

**Washington County Agricultural Marketing Department
Ag Expo & Fair Iron Chef "Burgers"
2011 Burger Cook-off Rules
Sunday, July 24 2011
3:00 pm to 6:00 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 three hamburgers for three mystery judges. Three hours 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 one pound of locally raised fresh ground beef. Additionally, each team will be provided a thermometer, and one 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 4:00 pm on the day of the event, Sunday, July 24, 2011. 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. Marinades, rolls, cheese, condiments, spices, seasoned woods, sauces, garnishes, serving platters, and decorative items are the responsibility of the contestant.
6. Cook-off teams consist of one Chief Cook and one to two 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. Added ingredients are encouraged for all burgers.

9. Chief Cooks in the 2011 Washington County Agricultural Marketing Department Ag Expo & Fair Iron Chef "Burgers" are responsible for their entire operation and team.
10. Chief Cooks and teams will receive a cook-off apron for use during the event.
11. A registration fee of \$30.00 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 "Burgers" competition for 2011.
12. The one pound of locally raised fresh ground beef 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 the burger 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 burgers are to be grilled on site. Sauces can be prepared off site.
3. All entries are to be ready for judging by 5:55 p.m.

Awards:

1. A champion entry will be selected and a champion rosette and 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.

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2011 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: _____

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 \$30.00 to:

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

Please make all checks payable to the Washington County Treasurer.