

V.F.W. POST 8905
ANNUAL BARBECUE COOKOFF
21902 NW Freeway, Cypress, Texas 77429

Brisket - Chicken – Ribs
Open – Beans

Fri - Sat April 10th-11th, 2026

\$200.00 Entry Fee (Chicken, Ribs, and Brisket)

Plus an item for the Live Auction

\$20 Entry Fee - Jack Pot Beans

\$20 Entry Fee - Open

Trophies and Cash Prizes

Check In Thursday or Friday

Cooks Meeting Fri. Evening

Call Post for Information and Reservations

(281) 469-6632

After 12:00 p.m.

Head Cook _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Team _____

No. of Team Members _____

VFW Post 8905 will not be held responsible for theft, accidents, or injuries

Mail to VFW Post 8905, P.O. Box 2, Cypress, TX 77410-0002

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2026 BAR-B-Q COOK OFF
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Introduction:

1. The contest will be limited to the space available. Cooking spots will be on a first come first serve basis.
2. Contestant must supply all needed equipment and supplies. The Bar-B-Q management will supply space only.
3. V.F.W. Post 8905, the Bar-B-Q committee and any of their representatives will not be held responsible for any theft, damage, or injury.
4. The Bar-B-Q Committee reserves the right to make additional regulations as the situation warrants.
5. Decisions of the Bar-B-Q Committee and judges will be final.

Administration:

1. Contestants can check in and set up their space Thursday afternoon but must be set up by Saturday morning, April 11th. Checking in after this time will require the prior approval of the Cookoff Committee.
- 7 It is the responsibility of the Bar-B-Q Team to keep their area clean and assist with garbage disposal. Failure to do so

may result in disqualification.

8. The Chief Cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his or her team and their guests. Beer and soft drinks will be available to the public at concession stands.

Note: State Law requires that you be 21 years of age to consume alcoholic beverages.

9. Committee members will be present to help with any questions.
10. Dogs are allowed but must be friendly, kept in team area and be on leash.
11. For safety reasons, no golf carts, bicycles, water balloons, slingshots, firearms, etc. will be allowed in the contest area.
12. **For Safety Reasons: Gate will be closed at 9:00 p.m. on Friday night and remain closed until after Awards Ceremony.**
13. Outside beer or wine is not allowed. Teams may BYOBottle and purchase set-ups from the Canteen.
14. All contestants and guests must wear shirts and footwear on premises.

JUDGING TRAY CONTENTS - IBCA requires that the Head Judge advise all cooks of the exact quantities and cuts of meat that will be placed in the judging trays. This will normally be accomplished at the Cook's meeting. The Head Judge or designated representative will inspect all trays at the time of turn-in to assure compliance with the turn-in criteria. All garnishes are prohibited. Each tray will include one sheet of foil placed unfolded under the contents of the tray. Each turn in tray will consist of the following at all events:

• Brisket eight (8) slices. Blocking brisket ends is allowed. The fat cap may be trimmed or cut away before the slices are placed into the tray.

• Pork Spareribs eight (8) individual cut ribs (bone in) (St. Louis Cut acceptable) Ribs must be placed in the tray MEAT side up. Baby back or Country Style Ribs are not permitted.

• Chicken one (1) 1/2 fully jointed chicken MEAT side up (to include breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick). SKIN ON (No Cornish Game Hens)

For official IBCA rules please visit : Front Page - IBCA (IBCABBQ.org)

V.F.W. POST 8905 & AUXILIARY
2026

Cook off Schedule

Thursday, April 9th, 2026

12:00 noon

Teams may begin check-in and
setup (no security at this time)

Friday, April 10th, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Check in & setup

6:00 p.m.

Head Cook's Meeting

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Silent Auction Begins

11:00 a.m.

Beans judging

12:00 p.m.

Chicken

1:30 p.m.

Ribs

3:00 p.m.

Brisket

5:00 p.m.

Live Auction & Awards Ceremony