

City of Imperial
5TH ANNUAL TRI-TIP COOK-OFF
Application



AWARDS & CASH PRIZES

People's Choice \$1,000

Tri-Tip Champion \$1,000 | Reserve Champion \$500 | 3rd \$250 | 4th \$100

Supreme Showman \$500 | Reserve Show \$250 | 3rd in Show \$100

Best Side Dish \$500 | 2nd Place Side Dish \$250 | 3rd Place Side Dish \$100

Team Name: _____ Chief Cook: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Team members including Chief Cook: _____ Team Sponsor: _____

OPTIONAL Side Dish Entry: _____

List all foods to be provided to the public including beverages, condiments, ice, and prepackaged foods: _____

Where are foods including beverages, condiments, ice, and prepackaged foods going to be purchased (food must be purchased from an approved source)? **Please retain receipts of purchase during the event.* _____

24 entrants will be accepted on a first received first served basis by Thursday, February 4, 2016

***Please note registration will close upon 24th entry which may be before February 4**

Entry Fee: \$100.00

Entry Fee includes one-day ICPHD food permit

Please familiarize yourself with the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Rules and Regulations included on the back of the application.

Waiver of Liability: In consideration of your accepting this entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, my team, executors and demonstrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my team may have against, the City of Imperial and their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by myself, my team, or my guests in the event. I hereby grant full permission to the event organizers and/or agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, videotapes, recording or any other record of the event for any legitimate purpose. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Competition as interpreted by the Judges/Organizers of the Tri-Tip Cook-Off event.

Team Captain/Chief Cook (Print Name) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: City of Imperial
Mail this SIGNED entry form and registration fee to:
City of Imperial
Attention: Ember Haller
420 S. Imperial Ave.
Imperial, CA 92251



*Thank you for your participation!
Proceeds raised during the Tri-Tip Cook-Off
will benefit Community Programs.*

Additional information can be found at www.cityofimperial.org or by calling 760-355-3316 or email ehaller@cityofimperial.org.

