



**APRIL 25, 2020**

**Kick-up your grill skills to the next level and see if you have what it takes to earn the ultimate backyard bragging rights. Benefiting Lana's Love Foundation, Battle Below the Clouds is an amateur BBQ cook-off for backyard cooks and smokers who want to test their craft against similar competitors.**

## CONTEST ENTRY

**ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER:** The team captain must reside within 75 miles of Ruby Falls. A team may consist of one individual or a chief cook and as many assistants as the chief cook deems necessary. The competition is open to amateur cooks only. Competitors must be at least 18-years old.

**REGISTRATION:** Register at [LanaLove.com](http://LanaLove.com), March 1, 2020 - April 17, 2020. Entries are accepted first-come, first-serve until the maximum number of teams is reached. Registration is not confirmed until the entry fee and completed entry form are received.

**ENTRY FEE:** Entry fees will be donated to Lana's Love Foundation and are based on the size of the competition site your team requires. Reserve a size that adequately fits your tent and all equipment; including your grill, smoker, tables, chairs, coolers, supplies, and trailer if you plan to bring one. Teams may not exceed the boundaries of their assigned space. Parking will be provided onsite but away from the competition area. **Entry fees are as follows:**

**\$200 entry fee reserves a 15' x 15' site\***

**\$300 entry fee reserves a 20' x 15' site**

**\$400 entry fee reserves a 30' x 15' site**

*\*A 15'x15' site will not accommodate both a tent and trailer*

**ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:** The entry fee includes competition meat (one 7-9 lbs. pork butt, two racks of ribs and pack of 12 chicken wing drumettes), two admission tickets to High Point ZIP Adventure at Ruby Falls, two adult Ruby Falls Classic Waterfall Tour tickets, two Battle Below the Clouds T-shirts, one Battle Below the Clouds apron, and discounts on food and merchandise purchased at Ruby Falls the day of the event. Additional t-shirts may be purchased at the event. All entry fees are donated to Lana's Love Foundation to provide fun activities for Chattanooga area kids with pediatric cancer and their families.

## EVENT INFO

### SET UP

Team set up times are staggered between 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM on April 24 to allow smooth access for all teams. Team registration confirmation will include your assigned timeframe for set up. An unloading area will be available from 5:30 AM – 6 AM on the 25<sup>th</sup>. After unloading, direct vehicle access to your site will not be available until the conclusion of the cook-off. Parking is provided onsite but away from the competition area.

Competition meat will be distributed during set up on April 24 from 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM and April 25 at 6:00 AM. Banners and decorations in good taste at your cooking area are encouraged. Water will be available on a shared basis. Small portable generators are permitted.

## SAFETY

Unsafe acts of any kind will result in possible disqualification without entry fee refund. Pets are not permitted in the cooking area. Alcoholic beverages are permitted in the cooking area for those of legal drinking age; glass bottles and kegs are not permitted. Commercial sampling and sales of an amateur team's product during the event is not permitted.

## RAIN DATE

April 26, 2019

- Cooking competition takes place 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM April 25, 2019 in the designated area at Ruby Falls.
- Pre-event rubs and marinades are permitted but pre-cooking is not allowed.
- All meat will be inspected to verify it is the official meat provided by Food City.
- All grill types are permissible.
- Teams may not exceed the boundary of their assigned space.
- Optional chicken wing entries should be turned into the official at noon for judging in the provided containers. Entries may include any combination of sauces, toppings, garnishes and ingredients.
- Pulled pork and rib entries may be turned into the official no sooner than 4:00 PM and no later than 4:30 PM in the provided containers. Garnish is optional.
- Each team will turn in one pulled pork entry and one ribs entry. Entries may be submitted with or without sauce and must include a minimum of three tastings for the panel of judges.
- Sauced entries may use a commercially available sauce or one of their own creation.
- A panel of independent judges will score each entry. Pulled pork and ribs will be judged on appearance (20%), tenderness (40%) and taste (40%). Chicken wings will be judged on appearance (15%), taste (50%), and execution (35%).
- Judging for pulled pork and ribs will be completed by 5:30 PM. The chicken wing competition winner will be announced at 1:00 PM.
- By entering the cook-off, each team member grants Ruby Falls permission to use their image and/or voice in photographs, video and audio for any purpose, including but not limited to social media, print media, publications, outdoor advertising, news releases, blogs, digital media, and in other communications related to promotion, advertising and trade without compensation or other consideration.

The top award and glorious bragging rights will be presented to the **2020 Grand Champion** by earning the highest combined score from rib and pulled pork entries. The **2020 Pulled Pork Champion** will be awarded to the team with the highest pulled pork score. The **2020 Ribs Champion** will be awarded to the team with the highest ribs score. The **2020 Jim Brewer Spirit Award** will be awarded to the team that best embodies the essence of fun and friendly competition in support of Lana's Love Foundation. Awards will be presented April 25 on the entertainment stage when judging is completed.

**DOOR PRIZES** Register to win a *large Big Green Egg with custom Armor Shield, Atlanta Braves tickets, and Hoff and Pepper Gift Basket.* Must be present to win. Ruby Falls team members are not eligible to win.

