



ATTENTION Cook Teams

**It's Time to Show Your
Skill on the Grill**

For Every Cook Team that Pre-Registers
for the



AWF Wild Game Cook-Off

March 15, 2025

You Will Receive a Set of
Four (4) Talladega Superspeedway Tri-Oval Tower Tickets

FOR



**Saturday
April 26th**

**Sunday
April 27st**

**Teams must register by March 13th @ 5:00pm to be eligible
Tickets donated by Talladega Superspeedway**

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ALABAMA WILDLIFE FEDERATION
WILD GAME COOK-OFF
Saturday, March 15th 4PM

INFORMATION

The event will be held in the NASCAR Cup Series Garage “Big Bill’s”. Big Bill’s is a 35,000 sq. ft. indoor facility that has roll up garage doors. Cook Teams must set up their cookers outside in the designated areas and set up the food serving tables inside of Big Bill’s. Cook Teams may arrive Saturday, March 15th at 8:00AM for set up. Cook Teams may camp (location TBD) with full hook ups provided free of charge. RV’s can begin parking Friday, March 14th at 3:00PM & be in place by 5:00PM. All guests must be inside gate by 8:00PM. Check out time will be on Sunday March 16th at 10:00AM.

Judging

Judging of the cook teams will begin at 3:00PM on Saturday March 15th. The event opens to the public at 4:00PM. We plan to have three judges per dish for the competition. **All entries will be submitted in clam shell boxes provided by AWF. Bowls with lids will be provided for stews, soups etc. No outside dishes or beverages allowed.**

We expect over 800 guests. Please be prepared to have enough “Bite Sized” samples for half the guests attending the Cook-Off. Cook Teams can compete in up to three divisions including Fish, Fowl, and Game. **First, second, and third place awards will be presented in each category. Additionally, to be eligible for Cook Team Awards, we ask that you provide to the public, at least 50-75 “Bite Sized” samples of any dish entered into the competition & submitted to the judges.** The decoration of the Cook Team’s booths will be judged separately, and the judges will pick their top two choices. All winners will be announced around 6:00PM.

A **Best Overall Award** will also be presented for the entry with the highest score, regardless of what category it is in, and that team will automatically qualify to enter the State Finals competition at AWF headquarters in Millbrook, Alabama, Saturday August 2nd 2025.

To Participate

If you would like to participate as a cook team, **please fill out the enclosed registration form and email it to heather@alabamawildlife.org or mail it to 3050 Lanark Road, Millbrook, AL 36054 by Wednesday March 12th.** We need this information to register your team into the contest and to make a sign for your cook team’s table. All teams must pre-register prior to the day of the event. Each team member (up to four persons) will receive a free AWF annual membership including a subscription to *Alabama Wildlife* magazine.

Cook-Off Fun...

In addition to all of the wonderful food at the Cook-Off, live entertainment will be provided. We will have a silent auction and raffle with merchandise for the **outdoor** and **NASCAR** enthusiasts. As previously mentioned, entry into the event is free for four (4) cook team members and additional tickets can be purchased from the Alabama Wildlife Federation at (334) 285-4550.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Buesinger at

334-285-4550 or heather@alabamawildlife.org

We appreciate your participation and support!

Got Game?

How About Some Fish or Fowl?



