

FAQ Sheet for the Slow Cookers at Play Private Event

The Slow Cookers at Play welcome you to the 2026 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo BBQ Cook-off!

Over the years, we've developed some helpful hints to prepare for the event. Below are the answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" along with some helpful hints and web links to make your cook-off experience more enjoyable.

How do I find the Slow Cooker at Play BBQ tent?

- We are in space **C-1008 on the Salt Grass Trail**, in the corner closest to 610 and Kirby. HLSR will have maps and team locations posted at intersections throughout the cook-off. A map to our tent is also available on our website and Facebook. Scan the QR code printed on the back of your ticket for digital access to maps and event information.
- Important times for the events on Friday and Saturday.
 - 5:00pm: Tent opens! (*Plan for at least 2 hours for travel time and parking.*)
 - 6:00pm: Serving line opens. It will stay open until the food is all gone.
 - 8:00pm: Dance Party begins!
 - 11:00pm: HLSR's official time to close the tents.

What's on the Menu?

- Brisket, Pulled Pork, Ribs, Sausage, Smoked Cabbage, Mexican Street Corn, and all the fixings.
- Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Water, and Coffee will be available. We will once again have our signature cocktails including Adult Shirley Temples (Vodka) and Texas Margaritas (Whiskey).

What do I need to get into the HLSR Cook-off?

- You must purchase an NRG gate ticket to get into the main HLSR Cook-off grounds. One day tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for children or purchase a season pass good for the entire rodeo for \$65. Check out the Slow Cookers at Play Website and Facebook or the HLSR website under WCBBQ Cook-off for more information.
- Your SCAP Tickets allow you access to the Slow Cookers at Play Private Event only!
- When your ticket is presented at the door, you will receive your wristband.
- Each SCAP ticket is for an individual and **MUST** be presented to enter the tent. No photos or copies will be accepted.
- Children are not prohibited; however, this is promoted as a 21 and older event. Children over 2 need a ticket.
- Valid ID's must be presented to the Harris County Sheriffs at the SCAP tent entrance and at the bar.
- We expect our guests to have a great time, however, we reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.

What should I wear?

- Dress for the weather during the daylight hours but be prepared for the possibility of an extreme drop in temperature after the sun goes down.
- Wear comfortable shoes or boots and be prepared to walk.
- Travel light. There is no storage for personal items and the team is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

What about transportation and parking?

- Be prepared for traffic. It's Houston, and the rodeo activities add their own twist to the madness. (Allow 2 hours min.)
- View the transportation options specific to the cook-off on the Bar-B-Que-Contest page. (Limited Handicapped parking is available in the Blue and Yellow lots.)
 - **The 610 lot allows the closest access to our tent.**
 - Official Rodeo cashless parking lots are approximately \$25.00 plus tax for the cook-off.
- Park & Ride or the METRORail. Check for your specific ride times. Most close at 1am.
- LYFT and Ride Sharing areas are available in the Yellow Lot 35 – near Lantern Point and McNee. Expect surge pricing.

Important links:

- We will have updates, pictures, and general information on our Facebook page and website:
 - www.facebook.com/SlowCookersBBQ/
 - www.slowcookersatplay.net
 - slowcookersatplay@gmail.com
- The Houston Rodeo's official BBQ website for the cook-off and transportation is:
 - www.rodeohouston.com/Visit-the-Rodeo/Pre-Rodeo-Events/Bar-B-Que-Contest