

# 2026 Port Neches Riverfest Smoke on the Water BBQ Cookoff An IBCA Sanctioned State Championship

Presented By :



April 24th – 25th, 2026

Port Neches Park  
601 Grigsby Ave, Port Neches, TX 77651



**\$8500+ IN GUARANTEED PRIZE MONEY!!**

IBCA Sanctioned

^^IBCA RULES^^

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Fan Favorite Contest- Free to enter

Cooks Choice- Serving The Public

\$500 Winner Takes all!

**Entry Fee:** \$200/team ( Chicken, Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs)

**Jackpots:** \$20/entry- Cooked On-Site - 100% Payout to Winner

Friday: Rib Eye Steak, Dessert

Saturday: Beans, (Kids Que \$30-Trophy Only), Cooks Choice Fan Favorite

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**Website:** [www.pnriverfest.com](http://www.pnriverfest.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/pnriverfest](http://www.facebook.com/pnriverfest)

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April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Port Neches RiverFest 2026 at Port Neches Park

**Presented BY INDORAMA VENTURES**

**Entry Fee is \$200.00 – Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, & Chicken  
Guaranteed \$8500+**

**Open Category – Rib Eye Steak, Beans, Desert- \$20.00– 100% Payout**

**Fan Favorite – Please see Rules and Regulations.**

**Trophy's 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup>. Grand Champion and Fan Favorite.**

Send Registration and payment to :

RiverFest  
1110 Port Neches Ave.  
Port Neches, TX 77651  
Joe Rooney (409-291-1455)  
[kayla@steelinsulatorgroup.com](mailto:kayla@steelinsulatorgroup.com) (409-543-2208)

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Head Cook Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE FOR ENTRY**

**RIB EYE STEAK (FRIDAY EVENING) DESERT(FRIDAY EVENING) JACKPOT BEANS FAN FAVORITE**

**Please enclose \$200.00 entry fee. All checks made payable to RiverFest.  
Your team's position is not reserved until entry fee is paid. Deadline for entry is April 20, 2026.**

**ALL IBCA Rules Apply. Please read rules @<https://ibcabbq.org/organization-documents>**

Our team has read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Port Neches RiverFest 2021 Bar B Q Cook-off. The Wheelhouse, Port Neches Chamber of Commerce, the Port Neches River Fest, FivePoint Credit Union or anyone associated with the cook-off will not be responsible for theft or damage to equipment, or bodily injury of any kind. Decisions of the committee chairperson and judges are final. By entering this contest you agree to abide by all the rules. If not, the Port Neches RiverFest committee chairperson and the Wheelhouse has the right to ask you and your team to leave this cook-off. **Thank you in advance for participating in our cook-off and supporting the RIVERFEST.**

HEAD COOK T – SHIRT SIZE

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Head Cook Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) Contestants may begin checking in Friday April 24, 2026 at 9:00am. Deadline for checking in will be 6:00pm.
- 2) Teams will consist of one (1) Head Cook and Four (4) team members. Each team must cook on their own pit.
- 3) This is an IBCA Sanctioned event. Cooking rules and regulation plus meat turn in requirements can be found at <http://ibcabbq.org/wp-content/uploads/Sept-1-2016-Rules.pdf>
- 4) Head cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guest. The excessive use of alcoholic beverages shall be grounds for disqualification. **Pursuant to TABC regulations, under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be offered in any form to A MINOR, or general public. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in limited to cook teams in designated cook off area. Further instructions to be given at the cook meeting on Friday evening on April 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- 5) It is the responsibility of each team to see that the contest area is kept clean, and the area is clean following the contest. The team will be required to dispose of their trash in the provided dumpsters.
- 6) Water and Electricity are not provided.
- 7) All items must be turned in at the time listed next to the corresponding items.

### FRIDAY:

**4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Tray Pickup**

**6:00 P.M. Cooks Meeting**

**7:00 P.M. Dessert (Cooked on Site)**

**8:00 P. M. Rib Eye Steak (One Boneless Ribeye. No Garnish)**

**SATURDAY:**

**8:30AM Kids Que meeting. (One ¾" - 1" thick Center Cut Pork Chop supplied by the promoter. No Garnish)**

**10:00 AM Kids Que Turn In**

**11:00 AM Beans Turn in. (Pinto beans. Nothing larger than the bean. Cooked on site)**

**12:00(NOON)- CHICKEN- 1 Fully Jointed Chicken Halve to include breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick)**

**1:30PM PORK SPARERIBS (8 Individual Pork Spare**

**3:00 pm Ribs) BRISKET (8 SLICES)**

8) Judging quantities for special categories are listed below:

**Beans –** **(Nothing larger than the bean to be put into the turn-in cup.)** You do not have to enter the main cookoff to enter Bean Category. Open to anyone who attends cook meeting and enters fee. **Must be cooked on site!!!** \$20 for BBQ competitors. \$30 for BEANS only entry.

**Fan Favorite –** **any of the meats cooked for the main cookoff Chicken, Ribs and brisket.**

9) Head cooks meeting will be at 6:00pm Friday April 24, 2026. All head cooks are required to attend. You will be given your containers to turn in for judging.

10) Awards ceremony at 5:00pm on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.



**Port Neches Riverfest**

**Smoke on the Water BBQ Cookoff**

**Kids Que Competition**

**April 25th, 2026**

**Ages 5-16**

**9:00 AM COOK MEETING**

**10:30 AM TURN IN**

*Meat Entry:  $\frac{3}{4}$ " - 1 inch Thick Center Cut Pork Chops*

**Entry Fee: \$30**

Entry fee includes pork chops for competition, small bag of charcoal, & a small grill that the child gets to take home after the competition. All children will be acknowledged and awarded with trophies or certificates.

Participants are allowed to bring and use own grill.

***There will be a designated cook area for Kid's Que participants. Participants will be required to cook in this area***

***Exceptions only for participants cooking in conjunction with registered cookoff team.***

***Please make checks payable to: Port Neches Riverfest***

Deadline is April 11th. We cannot guarantee a pit past this date.

Contact Joe Rooney 409-291-1455 or email [kayla@steelinsulatorgroup.com](mailto:kayla@steelinsulatorgroup.com)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents must assist to assure child safety, but the child must do seasoning, majority of the preparation, cooking and ALL turn-ins.**

Paid Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Pd on Parent Form \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

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