WELCOME TO THE Alabama Wildlife Federation

GUIDELINES

- 1) A cooking team may consist of a group of individuals, a couple, or a single individual. A team may represent a corporation (bank, hunting camp, etc.), restaurant, or simply be a local cook. **AWF is a tax-exempt 501(c) (3) organization. As such, we cannot endorse candidates for political office or participate in/endorse electioneering of any kind.** Teams may have up to 4 members and all 4 members will receive a one year complimentary AWF membership. You must fill out a cook team form to compete and to get your complimentary AWF membership. Each team is encouraged to help sell 5 tickets to the event.
- 2) **AWF Wild Game Cook-Offs are a celebration of the game animals, game birds, and game fish that can be harvested and utilized for food. Therefore, "Wild Game" is defined as fish, fowl, or game that can be found in the wild of North America. We are also celebrating the people who harvest and/or utilize Wild Game for food. Teams are strongly encouraged to utilize fish, fowl or game that they have harvested themselves or have been harvested by other hunters and anglers. However, use of fish, fowl, or game species that are also commercially available does not result in disqualification.**
- 3) There will be trophies awarded for first, second, and third place in three categories: fish, fowl, and game. There will also be an award for "Best Overall".
- 4) **Teams may enter up to one (1) dish in each regular category) but a single team can only win 1st place in one category (see Goals of Wild Game Cook-Offs below). If a team's highest scoring dish wins one of the three categories, it will be in the running for "Best Overall".**
- 5) **The Award for "Best Overall" will go to the cook team with the highest scoring individual dish.** Dishes will be judged on taste and creativity/originality with taste weighted more heavily. Creativity/originality includes imagination, uniqueness, and difficulty of the dish. The "Best Overall" winner earns the right to compete for the title "State Champion" at AWF headquarters in Millbrook at the conclusion of the season.
- 6) We ask the Cook Teams to provide small, "bite sized" samples of food for at least 1/3 of our guests. **Additionally, to be eligible for Cook Team Awards the teams are asked to provide to the public at least 50-75 "Bite Sized" samples of any dish submitted to the judges.**
- 7) A "Best Presentation Award" will go to the cook team with the best decorations and presentation for their cook team area that best reflects the atmosphere of a "Wild Game" Cook-Off. This award will be judged on effort, creativity, and originality. A runner-up award will also be given. Scoring for this category is separate from and has no impact on the judging of fish, fowl, or game dishes submitted to the food judges. All teams are considered for the "Best Presentation Award" regardless of how their dishes score or place in the three categories.
- 8) **Judging takes place prior to the event opening to the public at a time determined by the local committee. *All entries will be submitted in clam shell boxes provided by AWF. No plates or other dishes allowed. Styrofoam bowls w/lids will be provided for soups, stews, etc. ABSOLUTLY NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE JUDGES. Due to the number of cook teams and entries, the time that a particular cook team's entry is picked up will vary.** AWF will make every effort to communicate with the teams as to when their dish will be picked up.

Guidelines Continued...

Access is available to the Cook-Off site on the day of the event for any participants who wish to set up for roasting, smoking, etc. Some participants may prefer to cook their entries at other locations and simply warm or reheat the dishes at the Cook-Off site.

AWF will provide the following:

1. **One** 6ft. or 8ft. table.
2. Tablecloths, paper napkins, small Styrofoam plates, Styrofoam sample cups, sporks & paper towels.
***Styrofoam clam shell boxes or Styrofoam bowls w/lids to submit entry to judges.**
3. AWF hats and aprons will be provided for up to four participants.
4. A Team Sign.

Cook-Off teams are responsible for bringing the following items to the site if necessary for their special wild game entry:

1. Grill, smoker or other cooking device.
2. Warmer such as a large pot or chafing dish with heat source.
3. Charcoal/propane or other fuel & matches. **Access to electricity is not guaranteed by AWF.** Please **Limit** your power needs. Please bring ample extension cords and try to be as self sufficient as possible. **If you have access to a small generator, please bring it.**

GOALS OF WILD GAME COOK-OFFS

1. **To demonstrate that responsible hunters and anglers properly utilize the game that they harvest and that game makes excellent and healthy table fare.**
2. **To provide an opportunity for AWF Members to interact and to introduce/attract New Members to AWF.**
3. **To generate funds to support the conservation mission of the AWF.**
4. **Accomplish the above goals in a fun, festive, friendly competitive manner and recognize as many cook teams as possible for their time, efforts, and expense – without which, the AWF Wild Game Cook-Offs would not be possible.**

The Alabama Wildlife Federation thanks you for your participation and support of the Wild Game Cook-Offs. The continued support of the cook teams vital to the success of AWF and our ability to help promote our hunting and angling heritage. If you have additional questions, please call Tommy Tidwell at 334-285-4550



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Alabama Wildlife Federation Wild Game Cook-Off



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Cook Team Name _____

Contact Person _____

Cook-Off Location Talladega Superspeedway Cook-Off Date 3/15/2025

Team Members' Names & Addresses for membership to AWF

1) Name _____	2) Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____
Home # _____	Home # _____
Work # _____	Work # _____
Email _____	Email _____

3) Name _____	4) Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____
Home # _____	Home # _____
Work # _____	Work # _____
Email _____	Email _____

Power is limited at some locations. *If you have access to a small generator please bring it.

- Please check box if you have a large trailer grill.
- Please check box if you plan on having a large display.

PLEASE EMAIL TO Heather Buesinger at heather@alabamawildlife.org

OR MAIL TO: 3050 Lanark Road Millbrook, AL 36054

You may also visit AWF's website at www.alabamawildlife.org and click on Attend a Cook Off to complete form on line

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