



CITY OF IMPERIAL | IMPERIAL MARKET DAYS  
**9TH ANNUAL TRI-TIP COOK-OFF**  
FEBRUARY 15, 2020 | DOWNTOWN IMPERIAL | 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

## TRI-TIP COOK-OFF PARTICIPATION APPLICATION

### PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Team Leader/Chief Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Type (Check All That Apply):  Tri-Tip  BBQ Inspired Side Dish  BBQ Inspired Beverage  BBQ Inspired Dessert  All Four Entries

List all foods to be provided to the public including beverages, condiments, ice, and pre-packaged foods: \_\_\_\_\_

Where are foods including beverages, condiments, ice, and pre-packaged foods going to be purchased? (Food must be purchased from an approved source) \*Please retain receipts of purchases during the event\*: \_\_\_\_\_

### FEES

**A maximum of 18 entrants, in all entry types, will be accepted on a first come, first served basis by Friday, January 31, 2020**  
**\*Please note that registration will close upon the 18th entry, which may be before Friday, January 31, 2020\***

**Entry Fee:** Team Entry Fee includes one-day Imperial County Public Health Department Temporary Food Facility Permit and (1) 12x12 Booth Space  
Tri-Tip Entry: \$100    BBQ Inspired Side Dish Entry: \$50    BBQ Inspired Beverage Entry: \$50    BBQ Inspired Dessert Entry: \$50    All Four Entries: \$200  
Additional 12x12 Spaces (Limited Availability): \$25

**Business License:** One-day Business License required for all business and sales transacted within the City of Imperial (Separate from Entry Fee)  
**Business License Fee: \$30**

Forms of Payment Accepted: Cash, Card, Check \*If paying with check, make payable to the City of Imperial\*

### WAIVER OF LIABILITY

**Waiver of Liability:** In consideration of 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 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 authorized agents 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.

All members of the team must familiarize themselves with the City of Imperial Tri-Tip Cook-Off Rules and Regulations, which can be found on the back side of this Participation Application.

Team Leader/ Chief Cook Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Leader/ Chief Cook Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### AWARDS AND CASH PRIZES

