

Texas Elks Triple “C” = Commando Cooking Challenge

Registration for the competition ends September 11, 2023. All registration forms must be emailed to Kirk Storey, Triple C Challenge Chair, no later than noon, September 11, 2023. A \$150 donation per team must be received by 10:00 am, on Friday, September 15, 2023.

On Friday, September 15, 2023, immediately after the TECSI Board Meeting, the Head Chefs will meet in the Rally Room, receive a basket/box of mystery ingredients to create a three-course meal, three plates of each course. The Chef/team will have until 12:50 p.m. on Friday, September 15 to go to the store if needed to purchase other items to prepare their dishes. **Cooking will start promptly at 1:00 p.m.**

Each course will be timed, preparation, and cooking must be done on site at the start and by the end of each course and not before/after for each course.

There are **three rounds** in the competition: appetizer, entrée, and dessert (in this order). At the start of each round the contestants must use all three mystery ingredients designated for that course/round in some way. The basket will include the meat/protein required for the entrée dish. It is the team’s choice to “highlight” the protein or incorporate it in the dishes.

There will be deductions in points if any of the mystery ingredients don’t make it on to the three plates for each course. Judging will be based on creativity, presentation, and taste (rate on scale 1-5, with 5 the highest). Plates will be provided for each round.

Cooks should come prepared with pots, pans, burners, fryers etc. there will be one “spotter” assigned to each team in order to confirm use of the mystery ingredients and to verify that no “prep” work is done before the start of the round. **Note: Points will be deducted if any “prep” work begins before the start time.**

When the timer goes off, the food must be plated and ready to eat. No exceptions! Anything not on the plate can’t be served.

The Head Chefs then go before a panel of three snarky judges. At this time the dishes are judged on presentation, taste, and creativity. The chef with the favorite dish will be announced after each round. The chef/team with the highest total scores of all three dishes will be named the Texas Elks Triple “C” = Commando Cooking Challenge “Champion”.

At the end of all three rounds, the total points for all three courses will be tallied to determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners. The judges will announce the winning team for each category.

- **NOTE:** The 1st Place Team winner will “**take ALL**” remaining funds/donations (less cost of mystery ingredients) for their designated beneficiary. *Refer to registration form, each team must designate a Lodge/District Sweetheart to receive the remaining funds if they win 1st Place.* The 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners (4 per team) will also receive a special remembrance award for their participation in this challenge. In the event of a tie score, there will be an additional tie breaker challenge to be announced after the score tally.
 - **Appetizer Cooking** begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. Judging will begin immediately at 1:30. The Head Chef must describe their dish and how the mystery ingredients were used. Only the Head Chef is required to attend each judging.
 - **Entrée cooking** begins at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m., with judging immediately at 2:45.
 - **Dessert cooking** begins at 3:15 p.m. and ends at 3:45 p.m., with judging immediately at 3:45 p.m.

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Registration Form 2023

HEAD CHEF NAME: _____ LODGE # _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE/EMAIL: _____

1 SOUS CHEF NAME: _____ LODGE # _____

2 SOUS CHEF NAME: _____ LODGE# _____

3 SOUS CHEF NAME: _____ LODGE# _____

Designated Beneficiary i.e., Sweetheart/District if "1st Place" Winner:

(Receives the remaining donated funds less mystery ingredient costs)

SIGNATURE OF HEAD CHEF: _____

\$150.00 Donation due Friday, September 15, 2023, by 10:00 a.m. (cash preferably receipts will be issued).

Pay Kirk Storey, Chairman

EMAIL registration form by September 11, 2023, at 12:00 noon – kstorey@ktc.com

Any questions please call Kirk Storey, Chairman at 830-377-9921 or email him at kstorey@ktc.com.