

**Camden Daffodil Festival  
17<sup>th</sup> Annual Championship Steak Cook-Off  
March 11, 2017**



Dear Cooks:

Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Championship Steak Cook-Off plans are well underway and this letter is to let you know that this year's event will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 in conjunction with the Camden Daffodil Festival. We invite you to come and join us, as well as, compete for cash prizes.

Again this year, the asphalt lot between Century 21 and the US Post Office on Washington Street and surrounding area will be utilized for the event.

We are offering a **Grazin' Fee** of \$10 per head for anyone wanting to eat the appetizers that participating teams prepare during the day. Teams are strongly encouraged to serve the public appetizers while demonstrating showmanship and hospitality. An identifying pass will be issued to the purchaser so that each team can ensure that the fee has been paid before the festival goer eats! Appetizer pass sales go toward Cash awards for Hospitality & Showmanship, so it is in the team's best interest to insure that the pass is presented before serving.

With this letter, we are enclosing an entry form, statement of liability, list of prizes and the rules / regulations for the cook-off. **Please read, complete, sign and return the forms to me as soon as possible to ensure that your cooking team gets a competition spot.**

**Please note that the entry *deadline* is **Friday March 10, 2017****

Contestants may begin setting up at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 10 and set up shall be complete by 10:00 AM Saturday, March 11 2017. A Sherriff's command post will be set up on site to provide security for the rigs overnight. We will have our Chief Cook meeting at 10:00 AM in the Camden First Baptist Church's Family Life Center located at 348 Washington Street. Vehicles shall not remain parked in the cook-off area.

We look forward to hearing from you as we anticipate another great Championship Steak Cook-Off associated with the Camden Daffodil Festival!

The Camden Daffodil Festival Championship Steak Cook-Off Committee  
c/o Chip Simmons, Championship Steak Cook-Off Chairman  
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Camden, Arkansas 71711  
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#### Areas of Competition

##### Steak Cooking:

**SCA points and rules apply. Teams must hold current SCA membership to qualify for points and Championship invitation.**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$1000 and an invite to the SCA Steak Championship

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$900

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$800

4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$600

5<sup>th</sup> Place - \$400

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Place will receive a call & certificate

##### Appetizers:

1st Place - \$300

2nd Place - \$250

3rd Place - \$200

##### Hospitality & Showmanship **\*\*New Category – replaces both showmanship and rig-construction categories from past years\*\***

Teams will be judged by a committee of secret shoppers on how well they showcase their teams by demonstrating hospitality and showmanship to fellow teams and festivalgoers throughout the day. Criteria to be considered may include, but are not limited to: Team spirit, themes, rigs, cause/ non-profit awareness, how festival goers are served and what they come away with after experiencing what your team has to offer. Cash Prizes are Percentage of the Hospitality & Showmanship Prize Pot\* as follows:

1st Place – 20%

6<sup>th</sup> Place – 9%

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 15%

7<sup>th</sup> Place – 7%

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 13%

8<sup>th</sup> Place – 6%

4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$11%

9<sup>th</sup> Place – 5%

5<sup>th</sup> Place – 10%

10<sup>th</sup> Place – 4%

##### Entry Fee & Sponsors:

There is a **\$150** entry fee for the right to compete in any or all categories.

Note that The Camden Daffodil Festival Championship Steak Cook-Off Committee reserved the right to reject any application based upon the information submitted.

\* Hospitality & Showmanship Prize Pot is made up of 40% of the Grazin' Fees.

