

- Joe Mims Summer Festival -

Bayou Vista

29th Annual Bar-B-Q Cook-Off

May 22 & 23, 2026

WHERE: Parking Lot Across from the MUD 12 Bldg. (No stakes can be driven into the pavement)

WHEN: May 22-23, 2026

FEE: \$200.00 per Spot

JUDGING: Friday, May 22

Rib Eye Category 7PM – 1st Trophy
Fajita 8PM – \$20 Entry - 50/50 Split



Saturday, May 23

**All 1st Place Teams receive Stainless Steel Plaques*

Chicken 1PM – 1st, 2nd & 3rd Trophies

Ribs 3 PM – 1st, 2nd & 3rd Trophies

Brisket 5PM – 1st, 2nd & 3rd Trophies

Cash Payout 1st thru 3rd

for Brisket, Ribs and Chicken

1st Place - 20% of added money


2nd Place - 10% of added money

3rd Place - 5% of added money

CHAIRPERSON: JEFF CAMPBELL (281) 650-1115



1. Chief Cook's meeting will be on Monday 18th, 2026 @ 6:30 PM – City Park. Items concerning the Cook-off will be discussed at that time.
2. Returning teams from last year must pay entry fees by May 18, 2026, to retain their spots from last year (2025).
3. Check in time: Noon, Friday, May 22, 2026; Move Out: after Noon, Sunday, May 24, 2026
4. Only One vehicle space will be allowed in the Cook-off area. A vehicle making a delivery to a cooking team may enter the area. Vehicles must not block the aisle used for vehicular traffic. **Friday, May 22nd, NO VEHICLES WILL ENTER THE COOKING AREA AFTER 6:00 PM.**
5. It is requested that the noise level be lowered after 11 PM Friday, May 22nd, & Saturday, May 23rd in order to keep peace and harmony with our neighbors.
6. All sound system speakers must be turned into your Cook-off spot and not turned outward.
7. Due to limitations of electricity, you must supply your own generator and water.
8. A team will consist of a Chief Cook and up to four (4) assistants. All Team Members must be 21 or older.
9. The chief cook will be required to sign and return an Indemnity/Hold Harmless Form.
10. The Cook-off Committee will provide one (1) approximate 900 square foot space for each Cook-off spot, Max 2 spots per team. Covering or any other equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the space provided. Spaces are not always back-to-back or perfectly square. Map is not drawn to scale.
11. No Samples will be accepted after the time limit called (per cellular). **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
12. Cookers can pay for an extra spot to receive extra turn-in boxes.
13. BBQ Chicken samples-½ Whole Chicken and Sliced Meat for 10 samples.

14. Beef Fajita is to be the BEEF SKIRT STEAK CUT ONLY. Will be inspected Friday, May 22nd after 5 P.M.
15. A MINIMUM of 10 Samples must be placed in the container for turn-in.
16. RIB EYE DIVISION - Entry Optional (10-12 oz STEAK) Will be inspected Friday, May 22nd after 5 P.M.
BEEF FAJITA DIVISION – \$20 Entry - - BEEF SKIRT ONLY
BBQ CHICKEN DIVISION – Entry Optional
PORK SPARE RIB DIVISION – Entry Optional – PORK SPARERIBS ONLY (NO BABY BACK RIBS, COUNTRY STYLE RIBS, ETC.)
BEEF BRISKET DIVISION – ALL TEAMS MUST ENTER! Beef Brisket will be the only type of meat to be judged within this division. Participants must cook a minimum of ten (10) pounds of meat.
17. Judging for ALL DIVISIONS will be based on the following:
 - a) Aroma, b) Taste, c) After taste, d) Appearance, and e) Tenderness.
18. Garnish will not be allowed in any division. Only meat is allowed in the containers in all divisions; No pickles, onions, sauces, etc. poured on top; no foil inside and no markings on the outside.
19. Judging: Will Begin @
RIB EYE DIVISION - 7PM, Fri, May 22ND
BEEF FAJITA DIVISION – 8PM, Fri, May 22ND
BBQ CHICKEN DIVISION – 1PM, Sat, May 23RD
PORK SPARE RIB DIVISION – 3PM, Sat, May 23RD
BEEF BRISKET DIVISION - 5PM, Sat, May 23RD
20. Meat for the Pork Spareribs, Fajita, Beef Brisket and Prime Rib Divisions shall be inspected anytime from 6PM until 8PM on Fri, May 22ND. There will be no inspections of BBQ Chicken Divisions. Pork Spare Rib and Beef Brisket Division contest meat may be cooked any time after it has been inspected. Pre-cooked, salted or marinated Pork Spareribs or Beef Brisket meat is NOT ALLOWED! All Entries must be cooked on the Cook-off grounds. All meat may be inspected by the Cook-off Committee at any time.
21. Cook-off Committee Chairman can inspect any Cook-off area at any time, with or without cause, to determine rule compliance.
22. Cook-off teams are responsible for providing their own trash cans and bags.
23. A fire extinguisher will be required in each team area. Each team will be inspected for a fire extinguisher. If your team does not have a fire extinguisher by 8 PM, Fri, May 22ND, you will be subject to disqualification.
24. No Electric or gas fires allowed in any division. These fires must be of wood or wood substance. NO PELLET COOKERS. All pits may be inspected by the Cook-off Chairman at any time.
25. Holes or dug pits are not permitted.
26. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of the team and guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be considered grounds for disqualification. All personal alcoholic beverages must remain in the Cook-off area. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in disqualification! NO GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK! ANYONE GIVING ALCOHOL TO MINORS (UNDER 21) WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW!!!
27. It is the responsibility of each team to see that the contest area is kept clean, and the area is cleaned and policed after the contest. Any space left in disarray or with loose or bundled trash (this includes hay) will disqualify the team from future participation. Dumpsters will be placed throughout the Cook-off area for each team's usage.
28. Firearms or Concealed Handguns are  prohibited on the Bayou Vista Cook-off Area during the Cook-off Event. Anyone found possessing Firearms or Concealed Handguns during the Cook-off will be DISQUALIFIED from this year's event and banned from all Bayou Vista Events.
29. The City of Bayou Vista is not responsible for theft, damage, or accidents.
30. The Cook-off Committee Chairman reserves the right to make additional rules as the situation warrants.
31. ALL DECISIONS OF THE COOK-OFF COMMITTEE AND THE JUDGES ARE FINAL!!!!

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ENTRY FORM

TEAM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

CHIEF COOK: _____

TEAM MEMBERS: _____



EVENT ENTRY FEE: \$200.00 FOR ALL EVENTS

Make Checks Payable To: Bayou Vista Summer Festival

_____ SPOT(S) PAID

BRISKET ~ PORK SPARERIBS

BBQ CHICKEN ~ PRIME RIB

_____ EXTRA TURN IN

BOXES-\$200

_____ FAJITA

\$20 Entry 50/50 Split

TURN IN DATE: _____

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$200.00 for the above event(s). I have read the rules and regulations for the events that my team is entering and agree to abide by them. I further understand the City of Bayou Vista will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to the person(s) participating in the above event(s). It is further understood that only this team is responsible for any and all security of the team's equipment.

CHIEF COOK _____ DATE: _____

CHAIRPERSON: JEFF CAMPBELL (281) 650-1115