Hello new BBQ Teams –

You are receiving this information because you had indicated that you would like to participate in the Dripping Springs Founders Day BBQ Cook-Off. We will try to accommodate your request to participate but please know that there are no guarantees.  Any new team that wants to cook in the event will be placed on the waiting list. Please drop me a note to confirm that you would still like to participate and to make sure I have your current contact information including a good phone number.

As you probably know this is a huge event in Dripping Springs with over 80 teams competing for the bragging rights & some prize money. In the last few years we added some cooking spaces to grow the event and we now have just 130 spaces in use (some of the veteran teams have more than one space). We have no way to add more spaces at this time. We can only add new teams as others drop out. We will begin the process of notifying and adding new teams after the registration deadline of March 31th, 2015. Notifications will be sent out shortly after the registration deadline.

Here is how the waiting list works:

* Any new team wanting to participate must notify an Officer of the Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club (DSCOC) to be put on the waiting list or through entry on the registration form.
* No entry received before official registration opens will be recognized. You must send in your request for a cooking spot when registration opens.
* The waiting list is maintained solely by the President of the DSCOC.   DSCOC Officers will notify the President of any request to get on the waiting list. No other club member or any other person has the authority to make any agreements to award new teams any priority for placement.
* It is your responsibility to make sure that we have the correct contact information. We will need your name and current email & phone number…Better yet, fill out the registration form and pay the fees.
* Any team that is awarded a ‘Registered Space’ will keep that space as long as they participate every year (Returning Team).
* If a Returning Team cannot compete but does not want to lose their ‘Registered Space’ they must pay for that space anyway. We will try to fill that space with a team on the waiting list as a ‘Substitute Team’. This means that a team on the waiting list gets to cook & compete but is not awarded a ‘Registered Space’. (Most teams start out this way)
* The waiting list starts new each year – There is no carryover from the previous year with the exception of ‘Substitute Teams’ that notify us they want to cook the next year.
* Last year’s ‘Substitute Teams’ are at the top of the waiting list for the current year – Then requests from new teams are added to the list as notice is received.
* If we have spaces assigned to returning teams that are not paid for by the deadline, those spaces then become available.
* If an existing team wants to move locations, they have the opportunity to move to any available space making their previous location available.
* Teams from the waiting list will be awarded these available spaces based on the date we received their notice. They will then have a ‘Registered Space’ and can keep that space provided they participate every year. Each cook-off space measures approximately 12’x16’.
* Any team on the waiting list that is not awarded a ‘Registered Space’ can then fill in as a ‘Substitute Team’ until a space becomes available. The order of teams being given this option is also based on the date we receive your notice.
* If a team from this year’s waiting list is not awarded a registered space or a placement as a substitute team, they will need to try again next year by notifying the DSCOC President and giving new notice.

If you would like to send in a registration form in anticipation of getting a space (either registered or substitute) please fillo ut and submit an online entry form on our website; [www.DSCOCTX.com](http://www.dscoctx.com/). If you are not awarded a space, any fees paid will be refunded. If you do not send in a registration form, this will not have a negative effect on your getting a placement. If we have room for you we will notify you by email and phone. You will then need to verbally commit within 24 hours and submit your registration form & fees right away or risk losing your placement.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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