

The background of the entire image is a vibrant scene of hot air balloons in various colors (red, orange, yellow, blue, green) floating against a bright sky. The balloons are of different patterns, including stripes and checks. The overall atmosphere is festive and celebratory.

Hot Air Balloons

**BALLOONS, BLUES
& BARBECUE
COMPETITION**

SEPT 22ND - 23RD

2017

**Balloons, Blues
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2017 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival Balloons, Blues & BBQ Information

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2017 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival. Your addition will allow over 30,000 expected guests a wide variety of things to do or items to make their visit the best it can be. Below is information we ask you to keep close by, as it contains all you will need to make your time with run as smoothly as possible.

Remember that all vendors MUST check in by 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 21st in order to receive parking passes for the duration of the festival. If you are unable to pick up your materials before this time, you can pick them up at the Balloon Pilot Tent when you arrive for set-up. Please email the names of ALL workers to jtraylor@lamardixonexpoctr.com. Each worker will receive an arm band which MUST be work for the duration of the festival.

Event Dates and Location

The festival portion of the 2017 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival takes place Friday, September 22nd and Saturday, September 23rd at Lamar Dixon Expo Center located at 9039 South Saint Landry Avenue in Gonzales, Louisiana 70737. The venue may be reached by telephone at 225-450-1009.

Driving and Directions

Take I-10 to Gonzales, exiting right at exit 177, LA Hwy. 30. Continue right towards Tanger Outlet Mall. For entrance 1, make a left turn onto South Saint Landry Avenue and Lamar Dixon will be on your right. For entrance 2, pass South Saint Landry Avenue and turn left onto Ashland Road. Drive approximately one mile and the entrance will be on you left.

Accommodations

The Lamar Dixon Expo Center houses roughly 300 full-service RV lots, restrooms, showers, 30 amp and 50 amp electric service as well as water and sewer connections. For rates and reservations please call 225-450-1009.

Contest Rules and Regulations

For BCA (Barbecue Competitor's Alliance) rules and regulations, please visit the website at www.bcabbq.org. Please note that in order to be considered for the BCA Grand Championship, you must participate in one of the categories on Saturday. Steaks will be provided by Lamar Dixon Expo Center. Steak will not qualify you for the Championship.

Winnings

Awards for steak will be given on Friday night after the judging and awards for all other categories will be given on Saturday after judging has been completed. We will have five paid placings for Friday, and five paid placings for Saturday. Dollar amounts to be determined.

Water and Ice

Water and ice will be provided by Lamar Dixon Expo Center.

Clean-Up

Each team is responsible for cleaning up their own space before leaving each night. An area will be provided for the cleaning of equipment and utensils. The event will provide teams with trash cans along with regular trash pick-up throughout the event. Dumpsters are available for the disposal of any additional trash.

Contact Information

If you find that you have reason to contact us with any questions, or to gather additional information you may contact us in any of the ways listed below:

Mail to: Attention Jazz Traylor
9039 South Saint Landry Avenue Gonzales, LA 70737
Phone: 225-450-1009
Fax: 225-647-8804

Feel free to email Jazz Traylor at: jtraylor@lamardixonexpoctr.com for more information



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Please complete and submit this form to: Attention Jazz Traylor 9030 South Saint Landry Avenue Gonzales, LA 70737, email to jtraylor@lamardixonexpoctr.com, or fax to 225-647-8804. Any checks should be made payable to: The Ascension Festivals and Cultural Council.

Team Name: _____

Head Cook's Name

Other Participating Cooks

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Contact Phone Number

BBQ Categories

FRIDAY

_____ Steak • \$125.00

SATURDAY

_____ Pork Spare Ribs 1 Category • \$50.00

_____ Half Chicken 2 Category • \$100.00

_____ Brisket 3 Category • \$ 125.00

Required Cooking Space

Payment Information

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Check Number: _____

MasterCard: _____

Visa: _____

Discover: _____

Name on card

Card number

Expiration Date

Security Code

Amount