Tri-Tip Cook-Off Rules & Regulations

- 1) The decision and interpretations of the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Rules and Regulations are at the discretion of the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Representatives. Their decisions and interpretations are final.
- 2) Team sponsors must be identified at time of registration.
- 3) 24 entrants will be accepted on a first received first serve basis. Cook-Off space will be assigned at time of registration. All BBQ's and other equipment used by the team must remain within the assigned cooking space.
- 4) Contestants must follow all local fire, electrical, health and other appropriate local codes. **Contestants must review the Imperial County Public Health Department Temporary Food Facility Guidelines. Information may be found online at http://www.icphd.org/sub.php?menu_id=615. One day permit will be obtained from the Imperial County Public Health Department, Division of Environmental Health by City of Imperial.** All food items must be identified on cook-off application for required health department permit. Food items not listed on the cook-off application will not be allowed.
- 5) Teams shall provide their own meat, cooking ingredients, individual cooking devices, equipment, preparation tables, shade, etc. as needed or required for the cook-off.
- 6) One person is to be designated as the team leader or chief cook. The team leader will attend the Cooks Meeting and will be responsible for all the actions of the team. Only team members may assist with and be in the designated cooking space and/or designated meat cutting areas.
- 7) There is a **MANDATORY COOKS MEETING** Friday, February 19, 2016, at 6:00 pm at Eager Park, 9th and G Streets, Imperial, CA. Teams may choose to have competition meat inspected and begin setting up booths after the meeting however once the competition meat has been inspected, it shall not leave the contest site; the team will be responsible to properly store the meat on site until the cook-off.
- 8) Check in time starts at **6:30 A.M.** on Saturday, February 20, 2016. Vehicles will be allowed in event area for set-up *until 9:00 A.M.* The Tri-Tip Cook-Off will be held from **10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.** People's Choice ballots will be accepted from **10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.** (In order to keep event on schedule P.C. ballots cannot be accepted after 2:00 P.M.) Judging will start at **11:00 A.M.** Results will be announced at **3:00 P.M.**
- 9) All competition meat shall be inspected by the Official Meat Inspector either after the Mandatory Cooks Meeting on Friday the 19th or during check in time starting at **6:30 A.M.** on February 20th. Once the competition meat has been inspected, it shall not leave the contest site. Cooking shall not begin until the competition meat has been inspected by the Official Meat Inspector. All competition meat shall start out raw and stored at a temperature of 40 degrees or less (packed in ice in an ice chest or in refrigerator). No pre-seasoned meat is allowed - *seasoned, marinated, rubbed, injected, etc.*
- 10) Tri-tip samples, sides, plated dishes and beverages may be sold for *tri-tip tickets only* and may not be given away or be sold for cash.
- 11) Tri-tip tickets will be sold by the City to the public for \$1 each with 60 percent of sales going back to the teams.
 - Each team will provide their own enclosed box with the team name to hold collected tickets. Team will turn in collected tickets to the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Booth after 3:00 P.M to be tabulated for reimbursement. Reimbursement will be provided by the City of Imperial within one week of the cook-off.
- 12) All teams are required to provide the City of Imperial a completed W-9.
- 13) **Judging** – Contestants must submit at least (6) six cuts of tri-tip meat enough for six judges to the judging area at 11:00 A.M.
 - Turn-in time of 11:00 A.M. will be confirmed at the Cooks Meeting. The allowable turn-in time will be five (5) minutes before to five (5) minutes after the posted time. A late turn-in will receive a 1 (one) in all criteria.
 - Judging will be based upon Appearance, Tenderness and Taste.
 - Meat shall not be sculptured, branded or presented in a way to make it identifiable. Rosettes of meat slices are not allowed. Violations of this rule will be scored a one (1) on all criteria from all Judges.
 - Garnish is optional. If used, it is limited to chopped, sliced, shredded or whole leaves of fresh green lettuce, curly parsley, and flat leaf parsley. Kale, endive, red tipped lettuce, lettuce cores and other vegetation are prohibited. "Illegal" garnish will receive a score of one (1) on Appearance.
 - Entries will be submitted in a numbered container supplied by the City of Imperial. The number must be on the top of the container at turn-in. The container shall not be marked in any way so as to make the container unique or identifiable. Aluminum foil, toothpicks, skewers, foreign material, and/or stuffing are prohibited in the container. Marked entries or containers with the above listed material will receive a one (1) in all criteria from all Judges.
 - Each contestant must submit at least six (6) portions of meat in an approved container. Judges may not cut, slice, or shake apart to separate pieces. If there is not enough meat for each judge to sample, the shorted judge(s) will score a one (1) on all criteria, and the judges having samples will change the Appearance score to one (1).
- 14) **People's Choice Award** – Teams must provide tri-tip samples (approximately 2 ounces) for *at least* 275 people (approximately 35 lbs. of Tri-Tip). The team will provide one 2-ounce sample in exchange for one ticket. Attendees will receive one People's Choice voting ballot per purchase of 5 tri-tip tickets. Attendees may cast their vote for their favorite team at the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Booth from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. The team with the most votes will win the People's Choice Award.
- 15) **Showmanship Award** – Teams will be judged on their showmanship based on their cook-off style! Judges will consider the overall "showmanship" of the team and their booth. Judging will be based on workmanship, theme, team enthusiasm and overall audience appeal.
- 16) **Best Side Dish** – This is an optional category. Contestants will submit their side dish as six individual portions at **12:00 P.M.** Entries must be submitted in a numbered container supplied by the City of Imperial. Teams may write in the name of their side dish entry on the numbered container. The side dish entry name will be announced to the judging panel at time of judging. Judging will be based on Appearance, Taste, Originality and Food (Tri-Tip) Pairing. Teams are allowed one entry for the best side dish category.
- 17) **Award Ceremony** – Winners will be announced at 3:00 P.M. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Champion Tri-Tip	\$1,000	People's Choice	\$1,000	Supreme Showman Reserve	\$500
Reserve Champion	\$500	Best Side Dish	\$500	Supreme Showman	\$250
3 rd Place Tri-Tip	\$250	2 nd Place Side Dish	\$250	3 rd Place Showmanship	\$100
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