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January 12, 2026

Thank you for participating in the 2025 GREAT Steak Cook-off. This will be the 14th annual cook-off benefiting the BCISD Education Foundation.

Following are the categories you will be competing for:

Best Steak: The best steak winner, chosen by a panel of judges using established criteria, will receive bragging rights and the "traveling" trophy to display for a year. The team will also receive a prize and the first pick of cooking space at next year's event.

Pacesetter: Awarded to the team raising the most money to benefit the BCISD Education Foundation; the winner will receive a prize and 2<sup>nd</sup> pick of cooking space at next year's event. Although participation in the Pacesetter competition is optional, teams are encouraged to hold raffles, auctions, contests, or other means of raising funds.

Crowd Favorite: Attendees will select the crowd favorite at the event. Each attendee will be given a wooden token to vote for their favorite team. The Crowd Favorite winner will receive a prize and the third-place pick of cooking space at next year's event.

Best Decorated Booth: All teams are encouraged to creatively decorate their cooking booths and attire to enhance the festive atmosphere of the GREAT Steak Cook-Off. The Best Decorated Booth award will recognize the team that showcases exceptional creativity and a vibrant presentation. Attendees will select the winner.

Enclosed, you will find all the following information needed to prepare for the event:

1. Entry form (please fill out and return)
2. Team rules
3. Judging rules
4. Sample judging score sheet

Meeting of chief cooks. At least three days before the event, a meeting will be held to review all rules and draw for space assignments. You will be given notice of the time and place of the meeting. We ask that at least one team member attend this meeting.

Cooking space assignments. The "best steak," "pacesetter" and "crowd favorite" winners from the prior year earn 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> picks, respectively. All remaining teams will draw for a spot. Teams may consult with other teams to switch spots if desired.

Please read the enclosed documents carefully and be sure to share this information with your other team members.

If you have questions, please contact Amy Ging, Cooking Teams Chair, at 979.479.1420.

Again, thank you for joining this event to raise money for the BCISD Education Foundation.

**GREAT Steak Cook-Off**  
**March 21, 2026**  
**Team Entry Form**

**Team Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Official Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Cook:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Other Cooks: (limit 3)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Indemnification:**

Contestants agree to indemnify and hold the BCISD Education Foundation, its employees and volunteers harmless from any claims made against the BCISD Education Foundation GREAT Steak Cook-Off, including without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, and attorney fees, arising out of or in connections with (1) any structure erected by the contestant (2) any invitees, participants, representatives, employees, servants, and agents (3) any claims on account of or resulting from Contestants' participation in the contest.

I have received the terms and judging rules and agree to abide by them and all rules and regulations of the GREAT Steak Cook-Off.

Chief Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Required

Thank you for supporting the BCISD Education Foundation!

## Team Rules

1. Cooking teams will consist of 4 persons, a Chief Cook and three team members. Each team will be responsible for cooking approximately 20 to 25 **1-1/8" rib eye** steaks. One steak will be cooked for judging and the remaining steaks will be cooked for serving to event attendees.
2. Cooking teams must provide their own cooking device, fuel and ice. Teams may use any type of fuel desired. PLEASE NOTE: No electricity will be available.
3. The event committee will supply all steaks. Only steaks provided by the committee are allowed at the event, and they cannot be taken from the designated cooking areas before judging.
4. Teams are to provide ice chests for the safe and sanitary storage of steaks prior to cooking. They are also responsible for keeping cooked steaks warm until served to guests.
5. All steaks must be handled in a sanitary manner. The event committee will inspect the grills prior to cooking. Food-safe gloves must be worn at all times when handling and cooking steaks. Each cook team is asked to provide an adequate supply of gloves.
6. Each team (with the exception of the prior year's winning teams, who will receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice) will draw for the remaining booth spaces at least three days before the event to allow for the planning and placement of cooking device(s), tents, tables, chairs, decorations, and other items, as desired by the team.
7. Each team must provide a fire extinguishing device to be located within the cooking area at all times.
8. Each cooking team member is provided a steak and side dishes as part of the team entry fee. Team members' family and friends must purchase an individual event ticket (or corporate table seating).
9. The "best steak" winning team agrees to offer its cooking services as a live auction item after the event. The winning team will cook a steak dinner for 10 for the winning bidder. The winning team and the winning bidder will mutually agree upon a date. The BCISD Education Foundation event committee will provide steaks and side dishes.
10. All teams are responsible for cleaning up their cooking areas and removing all equipment and personal items at the conclusion of the event.

## JUDGING FORM

Steak Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Appearance      1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Good grill marks \_\_\_\_\_  
Color \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Degree of Doneness      1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Underdone \_\_\_\_\_  
Overdone \_\_\_\_\_  
Just right \_\_\_\_\_

Tenderness      1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Tough \_\_\_\_\_  
Almost tender \_\_\_\_\_  
Tender \_\_\_\_\_

Taste      1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Bland \_\_\_\_\_  
Too smoky \_\_\_\_\_  
Too salty \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERALL IMPRESSION** (Please use decimal value of 1.0 thru 9.9) \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Decimal values should be written in the following manner:

Examples – 1.6, 3.2, etc. The use of decimals will lessen the chance of a tie)

**TOTAL SCORE** ..... \_\_\_\_\_