

Application for Pit Master Competitions

Saturday September 20, 2025

Downtown Lodi Wisconsin

We are thrilled to invite you back for this year’s 2025 Brew-B-Que event! Our downtown transforms for this event and your role as a Pit Master is in the spotlight! We have changed up the competition to incorporate feedback from our previous Pit Masters and guests at the event. Please make sure to read the FULL descriptions and make your entries accordingly.

This year, we will have TWO distinct competitions included in your $100.00 entry fee:

* **The Grand Pit Master –** this part of our pit master competition has not changed. You will submit your rib entry to the judging team to be judged against your peers. The judges will be looking for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in this rib competition. If you don’t want to enter ribs, you don’t have to but know that they are included in your entry fee.
* **People’s Choice Dish (Sweet & Savory) –** Based on the positive feedback we got last year, we have decided to keep the People’s Choice Competition the same. Instead of cooking multiple racks of ribs for the VIP tasters, you will cook a side dish of your choice and choose ONE category – Sweet or Savory! These dishes can include wings, pie, seafood, shredded beef or pork, poppers, mac-n-cheese, cobblers, baked beans, smoked potatoes… sky is the limit! Your dish must be prepared and cooked on your smoker, onsite. You’ll be serving 2 ounce (ish) samples to up to 200 VIP tickets holders this year. You can add more than one People’s Choice submission to the competition if you’d like, but know that you would need to serve up to 200 VIP’s of each side. Additional entries are $65.00 each. VIP service this year will be from 11 am – 3 pm so be sure you are prepared to start by 11 am. Please read the attached rules for this competition.

As a Pit Master in the competition, you can arrive and begin set up as early as 6 am the day of the event. Your spaces will each be 10x20 and will be marked when you arrive. You will be responsible for all materials and set up in your spaces except for the serving containers, napkins and silverware should you need that. We will provide those items to you early in the day. Here is a general timeline for the day:

5 a.m. – Set up of the event begins – road closures and large items arrive

6 a.m. – Pit Masters can arrive and begin setting up

10 a.m. – gates open to the public (live music, beer garden, bags tournament, food trucks and booths, category competitions and so much more!)

11 am – 3 pm – VIP Service for all People’s Choice Dishes (side dish, chili and pie)

2:30 p.m. – Rib turn-in at the Chaber of Commerce

4:00 p.m. – Announcement of winners on main stage (time may vary)

5:00 p.m. – ending of an awesome day!

Early Bird Entry through September 6th - $100.00 (increase to $150.00 after)

ONLY 18 SPOTS AVAILABLE – NO REFUNDS ONCE SUBMITTED

**Grand Pit Master Competition** **People’s Choice Dish (Sweet & Savory)**

1st Place Winner - $600 1st Place Winner - $200

2nd Place Winner - $400 2nd Place Winner - $100

3rd Place Winner - $200 3rd Place Winner – trophy

In addition to cash prizes for the top 3 in each category, custom trophies are awarded! We are looking forward to crowing the winners and sending them home with fantastic hardware too!

Please fill out this entry form to reserve your spot. We will be getting back to you with additional details as the event draws near.

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Contact Person Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1) Will you be entering the Grand Pit Master (rib) portion of the event? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_NO

2) What is the name of your People’s Choice Dish? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Choose your side dish category \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sweet or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Savory

Other than the 2 oz serving containers, will you need spoons, forks or any other materials to serve your dish to the VIP tasters? \_\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NO

3) If you’re entering a second dish, what is the name of this People’s Choice Dish? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail your entry form and check made payable to Lodi & Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce to PO Box 43 Lodi WI 53555. Once we receive your materials, we will reach out to you with additional details on the day! You can direct any questions to Heidi LeHew at [info@lodilakewisconsin.org](mailto:info@lodilakewisconsin.org). Thank you so much for being a part of this awesome event in Lodi.



Competition Rules for People’s Choice Dish – Sweet & Savory

The following rules apply to those participating in the People’s Choice Dish part of the Brew-B-Que competitions. This separate entry is in addition to the Grand Pit Master portion of the contest (ribs) and will be judged solely by the VIP Ticket Holders. As the cooker, you will decide if your side dish is Sweet or Savory. We would like to have equal or close to equal entries in each category. Each of the up to 200 VIP’s will visit your area for a 2 ounce sample of your dish. VIP’s will then place tickets into the provided judging boxes for their top 3 choices in the People’s Choice Dish competition (one for Sweet and one for Savory). The dish with the most tickets at the end of the contest in each category will be declared the winner. Awards are given to the top 3 entries for Sweet and top 3 for Savory. Please review and pay close attention to these rules:

* All dishes must be prepared on-site and during the hours of this competition. This means:
  + No overnight marinades or rubs can be applied to your product
  + Proteins must arrive to the competition raw and untouched
  + If cooking pasta, that needs to be done during the competition
* Ingredients can be prepped for service the next day. For example:
  + If using garnish, those things can be chopped and kept in a food safe container to use during service.
  + Cutting, chopping, assembly of rubs, marinades and sauces can all be done in advance and brought to the competition.
* During the competition, products must be kept at safe temperatures to serve to the public.
  + After cooking, all meat: (a) Must be held at 140 degrees or above, -or- (b) Cooked meat shall be cooled: (1) Within 2 hours from 140 degrees F to 70 degrees F and (2) Within 4 hours from 70 degrees F to 41 degrees F or less (3) Meat that is cooked, properly cooled, and later reheated for hot holding and serving shall be reheated so that all parts of the food reach a temperature of at least 165 degrees F for a minimum of 15 seconds.
* All serving dishes will be provided the morning of the competition.
* Your items will be inspected during check-in (when ribs are also inspected for the Grand Pit Master competition)
* Most importantly, have a blast! We are rooting for you!