

**Washington County Agricultural Marketing Department
Ag Expo & Fair Iron Chef
2010 Cook-off Rules
Saturday, July 17, 2010
3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Red Men Pavillion**

This is to be a fun and friendly event that showcases local agricultural products and local talent.

General:

1. The Agricultural Marketing Department has the right to modify the rules as they see fit. The decisions of the judges and committee are final.
2. The cook-off committee is not responsible for accidents, damage or theft of items belonging to the contestants.
3. Each team will be asked to prepare one appetizer (3 servings), one main dish including a vegetable (3 servings) and one dessert (3 servings) for three mystery judges. One hour and 30 minutes is allowed for the grilling and preparation of the three entries. All entries must be ready for presentation and tasting to the judges prior to 6:00 pm.
4. Contestants will be supplied with at least three local meats for grilling, at least three local vegetables and at least three local fruits. Additionally, each team will be provided with tongs, a thermometer, and one gas or charcoal grill to be used in the cook-off. If a contestant wishes to provide a different piece of equipment for grilling and preparation, the Agricultural Marketing Department must be notified at least 24 hours in advance of the cook off. All equipment must be in place by 3:30 pm on the day of the event, Saturday, July 17, 2010. No additional items can be brought into the cook-off area once the event begins. A covered six foot table will be provided for each team. A preparation center including refrigeration, running water and stoves, is available for use prior to the cook-off.
5. Marinades, spices, sauces, garnishes, serving platters, and decorative items are the responsibility of the contestant.
6. Cook-off teams consist of one Chief Cook and from two to four helpers of the Chief Cooks choosing.
7. All team members need to be in place by 4:00 pm ready to cook.

8. Teams will be expected to submit a list of additional ingredients, at the time of judging.
9. Chief Cooks in the 2010 Washington County Agricultural Marketing Department Ag Expo & Fair Iron Chef are responsible for their entire operation and team.
10. Chief Cooks will receive a cook-off apron and hat for use during the event.
11. A registration fee of \$50.00 is required for each team and should accompany the Team application form. The \$50.00 fee will be refunded upon event completion on July 17, 2010. This fee will guarantee your teams spot as a participant in the Iron Chef competition for 2010.

Judging:

1. Judges will be selected by the Washington County Agricultural Marketing Department
2. Judges will base their selection on the following criteria:
 - Overall appearance
 - Taste
 - Texture
 - Aroma
 - Creativity demonstrated
2. All dishes are to be prepared on site. Sauces can be prepared off site.
3. All entries are to be ready for judging by 6:00 p.m.

Awards:

1. A champion entry will be selected and a champion rosette and plaque will be awarded. An additional plaque will also be awarded that must be returned the following year that will list the winners each year.
2. All teams and team members will receive a participant ribbon.
3. Additional awards will be at the discretion of the judges.

Safety and Sanitation:

1. Cleanliness of the cooks and the cooking area will be required at all times.
2. Proper temperatures for food safety must be maintained at all times.
3. Sanitization materials will be provided for the cook-off area.

This is a fun and family friendly competition. Thank you for helping us showcase the bounty of Washington County Maryland. Requests for special considerations need to be made in advance by July 15, 2010 to Leslie Hart.

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2010 Team Application
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TEAM APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

Company/Team Name: _____

Chief Cook Name: _____

Team/Chief Cook/Contact Address: _____

Team or Chief Cook Phone: _____

Contact Email address: _____

Please list all team member names, address, and phone: (this informational list is required for public relations and can be updated or changed up to one week prior to the competition)

Please mail your check or money order for \$50.00 to:

Washington County Agriculture Marketing Department
Attention Leslie Hart for Iron Chef
7303 Sharpsburg Pike
Boonsboro, MD 21713

Please make all checks payable to the Washington County Treasurer. Your \$50 will be returned immediately after the judging of the Iron Chef Competition.