

Camden Daffodil Festival
15th Annual Championship Steak Cook-Off
March 7, 2015



Dear Cooks:

Our 15th Annual Championship Steak Cook-Off plans are well underway and this letter is to let you know that this year's event will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 in conjunction with the Camden Daffodil Festival. We invite you to come and join us, as well as, compete for great trophies and cash prizes.

Again this year, the asphalt lot between Century 21 and the US Post Office on Washington Street will be utilized for the event. We will expand northward to the LE Lindsey CPA lot, if required. There will be an initial maximum of **800** steaks available for cooking this year by our cook-off teams, but the quantity may increase dependent upon ticket sales. The steaks will be a thick-cut selection that averages 16-18 ounces. The Camden Daffodil Festival committee will furnish the steaks and ice to cool the meat on the day of the event. Our plans are to offer tickets for sale at a rate of \$22 per steak dinner.

We are offering a **Grazin' Fee** of \$8 per head for anyone wanting to eat the appetizers that the teams prepare during the day. Teams are strongly encouraged to serve the public appetizers. An identifying pass will be issued to the purchaser so that each team can ensure that the fee has been paid before the festival goer eats! Prize money comes from appetizer pass sales, so it is in the team's best interest to insure that the pass is presented before serving. **We will offer 1st through 10th Place Appetizer Awards.** With this letter, we are enclosing an entry form, statement of liability, list of prizes and the rules / regulations for the cook-off. **Please read, complete, sign and return the forms to me as soon as possible to ensure that your cooking team gets a competition spot.**

Please note that the entry deadline is **Thursday March 5, 2015**

Contestants may begin setting up at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 6 and set up shall be complete by 10:00 AM Saturday, March 7, 2015. A Sheriff's command post will be set up on site to provide security for the rigs overnight. We will have our Chief Cook meeting at 10:00 AM in the Camden First Baptist Church's Family Life Center located at 348 Washington Street. Vehicles shall not remain parked in the cook-off area in general. Special parking needs will be considered case by case. Contact the cook-off Chairman by March 5 to discuss special parking arrangements.

We look forward to hearing from you as we anticipate another great Championship Steak Cook-Off associated with the Camden Daffodil Festival!

The Camden Daffodil Festival Championship Steak Cook-Off Committee
c/o Chip Simmons, Championship Steak Cook-Off Chairman
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What's new for 2015

Appetizer Judging will be scored by a panel of judges. Judging methods will be based on SCA rules and turn in windows will be announced during the cook's meeting.
Open turn in window for steak judging will be announced during the cook's meeting.

Free Steak tickets will no longer be included with paid application, in turn, each team will have 2 steaks in addition to the turn in steak with which to use as they please.

1st Place Appetizer will receive a cash prize of 20% of Grazin' Fees
2nd Place Appetizer will receive a cash prize of 15% of Grazin Fees
3rd Place Appetizer will receive cash prize of 10% of Grazin Fees
4th Place Appetizer will receive cash prize of 5% of Grazin Fees
5th Place Appetizer will receive cash prize of 2% of Grazin Fees
6th-10th Place Appetizer will receive a call and certificate

****Approximately \$4000 went to Grazin' Fees last year****

A booth will be set up in the Steak Yard to sell
Grazin' passes for \$8 each.



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Areas of Competition

Steak Cooking:

All cooks will be competing on an equal basis. An open turn in window will be utilized to turn in steaks. An equal quantity of steaks will be distributed to each team. Competition steaks will be selected from within the lot of steaks given to each team.

1st Place will receive a cash prize of \$1500 and an invite to the SCA Steak Championship

2nd Place will receive a cash prize of \$1000

3rd Place will receive a trophy along with a cash prize of \$500

4th Place will receive a trophy along with a cash prize of \$400

5th Place will receive a trophy along with a cash prize of \$300

6th – 10th Place will receive a call, certificate and \$100

Showmanship:

Showmanship involves , but is not limited to, the way that your area looks, how your team is dressed, how you serve the public and the hospitality of your team.

1st Place will receive a cash prize of \$300

2nd Place will receive a cash prize of \$200

3rd Place will receive a cash prize of \$100

Rig Construction:

This area of rig competition will recognize the engineering marvels that you have constructed in an effort to cook the very best steak possible. Originality, methods of construction, craftsmanship and suitability for the purpose intended will be the judging criteria.

