

# United Way of Mercer County's Wing King Cook-Off Guidelines



Thursday, June 16, 2016

**\*UNITED WAY OF MERCER COUNTY PROVIDES THE WINGS – YOU PROVIDE THE SAUCE\***

The following guidelines are for restaurants participating in the United Way of Mercer County Wing King Cook-Off. Guidelines are SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

## 1. Chicken Wing Cook-Off:

The cook-off will encompass five categories. Restaurants may enter as many as applicable.

Wing King Best Traditional Wing Sauce  
Wing King Most Creative Wing Sauce  
Wing King Best Tasting Hot Wing Sauce  
Wing King Best BBQ Wing Sauce  
Wing King People's Choice  
Wing King Showmanship

## 2. Entry Fee and Registration:

\$100.00 per restaurant. Entry fee covers the cost of all wings served at the event, signage, supplies, etc. Cook-off applications must be postmarked by May 30, 2016, to ensure your name is listed on event signage and advertisements. All fees may be made payable to: United Way of Mercer County, 493 S. Hermitage Road. Hermitage, PA 16148. **Upon arrival at Quaker Steak & Lube (back tent/Sugar Shack area) a team captain must check in with the United Way table to receive your sign, turn in ticket money, and any new information.**

*If your establishment sells 20 or more event tickets, United Way will refund \$50 of the entry fee. Tickets and signage will be delivered upon receipt of your application.*

## 3. Ingredients & Preparation:

Wings will be provided to participating restaurants by the United Way of Mercer County. **All wings will be cooked by Quaker Steak & Lube. Restaurants will provide their own sauces in labeled containers. Please bring containers to toss your wings.** Quaker Steak & Lube will toss your wings in the sauces provided by you, or restaurants may choose to toss their own. United Way volunteers will deliver freshly tossed wings to each booth, as needed. Any seasoning or ingredient necessary to create unique taste is acceptable.

## 4. Booth Setup:

Each restaurant will be required to bring chafing dishes to serve their wings. If you are unable to provide your own, please contact the United Way office to make other arrangements. You will be provided with a covered 6' table, paper towels, napkins, wing boats, and tent cards designating wing entries. United Way will provide a sign with your restaurant's name to hang behind your booth. Restaurants are responsible for decorating their own booths (See Showmanship). Quaker Steak & Lube parking lot will be open at 1 p.m. and restaurants must be set up and ready to serve by 4:30 p.m. Booth is assigned first come, first served the day of the event.

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## 5. Booth Staffing:

Each vendor will be provided with 4 complimentary passes for the event to be used by your booth staff only. Additional tickets are available for \$20 each by calling the United Way office at (724)981-1884.

## 6. Showmanship:

Elaborate area designs are encouraged and will be judged on as part of the Showmanship award. Public displays and demonstrations are encouraged as a part of crowd involvement. Decorations are not mandatory. There will be a trophy awarded, and you will be judged on originality, design and crowd interaction for this award.

## 7. Judging:

Judging for traditional, creative, hot, and BBQ sauces will be completed by separate panels of judges chosen from the community. Judging for Wing King People's Choice will be anonymous and is open to all who attend the event. A tally will be done at the end of the event by a designated volunteer team from the United Way and trophies will be disbursed accordingly.

## 8. Selling:

Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door for entry into the cook-off. Free promotional materials are encouraged to be handed out; however, restaurants are NOT PERMITTED to sell anything during the event.

## 8. Food Safety:

You are responsible for compliance with the PA Department of Agriculture regulations for safe food handling. Participating restaurants know there is inherent risk in preparing food and are solely responsible for their booth and product and sanitary conditions. The United Way of Mercer County, Quaker Steak & Lube, staff and volunteers cannot be held responsible for losses and claims.

## 9. Booth Teardown: Approximately 8:30 p.m.

Areas must be cleaned up at the end of the event. Trash must be placed in provided garbage cans. This includes any food waste or significant spills, customer discarded serving containers and implements.

*Alcoholic beverages will be sold by Quaker Steak & Lube*



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