**RULES FOR CHICKEN WING CHALLENGE:**

**Smokin’ on the Harbor – Saturday, August 5th
Turn-in time: 2:30pm
Location: Judges tent**

Registration cut-off time is 11am. $25 per entry. \*Jackpot payouts will be based upon the number of entries. Bloody Mary, Beans and Chicken Wing Challenges will pay 1st through 3rd places.

The Wing Challenge entry consists of:

(15) chicken wings (not provided)
(15) single serve serving boats (provided) – one wing per boat
(1) plastic tray (provided)
(1) 4x6 index card to write a menu-style description of your entry (provided)

For example, “Watch Out Wing-ding”: WATCH OUT WING-DING - Chicken wing basted in a fiery buffalo sauce that includes \_(fill in)\_ with a side of homemade Ranch dressing.

Outside of that, it is completely up to you to create an amazing wing! We’re looking for individuals to be creative, artistic, and make delicious wings, all at the same time!

* No guidance on rubs or sauces. It is at your discretion.
* Any garnish or combination of garnishes may be used in the boat trey.
* Boat treys may be garnished.
* Wing entries should not be branded or marked in any way.
* Description cards for execution scores may not be branded or marked.

**RULES FOR CHALLENGE:**

* Rule #1 is to have fun!
* There will be one division with cash payouts for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as follows: 1st - $150 2nd - $100 and 3rd - $50
* Wings will be judged by a selection process of the committee using the public.
* Wings will be judged on sauce, uniqueness and overall flavor.
* Any seasoning/ingredients necessary to create that unique taste are acceptable and encouraged. Each contestant will need to provide 15 wings for the judging.
* All wings must be cooked and prepared on-site at the competition. Gas & charcoal grills and gas deep fryers are allowed. NO ELECTRIC DEEP FRYERS ARE PERMITTED.
* Each contestant will supply your own wings.
* Contestants can sell wings at your discretion but you will need to pay the $50 vendor fee and submit an application to the Benton County Health Department prior to the event.
* No beverages can be for sale. We will have a beer tent set up by the amphitheater.
* Each contestant who is participating in the BBQ competition, can use their own space to prepare the chicken wings. If you are not competing in the BBQ competition, you will be given a 10x10 space for your cooking area.
* There will be no open flames allowed directly under any tent or awning.
* One standard 8 ft table will be provided.
* Wings must be ready to turn-in at the judge’s tent between 1:45pm-2pm.
* Each contestant will be responsible for obtaining a temporary food service permit through the Benton County Health Department.

For more information on this event, please contact Lynette at 660-438-2090 or lstokes@visitbentoncomo.com.​

**GUIDELINES FOR CHICKEN WING JUDGING:**

* You must be over 18 years old to judge.
* If you have any food aversions or allergies, you may want to reconsider your judging position. THIS IS NOT A VEGAN COMPETITION AND ENTRIES WILL NOT BE GLUTEN FREE.
* You do not have to finish your wing but enough to give each the score it deserves.
* Avoid excessive use of alcohol or illicit substances prior to your judging engagement.
* Other than small talk, reading the descriptions and passing out entries, there should be no talking in the judging area, especially if something tastes very good or very bad. DO NOT try to influence another judge.
* Only you should be in the judging area. Family and friends must wait outside the judging area. You may use your phones to take pictures or notes, but please do not use any verbal tools like Siri. If you do take pictures – DO NOT POST online until all of the judging in your category is complete. Then you may tag them at #visitbentoncomo and #smokinontheharborwarsaw

**APPEARANCE SCORE**:
How does the wing(s) look? How appealing is it visually? Consider the effort that was put into the presentation and the look of the entire entry.

Once the appearance score is given, the table captain will read a written name (not the team name) and description of the food entered to the other judges. You are to keep that description in mind as you try the drink. You’re looking to see if the team executed or turned in what they wrote down and how true the description they stated is to the way it looks and tastes.

You will be judging the appearance on a scale of 1 to 10 using whole or half numbers only. For example, you can score 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5 and so on up to 10.

**TASTE SCORE:**
How does the wing taste? Was it amazing or not so great? Be honest and truthful. Don’t fluff the score because you think they gave it a good try. If it’s amazing, score it as such. The teams really look to your feedback to know whether they got it right or if they can improve.

You will be judging the taste on a scale of 1 to 10 using whole or half numbers only. For example, you can score 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5 and so on up to 10.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION SCORE:**
This will be your overall impression of the entry and can be a whole or half number between 1 and 10. You may only give a number once, meaning, if you reward a wing a 9.5, you may not use 9.5 again.

Keep in mind that typically scores below a 5 are not issued unless there is a problem, in which case please alert a judging official so a ruling can be made. If you give a 1, that means you are disqualifying the entry and need to call for a judging official to justify reasons for disqualification.