out before they exit the gates. The City of Pasadena is requiring all alcoholic drinks be in a cup or covered on Saturday during the 4th Fest as this day will be a family oriented event.

BEST SETUP AWARD Each team will be eligible for the best setup award. This will be judged by a panel of judges that will periodically roam the cook off area and check each team's area for decorations, cleanliness, and who is having fun.

BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT: The Head cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team & guest. The excessive use of alcoholic beverages shall be ground for disqualification. **Under no circumstance are alcoholic beverages to be sold or offered in any form to a minor or general public.** Each team must monitor its own area when it pertains to minors.

There will be no lewd or inappropriate acts, behavior, or events allowed at the cook off.

AWARDS: Awards will be announced at 5:30pm. There will be trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. There will also be a People's Choice, Best Setup and a Top Beer Sales Trophy. The Calcutta winners will also be announced.

USMC Toys for Tots Toy Run Committee, City of Pasadena, or anyone associate with the cook off will not be responsible for theft, damage to equipment or vehicles, or bodily injury of any kind. By entering this contest, you agree to abide by all the rules.

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Cook Off Schedule

Friday, July 2nd

Check in and Set up	09:00am – 6:30pm
Meat Inspection/Tag in	7:00pm
Fajita Turn in	8:30pm
Rita Judging	9:00pm

Saturday, July 3rd

Calcutta Auction	10:00am
Games	11:30am to 4:00pm
Turn In	
Beans	11:00pm
Chicken	12:00pm
Ribs	1:00pm
Brisket	2:30pm
People's Choice	3:30pm
(Top Beer Sales award cut off)	5:00pm
Awards	5:30pm
Cooker's Move Out	6pm to 7:30pm

After 7:30pm, Cookers will need to remain in place until after the fireworks display. The Cooker's are more than welcome to stay where they are and enjoy the fireworks with your families. You will have a front row seat to watch the fireworks from the cook off area.

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July 2-3, 2010

Pasadena Fairgrounds on Red Bluff, Pasadena, TX

Cooks Meeting June 25, 2010 @ 6:30pm Just 2 More, 5002 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX.

Team Name: _____

Head Cook: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to be added to the Toy Run Chili Cook-Off held in December? Yes No

Team Members (max 5): _____

Entries: \$150.00 Entry Fee covers Ribs, Beans, Chicken, & Brisket

Fajitas (\$20) _____ Ritas (\$20) _____ or Both (\$30) _____

(enter before May 28th and get 1/2 off on entry fees for Ritas and Fajitas)

Calcutta (check one or all) Brisket _____ Ribs _____ Chicken _____

Our team has read and understands the rule and regulations provided to us and do agree to abide by them.

By entering this cook-off, our team and guest agree to hold harmless the USMC Toys For Tots Toy Run Committee, its members and City of Pasadena for any and all loss of property and/or person and from all accidents/injuries that may result from our participation in the BBQ Cook-off.

Friday Night – July 2nd – Fajitas & Ritas \$20 for one or \$30 for both

(1/2 off Ritas and Fajitas entry fee if register before May 28th)

Ritas are judged 50% on Taste – 50% on Showmanship

Saturday – July 3rd – Chicken, Brisket, Ribs, Beans

Trophies for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each category, People's Choice. Best Setup, Top Beer Sales Trophies

Calcutta – each of Saturday's categories pays 1st place 40% 2nd place 25% 3rd Place 15%

20% Donation to USMC Toys for Tots

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