1st Place will receive a cash prize of \$300

2nd Place will receive a cash prize of \$200

3rd Place will receive a cash prize of \$100

Entry Fee & Sponsors:

There is a **\$150** entry fee for the right to compete.

Note that The Camden Daffodil Festival Championship Steak Cook-Off Committee reserved the right to reject any application based upon the information submitted.



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Steak Cooking

- 1) Cooking teams may use any type of non-poisonous wood, charcoal or propane fuel desired.
- 2) The **Camden Daffodil Festival** will provide rib-eye steaks. Teams are to provide ice chests or containers for steak storage. The **Camden Daffodil Festival** will provide ice as needed.
- 3) All steaks are to be handled in a sanitary manner. Plastic gloves will be provided and are to be used in handling the steaks.
- 4) Grills may be inspected for cleanliness before cooking.
- 5) All seasonings and “secret ingredients” are to be provided by the cooking teams.
- 6) Cooking teams are responsible for providing individual cooking utensils, tables and chairs they might need at their cooking area. All contestants must adhere to city, county, state and federal electrical, fire and other codes.
- 7) Some type of fire extinguishing device should be readily available to each cooker.
- 8) Steaks may not be removed from the cooking area. Any violation of this will result in immediate disqualification.
- 9) All steaks remain the property of **The Camden Daffodil Festival**.
- 10) No unique identifying methods shall be used, including, but not limited to; branding (other than grill marks) or the placement of any garnish into the container which is used to deliver steaks to judging.

**SCA Rules Apply for Steak and Appetizer
Competitions – see www.steakcookoffs.com website
for more information**

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Miscellaneous Rules:

- 1) **No refunds of the entry fees** will be made once you have been accepted in the contest, whether you appear or not. All checks should be made to: **The Daffodil Festival Championship Steak Cook-Off.**
- 2) It is the responsibility of each contestant to see that the contest area is kept clean and that the area is cleaned following the contest. It is imperative that our cleanup be thorough. Any space left in disarray or with loose trash and garbage will disqualify the team from future participation. Trash receptacles will be supplied.
- 3) The chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed (given away or sold) to the general public by contestants.
- 4) The cook-off committee reserves the right to make additional regulations or changes to methods as the situation warrants.
- 5) Decisions of the cook-off committee chairman and judges are final.
- 6) Each contestant must check in at the registration area for a cooking area assignment by 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the contest. You will be able to drop off your equipment in the parking lot beginning Friday afternoon at 5 p. m.
- 7) Violation of the rules and regulations of the contest may result in disqualification, expulsion from the grounds, and/or disqualification from future participation.



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Official Team Name: _____

Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Chief Cook: 1. _____

Assistant Cooks: 2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Number of Steaks Your Team is willing to Cook: _____

Space Requirements? Width _____ Length _____

Water Needed? _____ / Electricity Needed? _____

Cash Remittance:

Entry Fee = **\$150** Per Team: \$ _____

Extra Steak Dinner Tickets (Qty) _____ @ **\$22** Each = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please mail registration page, liability release & fees to:

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Statement of Liability

As a precaution, the Committee has determined that it is mandatory for each Chief Cook to sign and return, The Statement of Liability. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.

Thank you for your cooperation. This must be signed and returned before you set up. Please mail the signed form to:

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As Chief Cook and a contestant in the 2015 Camden Daffodil Festival Steak Cook-Off, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Camden Daffodil Festival Steak Cook-Off Committee and Sponsors of the Camden Daffodil Festival, its employees and volunteers, for any and all claims made against The Camden Daffodil Festival, including without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, or reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in connection with:

1. Any structure erected by contestant or their team members.
2. Any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by contestant.
3. Any act or omissions to act of contestant, its agent, invites, participates, representatives, employees, servants, and agents.
4. Any claims made on accounts of, or resulting from, contestant's participation in this contest.

I further certify that I have read and understand all the rules and regulations associated with this contest. I understand that failure to comply with these rules will result in my disqualification from this contest.

Chief Cook _____ Date _____

Please mail entire page

