



FOLDS of HONOR

Crosswater Yacht Club's 12th Annual Rods & Ribs

Car Show & Rib Cook-off benefiting Folds of Honor

Saturday, October 17, 2026

2026 RULES & REGULATIONS / TEAM ENTRY FORM

This event is held by Crosswater Yacht Club with all rules for cooking and judging as written on this form. **No entry fee is required** because teams are required to serve food they bring to the general public to raise money for Folds of Honor and compete for Patriot Awards.

SETUP

Contestants entering the BBQ Cook-off may set up after noon on **Friday, October 16** and on **Saturday, October 17 from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM**. If a team needs special arrangements to set up earlier, contact Roland. Entry form must be turned in prior to setup. All contestants must vacate CYC property by 5:00 PM Sunday. Security is provided Friday and Saturday only. **Rain date is Sunday, October 18, 2026.**

TEAMS

A team consists of a Chief Cook and up to three assistants. The Chief Cook is responsible for team conduct. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages is grounds for disqualification. Quiet time is 10:00 PM-8:00 AM. Only moderate amplification is allowed during the day. Contestants must be signed in before or at the cooks' meeting.

MEETING OF COOKS

A mandatory cooks' meeting will be held **Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM**. The Chief Cook must attend.

COOKED ONSITE

Ribs entered must be cooked on site, without pre-cooking or marinating. Random inspections may be performed to assure meat is not prepared prior to the official start of competition. Rules and regulations may change without notice if an alternate site is chosen. No exceptions.

PARKING

Pit locations are first-come, first-served around the parking lot, with prior-year Patriot Award finishers receiving first choice. Competitors must place their own pits in designated cooking areas. All vehicles must be removed from the concrete parking lot and surrounding grass by 9:00 AM Saturday and parked in designated overflow areas. No vehicles may traverse the south side of the parking lot near the septic field. Electricity will be available to cooks; bring a long extension cord or a quiet generator. Campers may be placed on the beach if space is available; no power, water, shade, or cover is provided.

SANITATION

Cooks must prepare and cook in a sanitary manner. Conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee, and identified infractions must be corrected immediately or the cook may be disqualified. Teams must keep their areas free of trash during and after the event. Potable water is available from spigots around the parking lot. Gray water must be diverted away from spectators and distributed on grassy areas.

ENTRIES PER PIT

Only one entry per cook from each team. Multiple entries in the same category by the same cook and multiple entries from the same piece of meat are not allowed.

PIT

Any commercial or homemade, trailered or non-trailered pit or smoker normally used for competitive barbecue. Gas or electricity may be used to start combustion of wood or wood products but not to complete cooking.

BYC - BACKYARD COOKER

Any cooking device inherently portable and intended for recreational cooking. Gas or electricity may be used to start combustion of wood or wood products but not to complete cooking.

ANIMALS

Animals of any kind are not permitted in contestant spaces.

OPEN / GROUND FIRES

No open or ground fires are permitted.

CATEGORIES & JUDGING

RIBS

Turn in at least seven individual-cut pork St. Louis-style spare ribs or baby back ribs (bone-in).

SAUCE

You may cook with sauce, but do not add sauce, marinade, sop, juice, or garnish to meat/container once prepared for turn-in. Aluminum foil will be provided when the cook signs in for the tray; use this foil only. Meat is placed on the foil for turn-in. Do not fold foil over meat or mark it. The Head Judge or designated representative will inspect trays for compliance. The Double Number System will be used.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Ribs are judged on Aroma, Appearance, Color, Texture, Moisture, Taste, and Overall Impression. Judges' decisions are final.

TURN-IN TIME

Ribs turn in at **3:00 PM**. A ten-minute early window is recognized. Trays received after 3:00 PM are not accepted. The clock at the turn-in table is the official time.

JUDGES

Chief cooks and assistants may not participate as judges.

JUDGING

Judges assign a score from 1 to 10 for each tray sampled. A maximum of 20 trays/containers will be assigned to each judging table. Each table consists of five judges.

ANNOUNCING WINNERS

Cook-off winners will be announced at the end of judging, or as close to **4:00 PM** as possible.

PRIZES

Ribs: 1st-5th place trophies.

PATRIOT AWARDS

Each team/cooker is expected to cook additional meat and sides and serve the general public to raise money for Folds of Honor. The team raising the most money from its tip jar receives the Patriot Award and first choice of pit location next year. The 2nd- and 3rd-place fundraisers also receive Patriot Awards. Teams not participating in the Patriot Award fundraising effort will not be invited back the following year.

RIB COOK-OFF ENTRY FORM

Team Name:	_____	Contact Name:	_____
Address:	_____		
Phone:	_____	Email:	_____
Shirt Sizes:	_____		

Please provide shirt sizes for four participants with the application at no charge. Additional shirts are \$20 each for team members; include sizes and payment for additional shirts.

For more information, call Roland Adams at **512-261-5253**.