**TRI-TIP PEOPLE'S CHOICE CHAMPION: \$1,500 | RESERVE CHAMPION: \$1,000 | 3RD PLACE CHAMPION: \$500**

**TRI-TIP JUDGE'S CHOICE CHAMPION: \$1,500 | RESERVE CHAMPION: \$1,000 | 3RD PLACE CHAMPION: \$500**

**BEST BBQ INSPIRED SIDE DISH: \$1,000 | BEST BBQ INSPIRED BEVERAGE: \$1,000 | BEST BBQ INSPIRED DESSERT: \$1,000**

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The decisions 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 the time of registration.
3. **A maximum of 18 entrants will be accepted on a first received, first serve basis for all Cook-Off categories.** Cook-Off space will be assigned at the time of registration. All grills 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. **All contestants must review the Imperial County Public Health Department Temporary Food Facility guidelines. Information may be found online at: [http://www.icphd.org/media/managed/environmentalhealthforms/Mobile\\_Food\\_Facility\\_Health\\_Permit\\_Application\\_2\\_3\\_16.pdf](http://www.icphd.org/media/managed/environmentalhealthforms/Mobile_Food_Facility_Health_Permit_Application_2_3_16.pdf).** One day permit will be obtained from Imperial County Public Health Department, Division of Environmental Health, *by the City of Imperial*. All food items must be identified on the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Application for required Health Department permit. Food items not listed on the Tri-Tip Cook-Off Application will not be allowed.
5. All participating Tri-Tip Cook-Off teams are required to obtain a City of Imperial Business License for all business and sales transacted within the City of Imperial (refer to Business License Application Instructions #3).
6. 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.
7. One person is to be designated as the Team Leader or Chief Cook. The Team Leader or Chief Cook will attend the Cook's Meeting and will be responsible for all actions of the team. Only team members may assist with and be in the designated cooking space and/ or designated meat cutting areas.
8. Check-in time starts at 12:00 PM on Saturday, February 15, 2020. Vehicles will be allowed in the event area for set-up until 3:00 PM.
9. **There will be a MANDATORY Cook's Meeting during the time of check-in at 12:00 PM in the Pentagonal Brewing Parking Lot located at the intersection of Barioni Boulevard and Imperial Avenue (Pentagonal Address: 115 N Imperial Ave A, Imperial, CA 92251)**
10. The Tri-Tip Cook-Off will be held from a 5:00 PM-9:00 PM. People's Choice ballots will be accepted from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM. (In order to keep event on schedule, People's Choice ballots cannot be accepted after 8:00 PM.)
11. **Judging will begin at 4:00 PM. Results will be announced at 9:00 PM.**
12. All competition meat shall be inspected by the official Meat Inspector during check-in at 12:00 PM. 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 with ice in an ice chest or in a refrigerator).
13. Tri-Tip samples, sides, plate dishes, and beverages may be sold for Tri-Tip Cook-Off tickets only and may not be given away or sold for cash.
14. Tri-Tip Cook-Off tickets will be sold by the City of Imperial to the public for \$1 each with 70% of the sales going back to the participating teams.
  - o Each team will be provided with an enclosed box that contains the team number to hold collected tickets. Team will turn in collected tickets to the City of Imperial Tri-Tip Cook-Off booth **by 9:00 PM** to be tabulated for reimbursement. Reimbursement will be provided by the City of Imperial within three weeks of the Tri-Tip Cook-Off.
15. All team are required to provide the City of Imperial a completed W-9 form. Reimbursement checks will not be disbursed with out the required form.
16. **Judging:** Contestants must submit at least (6) six cuts of Tri-Tip meat, enough for all six judges, to the judging area in the Pentagonal Parking Lot.
  - o Turn in times will be drawn and assigned at the Cook's Meeting. The allowable turn-in time will be (5) five minutes before to (5) five minutes after the posted time. A late turn-in will not be accepted by Tri-Tip Cook-Off Representatives and will receive a (0) zero in all judging criteria.
  - o Judging will be based upon appearance, tenderness, and taste.
  - o Meat, side dishes, and/ or desserts shall not be sculpted, branded, or presented in any way to make it identifiable. Rosettes of meat slices are not allowed. Violations of this rule will be scored a (1) one in all criteria from all (6) six judges.
  - o Garnish is optional. If used, it is limited to chopped, sliced, shredded, or whole leaves of fresh green lettuce, curly parsley or kale, flat leaf parsley. Any other garnish shall receive a penalty score of (1) in the category of appearance.
  - o Entries will be submitted in a numbered container supplied by the City of Imperial. The number must be on the top of the container during the time of 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 (1) one in all criteria from all (6) six judges and will be **disqualified**.
  - o Each contestant must submit at least (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 (1) one on all criteria, and the judges that receive samples will change the appearance score to (1) one as a penalty.
17. **People's Choice Award:** Teams must provide tri-tip for at least 1,000 people. Tri-tip samples should be approximately (2) two ounces per sample, a minimum of 125 pounds of meat is required to participate in the Cook-Off. During the the time of check-in at 12:00 PM, the Team Leader or Chief Cook will be required to provide the receipt for proof of the purchase of 125 pounds of meat that will be used for the Tri-Tip Cook-Off. The team will provide (1) one, 2-ounce sample, in exchange for (1) ticket. Attendees will receive (1) one People's Choice voting ballot per purchase of (5) five Tri-Tip Cook-Off tickets. Attendees may cast their vote for their favorite team at the City of Imperial Tri-Tip Cook-Off booth from **4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. The team with the most votes will win the People's Choice Award.
18. **Best BBQ Inspired Side Dish Award:** Contestants will submit (1) one side dish as (6) six individual portions, enough for all six judges, to the judging area in 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. Teams are encouraged to write the name of the side dish on the container or where visible.
19. **Best BBQ Inspired Dessert Award:** Contestants will submit (1) one dessert as (6) six individual portions, enough for all six judges, to the judging area in 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 choice of barbecued key ingredient. The dessert dish must contain at least one key ingredient that is barbecued. Grilled ingredient must be identified and name of dessert is encouraged to be written on the container or where visible during the assigned turn-in time.
20. **Best BBQ Inspired Beverage Award:** Contestants will submit (1) one BBQ-inspired beverage as (6) six individual portions, enough for all six judges, to the judging area in the Pentagonal Parking Lot. Judging will be based on appearance, taste, originality, and choice of barbecued key ingredient. The BBQ-inspired beverage must contain at least one key ingredient that is barbecued. Judges will ask for the key ingredient to be identified during the assigned turn-in time. Any team providing alcoholic beverages to the public are required to obtain a Daily License from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (Form ABC-221 and Form ABC-253).

## 21. 9th Annual Tri-Tip Cook-Off Award Categories:

Tri-Tip People's Choice.....	\$1,500	Tri-Tip Judge's Choice.....	\$1,500
Reserve Tri-Tip People's Choice.....	\$1,000	Reserve Tri-Tip Judge's Choice.....	\$1,000
3rd Place Tri-Tip People's Choice.....	\$500	3rd Place Tri-Tip Judge's Choice.....	\$500
Best BBQ Inspired Side Dish.....			\$1,000
Best BBQ Inspired Beverage.....			\$1,000
Best BBQ Inspired Dessert.....			\$1,000