

The Beast & Brews Wild Game Cook-Off

Rules & Regulations

 **Event Date:** March 1st, 2025

 **Location:** Downtown Senatobia, MS

Event Overview

The **Beast & Brews Wild Game Cook-Off** is a celebration of wild game animals, birds, and fish that can be legally harvested in North America. **Teams are encouraged to use game they have personally harvested** or that have been harvested by other hunters or anglers. However, **commercially available wild game is permitted** and will not result in disqualification.

Participants will compete in several food categories, with a **Grand Champion** determined by the highest cumulative score across all required food categories.

Team Registration & Setup

✓ **Team Composition:** Teams may consist of individuals, couples, or groups.

✓ **Registration Deadline: February 21st, 2025 (Pre-registration is required).**

✓ **Registration Form:** Available at the Main Street office or by emailing Jamie Sowell at jamie@tatecountymms.com.

✓ **Entry Fees:** Vary by category (see details below).

✓ **Site Size: 10 x 20 ft** cooking space per team.

Load-In & Mandatory Meetings

- **Load-in & Setup:** Friday, **February 28th**, starting at **5:00 PM**.
- **Mandatory Cook Team Meeting: 9:00 AM** on **March 1st**.
- **Mandatory Meat Check: 9:30 AM** on **March 1st**.

 **All vehicles must be removed from the cooking area by 9:30 AM on competition day.**

Site & Equipment Guidelines

✓ **Water & Restrooms:** Free water hook-ups and public port-a-potties available. Private port-a-potties may be rented.

✓ **Electricity:** Limited electrical hook-ups available for the **first 10 registered teams**. Others must bring a generator.

✓ **Fire Safety:**





- **Propane or gas may only be used to start fires, not for cooking meat.**
- **A working fire extinguisher is required at each cooking site.**

✓ **Cooking Methods:** Teams may use wood, charcoal, or approved electric cooking devices (e.g., rotisseries, fans, Pit Boss grills).

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Prohibited:

-  Selling food at the event.
 -  Removing competition meat after inspection.
 -  Live animals or pets in the cooking area.
 -  Pre-cooked or frozen meat (except for non-meat baked goods).
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Competition Rules


- ◆ All cooking must take place on-site.
- ◆ Teams must present raw meat at the morning "meat check" to be eligible.
- ◆ No outside ingredients or supplies may be brought in after 10:00 AM.
- ◆ All teams must clean up their cooking area after the event.

Turn-In Rules:

- Sample containers (9"x9" clamshell boxes) will be provided.
- Entries must be submitted **on time** to the designated location.
- Late entries will be **disqualified**.
- **Garnishes are allowed.**

Judging Criteria:

1. **Entry Appearance**
2. **Tenderness of Entry**
3. **Flavor**
4. **Overall Impression**

 **Blind Judging Process:** Judges will be seated in a closed area. Teams are **not** allowed to discuss their dish with judges before turn-in time. Socializing is encouraged but must not compromise the competition.

Categories, Fees & Prize Breakdown

Category	Entry Fee	Prize	Turn-In Time
Sides	\$10	Prize Pack	11:30 AM
Best Setup	\$10	Prize Pack	10:00 AM
Dessert	\$10	Prize Pack	11:00 AM
Fish	\$25	\$25	12:00 PM
Fowl	\$25	\$25	1:00 PM
Small Game	\$25	\$25	2:00 PM
Big Game	\$40	\$25	4:00 PM

 **Grand Champion:** \$300 (must enter all food categories except drinks)

 **2nd Place Overall:** \$200

 **3rd Place Overall:** \$100

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- **Sides:** Does **not** require wild game.
- **Best Setup:** Create the ultimate **tailgate-style** setup!
- **Fish:** Includes **shellfish, mussels, oysters, trout, bass, catfish, shrimp, salmon, etc.**
- **Fowl: No chicken allowed.** Examples: turkey, duck, pheasant, dove.
- **Small Game:** Examples: rabbit, squirrel.
- **Big Game:** Examples: venison, elk.

✦ **Each team must provide 8 appetizer-sized portions for judging.**

Code of Conduct

🚫 Fighting, taunting, or abusive language will result in **immediate disqualification** and removal from the event.

🚫 Any disturbances caused by team members or guests will result in **expulsion from future contests.**

🚫 No campers are allowed inside the cooking area—**NO EXCEPTIONS.**

✓ **Decisions of the judges and event officials are final.**

✓ **Violation of any rules may result in disqualification.**

Final Reminders

⚠️ **No pre-cooked or frozen meat (except for non-meat baked goods).**

⚠️ **No ingredients or supplies may be brought in after 10:00 AM.**

⚠️ **Clean-up is required failure to do so will result in disqualification from next year's event.**

👨‍🍳 **Good luck & happy cooking!** 🍷 🔥