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#### Steak Cooking

- 1) Cooking teams may use any type of non-poisonous wood, charcoal or propane fuel desired.
- 2) The **Camden Daffodil Festival** will provide rib-eye steaks. Teams are to provide ice chests or containers for steak storage. The **Camden Daffodil Festival** will provide ice at steak selection.
- 3) All steaks are to be handled in a sanitary manner. Plastic gloves will be provided and are to be used in handling the steaks.
- 4) Grills may be inspected for cleanliness before cooking.
- 5) All seasonings and “secret ingredients” are to be provided by the cooking teams.
- 6) Cooking teams are responsible for providing individual cooking utensils, tables and chairs they might need at their cooking area. All contestants must adhere to city, county, state and federal electrical, fire and other codes.
- 7) Some type of fire extinguishing device should be readily available to each cooker.
- 8) Steaks may not be removed from the cooking area. Any violation of this will result in immediate disqualification.
- 9) All steaks remain the property of **The Camden Daffodil Festival**.
- 10) No unique identifying methods shall be used, including, but not limited to; branding (other than grill marks) or the placement of any garnish into the container which is used to deliver steaks to judging.

**SCA Rules Apply for Steak and Appetizer  
Competitions – see [www.steakcookoffs.com](http://www.steakcookoffs.com) website  
for more information**

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#### Miscellaneous Rules:

- 1) **No refunds of the entry fees** will be made once you have been accepted in the contest, whether you appear or not. All checks should be made to: **Camden Daffodil Festival Cook-Off**.
- 2) It is the responsibility of each contestant to see that the contest area is kept clean and that the area is cleaned following the contest. It is imperative that our cleanup be thorough. Any space left in disarray or with loose trash and garbage will disqualify the team from future participation. Trash receptacles will be supplied.
- 3) The chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed (given away or sold) to the general public by contestants.
- 4) The cook-off committee reserves the right to make additional regulations or changes to methods as the situation warrants.
- 5) Decisions of the cook-off committee chairman and judges are final.
- 6) Each contestant must check in at the registration area for a cooking area assignment by 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the contest. You will be able to drop off your equipment in your designated area of the parking lots beginning Friday afternoon at 5 p. m. Any team refusing to follow the layout as directed by the chairman may be disqualified. A lot of work goes into the layout and order must be maintained given our limited space. Exceptions should be discussed with the chairman on site or prior to arrival.
- 7) Violation of the rules and regulations of the contest may result in disqualification, expulsion from the grounds, and/or disqualification from future participation.



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**Time Line:**

<b>5:00 p.m. (Friday)</b>	<b>Early Set-up</b>
<b>7 – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Set up</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Cook's Meeting</b>
<b>1-1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Appetizer Turn In</b>
<b>3-3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Steak Turn In</b>
<b>5-6:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Steaks served to public</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Awards</b>



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Official Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Cook: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Cooks: 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Space Requirements: Typical Space is 15' x 15'. If you require additional space, let us know your specific requirements here.

Width \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Water Needed? \_\_\_\_\_ / Electricity Needed? \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash Remittance:**

Entry Fee = **\$150** Per Team: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Steak Dinner Tickets (Qty) \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$22** Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail registration page, liability release & fees to:**

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#### Statement of Liability

As a precaution, the Committee has determined that it is mandatory for each Chief Cook to sign and return, The Statement of Liability. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.

Thank you for your cooperation. This must be signed and returned before you set up. Please mail the signed form to:

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870-574-3909 / Fax: 870-574-4085 / [harry.simmons@lmco.com](mailto:harry.simmons@lmco.com)

As Chief Cook and a contestant in the Camden Daffodil Festival Steak Cook-Off, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Camden Daffodil Festival Steak Cook-Off Committee and Sponsors of the Camden Daffodil Festival, its employees and volunteers, for any and all claims made against The Camden Daffodil Festival, including without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, or reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in connection with:

1. Any structure erected by contestant or their team members.
2. Any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by contestant.
3. Any act or omissions to act of contestant, its agent, invites, participates, representatives, employees, servants, and agents.
4. Any claims made on accounts of, or resulting from, contestant's participation in this contest.

I further certify that I have read and understand all the rules and regulations associated with this contest. I understand that failure to comply with these rules will result in my disqualification from this contest.

Chief Cook \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail entire page**

