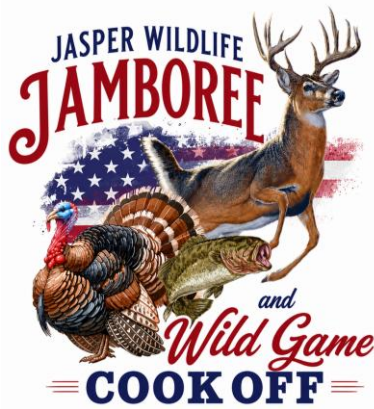




JASPER WILDLIFE JAMBOREE & WILD GAME COOK-OFF

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Event time: 11am-3pm/ Cook Time: 7:00am-12:00pm

Judging begins at 12:00pm / Winners announced at 2:30pm

COOK-OFF GOALS

- To demonstrate that responsible hunters and anglers properly utilize the wild game they harvest, and that wild game makes excellent and healthy table fare.
- To provide an opportunity for cook-team enthusiasts to interact in a friendly competitive manner.
- To bring awareness to Bay Springs and Jasper County's great outdoors.
- To generate funds to support local wildlife conservation and Bay Springs revitalization efforts.

COOK-TEAM GUIDELINES

- **ENTRY FEE:** \$100 per category entered. A cook-team may consist of a group of friends, a couple, or a single individual. The team may represent a business, club, hunt camp, restaurant, etc., or simply be a local cook. Teams may have up to 5 members. A cook-team form must be completed to compete.
- The Bay Springs Chamber of Commerce is a tax-exempt 501(c)(6) organization. The Chamber cannot endorse candidates for political office or participate in or endorse electioneering of any kind.
- The Wild Game Cook-Off celebrates game animals, game birds, and game fish that can be harvested and utilized for food. "Wild Game" is defined as any fish, fowl, or game found in the wild of North America. Teams are strongly encouraged to utilize fish, fowl, or game they harvested themselves or that was harvested by other hunters and anglers. Commercially available species are permitted.

WILD GAME CATEGORIES

- **FISH** - All fresh and saltwater species. This category also includes amphibians and reptiles such as alligators, frogs, snakes, and turtles.
- **FOWL** - Game birds including, but not limited to, dove, duck, goose, grouse, pheasant, quail, and wild turkey.
- **GAME** - Game meat including, but not limited to, bear, beaver, bison, wild boar, deer, elk, rabbit, and squirrel.
- \$100 entry fee per category entered. Teams may submit **ONLY ONE** dish per category.

IMPORTANT COOK-OFF RULES

- * **ALL COOKING MUST TAKE PLACE ON SITE. EVERYTHING MUST ARRIVE RAW. NOTHING CAN BE PRECOOKED IN ANY WAY.**
- * **Team load in begins at 6:00am. Cooking may begin at 7:00am. Check in will be at the green chamber tent. No grills, smokers, fryers, fish cookers, or other cooking equipment may be lit, turned on, or preheated before 7:00am.**

AWARDS AND CASH PRIZES

- Trophies will be awarded for 1st Place in each category.
- \$1,000 prize for 1st Place in each category - Fish, Fowl, and Game.
- \$3,000 GRAND PRIZE for the team with the highest-ranking score.
- \$250 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD for the overall best-tasting dish as voted on by the public.
- BEST DECORATED TENT AWARD - winner receives a surprise item.
- Dishes will be judged on Taste and Creativity/Originality, with taste weighted more heavily. Creativity/Originality includes imagination, uniqueness, and difficulty of the dish.

JUDGING

- * **Judging begins at 12:00pm. All entries submitted to the judges must be placed in clamshell boxes provided by the Chamber of Commerce. No plates or other dishes are allowed. Bowls with lids will be provided for soups, stews, etc.**
- **Competitors will receive their judging time at check-in on the day of the event and must deliver their judging plates to the green Chamber tent at that appointed time.**
- In the event of a tied score, the judges will make the final decision to determine the winner.
- All scores and information of judging process is confidential and any disqualifications will be imposed after judging completes.

COOK-TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- * **All entries are required to provide a MINIMUM of 250 bite sized samples.**
- Exhibit tent and team sign.
- Tables, chairs, and tablecloths (none are provided).
- Grill, smoker, or other cooking device necessary for the wild game entry.
- Warmer such as a large pot or chafing dish with heat source.
- Charcoal, propane, or other fuel. Limited electricity is available; teams should be as self-sufficient as possible.
- Food-handler gloves, serving utensils, paper napkins, and water containers. A water source will be available.
- Fire extinguisher in accordance with State requirements.

THE CHAMBER WILL PROVIDE

- One 10' x 12' exhibit space per entry fee. Additional 10' x 12' spaces are \$100 each.
- Small plates, sample cups, sporks, toothpicks, and paper towels.
- Containers for entries submitted to the judges.
- Garbage bags.

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