

Hot Air Balloons  
Festival

# BALLOONS, BLUES & BARBECUE Competition

SEPT 21-22

2018

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## 2018 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival Balloons, Blues & BBQ Information

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2018 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival. Your addition will give over 50,000 expected guests a wide variety of consumables to partake in 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 us run as smoothly as possible.

Remember, all vendors MUST check in by 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 21 in order to receive credentials 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 Lamar-Dixon Administrative office when you arrive for set-up. Please email the names of ALL workers to [JGautreau@lamardixonexpoctr.com](mailto:JGautreau@lamardixonexpoctr.com). Each worker will receive an entry credential and parking pass which MUST be appropriately displayed for the duration of the festival.

### Event Dates and Location

The festival portion of the 2018 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival takes place Friday, September 21 and Saturday, September 22 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. You may also take the following exit, exit 179 onto LA Hwy. 44, and continue right onto W. Edenbourne Pkwy. Once intersected to South Saint Landry, Lamar Dixon will be on the right.

### 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, with Wi-Fi available. 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](http://www.bcabbq.org). Please note that in order to be considered for the BCA Grand Championship, you must participate in all 3 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 will be supplied to our competitors, and you may provide your own ice. Otherwise, ice will be available for purchase through Lamar Dixon Event Catering for \$4.00 per 20lb. bag.

### 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 Jill Gautreau  
9039 South Saint Landry Avenue Gonzales, LA 70737  
Phone: 225-450-1009  
Fax: 225-647-8804

[www.ascensionballooning.com](http://www.ascensionballooning.com)

Feel free to email Jill Gautreau at: [jgautreau@lamardixonexpoctr.com](mailto:jgautreau@lamardixonexpoctr.com) for more information, or you may contact Ken Firmin by email at: [kjfirmin@gmail.com](mailto:kjfirmin@gmail.com) or by phone at 225-933-8960.



# 2017 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival Balloons, Blues and BBQ Application



Please complete and submit this form to: Attention Jill Gautreau 9039 South Saint Landry Avenue Gonzales, LA 70737, email to [jgautreau@lamardixonexpoctr.com](mailto:jgautreau@lamardixonexpoctr.com), or fax to 225-647-8804. Any checks should be made payable to: The Ascension Festivals and Cultural Council, Inc.

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Head Cook's Name

Other Participating Cooks

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Contact Phone Number

## BBQ Categories

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

\_\_\_\_\_ Steak

\_\_\_\_\_ Pork Spare Ribs \_\_\_\_\_ Half Chicken

\_\_\_\_\_ Brisket

## Competition Fee Schedule

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Steak Category: \$125.00

1 Category: \$50.00 2 Category: \$100.00 3 Category: \$125.00

## Payment Information

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

MasterCard: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa: \_\_\_\_\_

Discover: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card

Card number

Expiration Date

Security Code

Amount