DOWNTOWN IMPERIAL
IMPERIAL AVE AND BARIONI BLVD
FEBRUARY 24, 2018 | 5PM-9PM

AWARDS & CASH PRIZES

Tri-Tip Champion $1,500 | Reserve Champion $750 | 3rd $500 | 4th $250
Supreme Showman $500 | Reserve Show $250 | 3rd in Show $100
Best Side Dish $500 | 2nd Place Side Dish $250 | 3rd Place Side Dish $100
People's Choice $1,000

City of Imperial 7th Annual Tri-Tip Cook-Off Application

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: _____
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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*. _____

18 entrants will be accepted on a first received first served basis by Thursday, February 8, 2018
***Please note registration will close upon 18th entry which may be before February 8**
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 Department of Community Services
Attention: Ember Haller
124 W. 9th Street, Suite A
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) 18 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, hot coal catching pan, 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) Check in time starts at **8AM** on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Vehicles will be allowed in event area for set-up **until 2:00PM.**
8) There is a **MANDATORY COOKS MEETING** at **11AM** in the **Pentagonal Brewery Parking Lot** located at the intersection of **Barioni Boulevard and Imperial Avenue.**
9) The Tri-Tip Cook-Off will be held from **5:00PM until 9:00PM.** People's Choice ballots will be accepted from **5:00 PM until 8:00PM** (In order to keep event on schedule P.C. ballots cannot be accepted after 8:00 P.M.)
10) Judging will start at **3PM.** Results will be announced at **8:30 PM.**
11) All competition meat shall be inspected by the Official Meat Inspector either during check in time at **8AM** or after the Mandatory Cooks Meeting at **11AM**. 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.*
12) 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.
13) Tri-tip tickets will be sold by the City to the public for $1 each with 70 percent of sales going back to the teams.
    - Each team will be provided an enclosed box with the team number to hold collected tickets. Team will turn in collected tickets to the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Booth after 9:00 P.M to be tabulated for reimbursement. Reimbursement will be provided by the City of Imperial within three weeks of the cook-off.
14) All teams are required to provide the City of Imperial a completed W-9.
15) Judging – Contestants must submit at least (6) six cuts of tri-tip meat enough for six judges to the judging area at the Pentagonal Parking Lot.
    - Turn-in times will be drawn/assigned 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 not be accepted by the Rep and will receive a 0 (zero) 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, flat leaf parsley, **curly green kale** and/or cilantro. PROHIBITED GARNISHES ARE lettuce cores and other vegetation, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO endive, red tipped lettuce. "PROHIBITED" garnish shall receive a penalty 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 **and disqualified**.
    - 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) as a penalty.
16) 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 **5:00 P.M**. until **8:00 P.M.** The team with the most votes will win the People's Choice Award.
17) 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.
18) Best Side Dish – This is an optional category. Contestants will submit one (1) side dish as six individual portions at the Pentagonal Parking Lot. Entries must be submitted in a numbered container supplied by the City of Imperial. Judging will be based on Appearance, Taste, Originality and Food (Tri-Tip) Pairing.
19) Awards:

Champion Tri-Tip	$1,500	People's Choice	$1,000	Supreme Showman	$500
Reserve Champion	$750	Best Side Dish	$500	Reserve Show	$250
3rd Place Tri-Tip	$500	2nd Place Side Dish	$250	3rd In Show	$100
4th Place Tri-Tip	$250	3rd Place Side Dish	$100		
5th thru 8th Place Awards	N/A				