

Camden Daffodil Festival
18th Annual Championship Steak Cook-Off
March 10, 2018



Dear Cooks:

Our 18th 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 10, 2017 in conjunction with the Camden Daffodil Festival. We invite you to come and join us, as well as, compete for cash prizes along with a PK Classic grill that will be given to one lucky head cook for early registration.

This year, the asphalt lot on the corner of Harrison Ave. and Washington Street and surrounding area will be utilized for the event. There will be a Steak, Appetizer competition, and best showmanship and hospitality award.

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 early entry **deadline** is **Friday February 23, 2018!**

Contestants may begin setting up at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 9th and set up shall be complete by 10:00 AM Saturday, March 10 2018. 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 Post Masters Grill at 133 West Washington Street. Vehicles shall not remain parked in the cook-off area.

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

The Camden Daffodil Festival Championship Steak Cook-Off

Kenny Meeks, Steak Cook-Off Chairman

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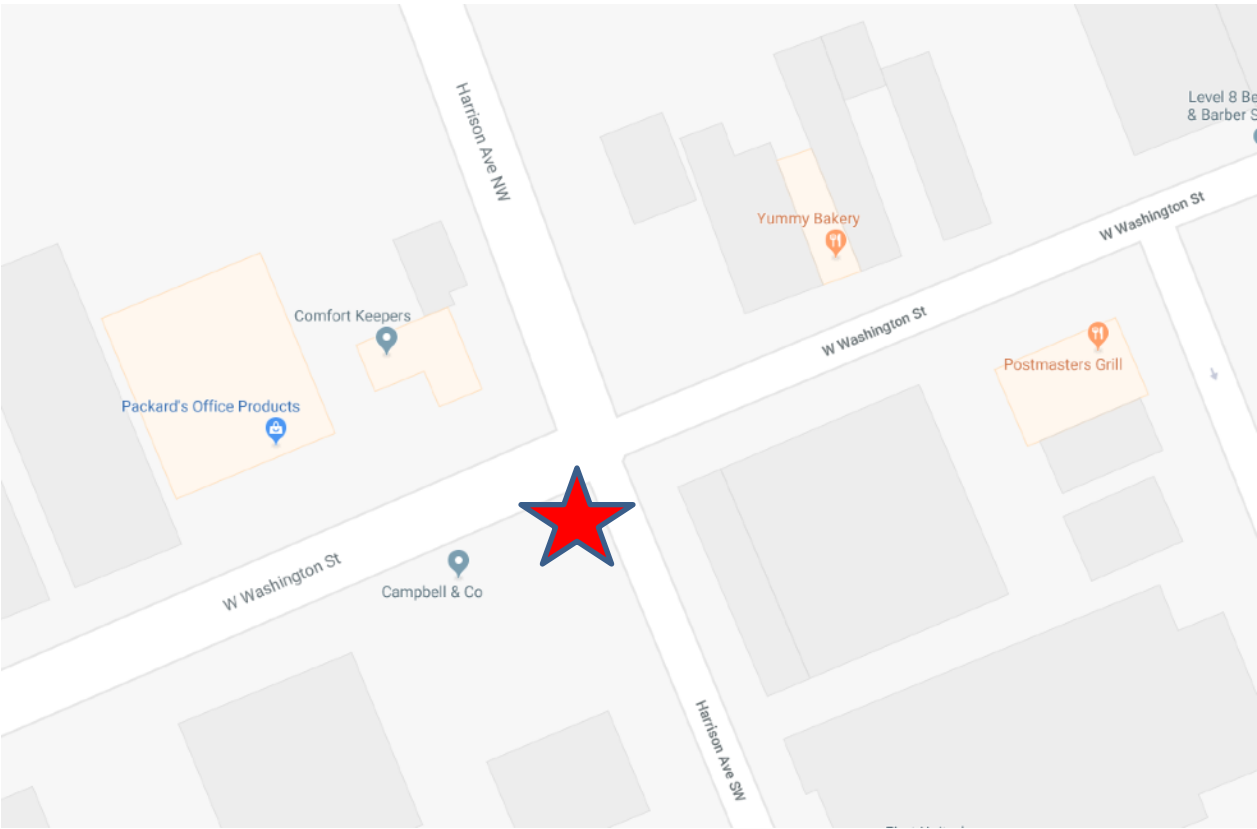
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Cook-Off Location

The Parking lot on the corner of Washington and Harrison Avenue



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Areas of Competition



Steak Cooking:

Ken's Discount True Value will be Giving away a PK Classic Charcoal Grill
Must be registered by **Feb 23rd** to be in the drawing to be eligible for the PK Grill will be given away

1st Place - \$700 + invite to the World Championship Steak cook-off on May 18th at the Magnolia Blossom Festival

2nd Place - \$500

3rd Place - \$400

4th Place - \$300

5th Place - \$200

6th - 10th - Certificate + Goodie Bag

Appetizers:

1st Place - \$250

2nd Place - \$150

3rd Place - \$50

Hospitality & Showmanship:

1st Place - \$250

2nd Place - \$150

3rd Place - \$50

Teams will be judged by 3 judges 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!

Entry Fee & Sponsors:

There is a **\$100** entry fee for the right to compete in any or all categories.



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Steak Cooking Rules

- 1) Cooking teams may use any type of heat source for entries.
- 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 upon request.
- 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.
- 9) All steaks remain the property of **The Camden Daffodil Festival**. Teams are expected to account for all steaks issued for those of you who cook for the public. Teams must turn in their ticket stub or extra cooked steaks.
- 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.
- 11) No outside steaks may be allowed in Steak cooking area. Only provided Steaks from the Daffodil are allowed in the competition. If you have a discrepancy with this rule please contact a Steak cook-off official.
- 12) Steaks must be turned in whole and uncut in the provided box.
- 13) No Garnish is allowed in the steak turn in box.
- 14) Steaks will be judged on Taste, Texture, Appearance, Doneness and Overall Impression.

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Appetizer Cooking Rules

- 1) Appetizer must be cooked on the grill.
- 2) Must use provided turn in box and the lid must close.
- 3) You may decorate the turn in box with only edible garnish.
- 4) Turn in a minimum of minimum of SIX pieces or portions for judging.
- 5) Appetizer boxes may contain sauce or dips and toothpicks/skewers to hold food items together.
- 6) Only 1 type of Appetizer per turn in box.
- 7) Appetizers will be judged on Presentation, Originality, and Taste.
- 8) No identifying marks or team branding.

Hospitality & Showmanship

Teams will be judged by a committee of 3 judges that will come to cooking areas between 12 and 2 and judge 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!

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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. 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. 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:

5:00 p.m. (Friday)	Early Set-up
7 - 9:00 a.m.	Set up
10:00 a.m.	Cook's Meeting - Post Master Grill
1-1:30 p.m.	Appetizer Turn In
3-3:30 p.m.	Steak Turn In
5-6:15 p.m.	Steaks served to public
6:30 p.m.	Awards



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Official Team Name: _____

Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

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 = **\$100** Per Team: \$ _____

Each team will receive 2 Steak dinner tickets with their entry.

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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

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Kenny Meeks, Steak Cook-Off Chairman

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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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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

