

**MINNEOTA BOXELDER BUG DAYS**  
**SMOKIN' BBQ COOKOFF**  
**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**RULES:**

Contest will be held across the street from City Hall Bar and Grill on Highway 68 in Veterans Park

Maximum of 16 teams

Entry Fee \$75.00

Teams will be cooking 3 entries ANY CHICKEN, PORK RIBS, and a DESSERT

Teams MUST be responsible for observing prudent temperature and sanitary requirements.

Each team will have 1 Chief Cook and as many assistants as the Chief deems necessary. All contestants must be 18 years old or have a parent/guardian on the team.

Each team will provide a grill or smoker, cooking equipment to be used exclusively by that team, within the cooking area assigned to that team. Teams will have bleach and water, and buckets to clean their area. Also required: a thermometer to check the meat temp, gloves and a fire extinguisher. Teams will wear gloves at all times when touching the food - NO exceptions. Be prepared for rain or shine.

Each team will supply their own products including anything chicken, ingredients for the dessert and their own seasonings. Teams will need to turn in (4) chicken pieces and (4) desserts for judging. Ribs will be supplied. Contestants will be able to pick them up at Brad's Market in Minneota on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017. Each team will be given 10 racks of ribs; (6) single ribs will be needed for judging and the rest are for public tasting. Registration must be paid in full before the ribs can be picked up.

Entries must be cooked the day of the contest. Ribs and chicken can be marinated or rubbed before the contest begins. No pre-cooking, pre-boiling or pre-grilling of ribs or chicken. Meat can be inspected at the check-in time. After check in time, ribs and chicken must stay in the cooking area. Part of the dessert must be cooked/smoked on the grill.

Each team will be given an area to cook in. This will be assigned at the check-in. Vehicles must be parked outside the cooking area. Small "easy up" style tents are permitted. Limited electricity is provided, generators are allowed. If you need electricity please note that on your registration form.

Teams will bring their samples to the judging at the set time. NO late entries - no exceptions. The amount of samples needed will be announced at the cooks' meeting. Turn in containers will also be given out at that time.

## **SMOKIN' & BBQ EVENT TIME LINE:**

7:00-8:00 AM –Team check in and meat inspection

8:15 AM - Cooks' meeting. Cooking can start after the cooks' meeting

1:30 - Chicken turn-in

4:00 - Dessert turn in

5:00 - Ribs turn-in - public tasting will start at 5:15

The winners will be announced from the main stage during Coronation.

## **PUBLIC TASTING:**

After the ribs are turned in, we will do a public tasting.

Each team will have been given 10 racks of ribs. We will be using pork baby back ribs. After you have turned in your contest ribs to the judges, what is left over should be cut in single ribs. Each team will be given a bucket, the public will be allowed to taste each cook's ribs and then put a donation in the bucket reflecting how much they feel the ribs are worth. No tickets will be sold. Whatever team has the most cash in their bucket will win half of what is in all the buckets. After the ribs are sold, the buckets will be gathered by a person from the cook-off committee.

## **Pay Outs: 100% of Entry Fees PLUS a People's Choice BONUS**

There will be pay outs to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Chicken –Ribs – Dessert
- Overall 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall team will receive a traveling trophy and a free pass to next year's cook-off
- Payouts will be based on how many contestants are registered
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in public tasting People's Choice

Please remember we are only taking the first 16 teams who are fully registered by contest day. To be fully registered you need your filled out entry sheet and entry fee. Please make your checks payable to Minnesota Boxelder Bug Days.

Please send the registration to:

D.J. Prellwitz

1416 330<sup>th</sup> ST

Minneota MN 56264

To register and save your spot, please call D.J. 507-530-5553 or Randy 507-530-4443

## **JUDGING OVERVIEW**

Judges may not fraternize with teams on the day of the contest until judging is over.

Blind judging containers will be handed out at the Cooks' Meeting

Teams will provide four (4) chicken samples, six (6) single cut ribs, and four (4) single desserts

Ribs shall be turned in bone-in

Anything placed on or in the container that identifies your team will be cause for your entry to not be scored.

All turn-ins must be delivered to the judging location at the designated time. NO EXCEPTIONS - late turn-ins will not be scored.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Chicken will be judged by a team of 3

Ribs will be judged by a team of 5

Desserts will be judged by a team of 3

Entries will be scored in the areas of appearance, tenderness, texture & taste.

The scoring system is 100 (excellent) to 1 (bad). All whole numbers between 1 and 100 may be used to score any entry

Garnish will be allowed in the turn-in box

NO sauce containers will be allowed in the turn-in box

Product may or may not be presented with or without sauce or seasonings

If you choose to use sauce with your entry it must be applied to the entry

Sauce must not be pooled in the container

NO toothpicks, skewers etc, are permitted in the turn-in box. Entries not complying with this rule will not be scored.

Turn-in boxes shall only contain garnish & turn in product

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# REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF COOK: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of my registration and permitting me/us to participate in this event, I/We hereby take action for myself, my team, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows: (A) Waive, release, and discharge from any and all liability for my death, disability personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind, Minneota Boxelder Bug Days, the Minneota Boxelder Bug Committee, the City of Minneota and their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives and agents, the event sponsors and event volunteers, (B) Indemnify and hold harmless all entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made by other individuals or entities as a result of my actions during this event.

I/We hereby consent to receive medical treatment that may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during this event.

I/We understand that at this event or related activities I/We may be photographed. I/We agree to allow my/our photo, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the event holders, producers, sponsors, organizers, and/or assigns.

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF COOK \_\_\_\_\_

(Chief Cook is signing as a representative of his/her entire team and on their behalf. The entire team consents to the agreement above)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration and Entry fee of \$75

Mail to:

D.J. Prellwitz

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Minneota MN 56264

Checks may be made out to Minneota Boxelder Bug Days

Any questions: please call Randy (507)530-4443 or D.J. (507)530-5553