OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

SATURDAY • SEPT. 22, 2018

GEORGE H. HENDERSON JR. EXPOSITION CENTER

Applications are due by September 14TH

SOUTHERN HUSHPUPPY CHAMPIONSHIPS
47TH ANNUAL

Team Name _____

Organization/Co. _____ Contact Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Phone _____ Contact Email _____

ENTRY FEE: The entry fee to compete in the Southern Hushpuppy Championships is $60. The Texas State Forest Festival provides passes for FOUR (4) team members. *Additional passes required are $6 each and can be purchased at the gate.*

List team members' names:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

All teams will cook with electricity. Electrical hookups will be provided to you at least ten (10) feet away from your table. If needed, you are responsible for bringing an extension cord.

Rules and Regulations
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SHOWMANSHIP

Participants **MUST** have a team name and coordinating theme. The theme should be carried throughout the competition with music and outfits, along with capturing and enhancing the fun and spirit of the Southern Hushpuppy Championships. Your team is responsible for transporting props, decorations, etc. into and out of the arena. You are not able to drive into the arena for any reason. Southern Hushpuppy Championships Coordinators and/or Texas State Forest Festival staff will not assist in transportation or setup of showmanship equipment and/or decorations. **All team equipment and decorations must be brought in through the front gate by team members.** No exceptions.

JUDGING

There is a minimum of three (3) official judges for the competition. All hushpuppies are tasted and judged on a point system based on **taste, uniqueness, and appearance.**

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Brookshire Brothers
BROOKSHIRE BROTHERS 1921 Catering
TEXAS STATE FOREST FESTIVAL LUFKIN, TX

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Hushpuppy | *A small, round or slightly oblong cake of cornmeal fried in deep fat.*

Garnish | *To enhance in appearance by adding decorative touches.*

Pre-mixing | *To combine, add, join, blend, create, or form ingredients into one mass or mixture.*

1. Contestants compete in only one of the assigned 30-minute preliminary heats.
2. First, second, and third place is awarded in each preliminary heat. **The top ten (10) overall scores in all heats combined advance to the Championship heat to compete.** Overall first place $1,000, second $500 and third $250.
3. Showmanship is awarded to the team with the best theme, $500.
4. Each contestant cooks a **minimum of twelve (12) hushpuppies. Six (6) samples** must be sent to the judges' stand upon signal.
5. A time limit of 40 minutes per heat is allowed. A signal begins and ends each heat. You may not begin mixing ingredients until the signal is given.
6. Only **four (4) team members are allowed to cook.** Anyone who is not competing will not be allowed in the cooking area. If you have more than four team members, they must stay in the audience **or you will be disqualified.**
7. At check-in, each team will draw for a random number and placement/identification, which will be used during the judging phase. This way the judges will not be influenced by your company or business.
8. Contestants are allowed to chop, cook, grate, etc., any ingredient needed for preparation of hushpuppies prior to their heat. No premixing (see definitions to know) of any type is allowed.
9. Contestants are responsible for placing their hushpuppy samples on a tray provided by an official Hushpuppy Hostess. The hostess will take the hushpuppy samples to the judges... **NOT THE CONTESTANT!**
10. Contestants may occupy designated cooking areas 10 minutes prior to beginning of heat and must remove their ingredients, utensils, etc., immediately following their heat.
11. Teams are allowed to receive a copy of their score sheets, upon the request of the contact person, after the Texas State Forest Festival.
12. In the event of a tie, the team with the most points in the uniqueness category breaks the tie. If still a tie two teams will be declared co-winners of the category in which they are tied.

ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL

Any questions regarding the rules & regulations you may contact:
Southern Hushpuppy Championships Coordinator at 936.634.6644

I have read and understand the Southern Hushpuppy Championships rules and regulations

Entry Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM & MAIL OR FAX ORIGINAL TO:

Southern Hushpuppy Championships
1615 S. Chestnut
Lufkin, Texas 75901

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THE SOUTHERN HUSHPUPPY CHAMPIONSHIPS is an event of the annual Texas State Forest Festival.