

**Washington County Agricultural Marketing Department
Ag Expo & Fair Iron Chef
2011 Cook-off Rules
Saturday, July 23 2011
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Twigg Cycle Activity Tent**

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. Two hours 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 6:25 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 a thermometer, and one charcoal grill to be used in the cook-off and one bag of charcoal. 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 3:55 pm on the day of the event, Saturday, July 23, 2011 at the Twigg Cycle Activity Tent. 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.
5. Plates, serving utensils, marinades, dried wood or smoking items for the grill, spices, sauces, garnishes, serving platters, and decorative items are the responsibility of the contestant.
6. Cook-off teams consist of one Chief Cook and two to four helpers of the Chief Cooks choosing. All participants must be registered in advance.
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 2011 Washington County Agricultural Marketing Department Ag Expo & Fair Iron Chef are responsible for their entire operation and team, including displays.
10. Chief Cooks and teams will each receive a cook-off apron for use during the event. All team members are required to wear their aprons.
11. Each team will be placed into a category of amateur or professional divisions.
12. A registration fee of \$50.00 is required for each team and should accompany the Team application form. This fee will guarantee your teams spot as a participant in the Iron Chef competition for 2011.
13. All mystery food ingredients will be provided at 12:00 Noon at the University of Maryland Extension Office, Room 1 and a member of the team must be present to pick up all ingredients and aprons for the team.

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 prior to 6:00 p.m.

Awards:

1. A champion entry will be selected and a champion rosette and or plaque will be awarded.
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 20, 2011 to Leslie Hart at 301-432-4782.

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2011 Team Application
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TEAM APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

Company/Team Name: _____

Team type: Amateur _____ Professional _____ Other _____

Chief Cook Name: _____

Team/Chief Cook/Contact Address: _____

Team or Chief Cook Phone: _____

Team or Chief Cook Alternate 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.