

Little Pig Cookoff
July 11th 2026
BCDC Park – Beckemeyer, IL

COOKOFF GUIDELINES

This is a “Backyard Event”, not a sanctioned contest.

1. Setup

- Upon arrival, follow signs for Cookoff Contestant parking. (take 2nd street East past baseball diamond)
- After your site is set, please remove vehicles from the cookoff area and park in other designated areas.
- Electricity not supplied (generators welcome!)
- No dumping of ashes on grounds

2. Steaks

- Each team will be provided 12 pre-cut, 5/8” thick, bone-in pork steaks.
- At **11:00 a.m.** steaks will be available for pickup: 12 to each team in sealed packages.
- Teams are expected to keep steaks at a proper temperature until consumption.
- Teams should have steaks fully cooked at 3:30pm. At which time judging will start.
- Teams will place 6 pieces of a pork steak (cut into bite-size pieces) into designated containers for the judging panel to sample. Turn-in starts at 3:30 & 4:00
- The remaining steaks should be cut and ready for "people’s choice" sampling starting at 4:30.

3. Blind Judging

- 1st place
- 2nd place
- 3rd place
- 4th place
- 5th-10th
- Team winnings are dependent on the number of team entries.
- Teams will be given a designated container for their submission
- Containers that are marked/altered may be disqualified.
- A team member will turn in their container of bite-sized, pre-sauced steak between 3:30 & 4:00
- Judging will be on taste and texture only
- No Garnishes
- Separate entry fee and registration is required for each additional recipe

4. People's Choice Awards

- 1st place = \$200
- 2nd place = \$100

- Team winnings are dependent on the number of team entries.
- Starting at 2pm anyone may purchase a wristband for \$10 to sample pork steaks. Can not sample until 4pm
- Voters will have one ticket to cast for “Best Porksteak”.
- Cast votes at the cookoff site of choice.
- Teams are responsible for collecting vote tickets.
- Teams will turn in vote tickets no later than 6:00pm

Ties will be determined by a coin toss
Official announcement of winners will take place at the bandstand at ~6:00.

Things to Bring:

- Everything needed to cook (only meat provided)
- Plates/kitchenware for serving samples
- Washbowl & Soap
- Hand sanitizer
- disposable gloves for food handling.
- Pop-up tents or other shade
- Table & chairs
- Collection container for People’s Choice vote tickets.
- Decorations for your team’s cooking site
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit
- Generator

BEST SITE AWARD WILL BE AWARDED THIS YEAR

The Beckemeyer Community Development Club (BCDC) will have plenty of food, and a plethora of frosty beverages. Monies raised from food and drink sales will be used for park maintenance and upgrades.

Please support BCDC via our concession/beer stands.

Based on circumstance, any or all of these guidelines are subject to change, with or without notice, as determined by the cookoff committee.

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