



Dear Amigos,

The VIVA! Cinco de Mayo organizing committee would like to extend an invitation for you to attend our annual VIVA! Cinco de Mayo & State Menudo Cook-Off. This year's cook-off will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Hays County Civic Center.

Please return the attached application with the applicable entry fee by **Saturday, April 4, 2009** to **VIVA! Cinco de Mayo; c/o Cook-Off Committee; P.O. Box 953; San Marcos, TX 78667-0953**. Please make CASHIERS CHECK or MONEY ORDER payable to the following **(NO PERSONAL CHECKS)** VIVA! Cinco de Mayo.

There are a limited number of spaces for RV hookups available on a first come first serve basis with electricity and water for an additional fee.

There will be a meeting for all Cook-Off teams on **Saturday, April 4, 2009** from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Sign-Arts (205 Cheatham St). All head-cooks and assistant cooks are encouraged to attend.

We sincerely hope that you will make plans to join us for the **2009 VIVA! Cinco de Mayo & State Menudo Cook-Off**. If you have any questions or need additional information please call (512) 353-8482 or (877) 847-4906 or visit us on the Internet at [www.vivacincodemayo.org](http://www.vivacincodemayo.org).

Sincerely,

*Carrie Costilla*

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Menudo Cook-Off Coordinator

*David Peterson*

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BBQ Cook-Off Coordinator

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**2009 VIVA! CINCO DE MAYO  
& STATE MENUDO COOK-OFF  
COOK-OFF APPLICATION**

**Saturday, May 2, 2009 - Hays County Civic Center**

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

Sponsored by (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Booth Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Head-Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all cook-off categories you will be entering:

- Menudo (Entry Fee \$75.00 if paid on or before April 4, 2009. \$100.00 if paid after April 4, 2009)
- Beef Fajitas Only/Not Chicken Fajitas (Entry Fee \$25)
- Baby Back Ribs/Not Spare Ribs (Entry Fee \$50)

**Prizes and Awards**

State Menudo Champion	\$1,000.00 & Trophy
State Menudo 2nd Place	\$500.00 & Trophy
State Menudo 3rd Place	\$350.00 & Trophy
Booth Showmanship	Trophy
Beef Fajita Champion	Trophy
Beef Fajita 2nd Place	Trophy
Beef Fajita 3rd Place	Trophy
Beef Fajita 4th Place	Trophy
Beef Fajita 5th Place	Trophy
Baby Back Ribs Champion	Trophy
Baby Back Ribs 2nd Place	Trophy
Baby Back Ribs 3rd Place	Trophy
Baby Back Ribs 4th Place	Trophy

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Baby Back Ribs 5th Place	Trophy
BBQ Pit Showmanship	Trophy

**\*\* Please Note \*\***

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By signing this application, I agree to abide by all rules, safety regulations, and agree to accept final decisions made by judges.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## STATE MENUDO COOK-OFF RULES

1. Gates will open at 7:00 a.m.
2. All cook-off applications must be signed and the appropriate entry fee paid by no later than **Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.**
3. **Contestants must fully prepare their Menudo entry on site at their assigned cook-off areas.**
4. Contestants will be issued an official "menudo bowl", which must be used for presenting your menudo entry for judging. All bowls are identical and must not be lost or altered in any way; to do so will warrant disqualification.
5. All official "menudo bowls" must be ready to be delivered by **3:00 p.m.** on the day of the cook-off.
6. There will be 13 judges chosen from among the cook-off contestants, names to be submitted on the applications. Selection of the judges will be public and will be held at **4:00 p.m.** at the cook-off stage. Judging will begin thereafter.
7. Contestants may **NOT** sell any food or drink items, but may give free samples of their menudo.
8. Contestants by signing this application agree to abide by all rules, safety regulations, and agree to accept final decisions made by judges.
9. All menudo entries become property of the 2009 VIVA! Cinco de Mayo & State Menudo Cook-Off.
10. Contestants will enter through the back eastside gate; **NO VEHICLES** will be allowed inside the fenced area. Any vehicle found in the fenced in area will be towed at the **owner's** expense. **Only Contestants displaying a state-issued disabled person license plate or hanging tag will be allowed to bring there vehicle inside the fenced area.** The vehicle **MUST** remain within the confines of the assigned space. For safety reasons, vehicles **CANNOT** be brought inside the fenced area to remove menudo booths until after **10:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2009.**
11. There will be a **mandatory** meeting for all Cook-Off Teams on **Saturday, April 4, 2009** from **4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** at Sign-Arts (205 Cheatham St). For those teams unable to attend this meeting there will be a **follow-up** meeting on **Saturday, May 2, 2009** at **11:00 a.m.**
12. **There is a total limit of two (2) cases of beer per each five-member team allowed. Any beer in excess of the amount allowed will be confiscated and become the property of VIVA! Cinco de Mayo. No beer may be brought in after 10:00 a.m. Failure to comply will warrant disqualification. Head Cook can purchase up to three (3) cases at a \$1.00 a beer. We appreciate your cooperation and participation and ask that you support our concessions and help us in providing our future leaders with a quality education.**
13. All menudo booths must be removed by **12:00 p.m., Sunday, May 3, 2009.** Any booths left remaining will be thrown away. (no exceptions)

**By signing this, I agree to abide by all rules, safety regulations, and agree to accept final decisions made by judges.**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

## BBQ COOK-OFF RULES

1. Gates will open at 7:00 a.m.
2. **Check In Times** on Saturday, May 2, 2009;
  - 8:00 a.m.-for unregistered teams
  - 9:00 a.m.-for registered teams (paid in full)
3. **Meat Inspection:** At check in time. All meat **MUST** be inspected before entering the cook-off. Pre-cook-off marinating or seasoning must be done at the cook-site for Baby Back Ribs entries.  
**\*\*\*ONLY FAJITAS MAY BE PRE-MARINATED\*\*\***  
All raw meats must be checked in before being placed on the pits. Once, meat has been checked in, **IT MUST NOT LEAVE THE CAMPSITE.**
4. The head cook or assistant head cook will be given a container (**with a small two part ticket on top**) for each entrée that will be entered. The head cook or the assistant head cook must take the ticket that is not covered-up. Please make note, the containers given to you will be the only ones accepted for Judging. **NO ENTRY DECORATIONS** (Garnishes, etc.) **ARE PERMISSIBLE.**
5. Each category will be judged on the following: **Appearance, Aroma, Taste, Tenderness and Cut.** **Each entry must have 30 bite size pieces and one piece for presentation.** All boxes are identical and must not be lost or altered in any way; to do so will warrant disqualification.
6. Check-In Times for Judging of Entries:

Please allow yourself five minutes Before check-in to insure timely arrivals.	
Fajitas—12:30 p.m.	Baby Back Ribs—4:00 p.m.
7. Judges will be selected by Viva! Cinco de Mayo.
8. Contestants may **NOT** sell any food or drink items, but may give free samples of their entries.
9. All BBQ cook-off entries become property of the 2009 VIVA! Cinco de Mayo & State Menudo Cook-Off.
10. Contestants will enter through the back eastside gate; **NO VEHICLES** will be allowed inside the fenced area. Any vehicle found in the fenced in area will be towed at the **owner's** expense. **Only Contestants displaying a state-issued disabled person license plate or hanging tag will be allowed to bring there vehicle inside the fenced area.** The vehicle **MUST** remain within the confines of the assigned space. For safety reasons, vehicles **CANNOT** be brought inside the fenced area to remove booths until after **10:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2009.**
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