



Sign-up Now to Compete in the 22nd Annual RibFest!

Saturday, September 30th @ Otoe County Fairgrounds

Join us by competing at Syracuse GermanFest with some of the best rib smokers in Southeast Nebraska! Each team will enter a plate of ribs to be scored by a panel of six judges based on their appearance, texture, and taste. Awards given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Places, plus Burgermeister's Choice. Countryside Bank donates trophies, winners get t-shirts and cash prizes are paid out too!

- If you are interested in cooking in the competition, you will need to **sign-up by September 18, 2023** – see attached registration form for more details! *SPACE FOR SMOKERS IS LIMITED, SO SIGN-UP EARLY!! First come, first serve.*
- Each team will bring their own pork ribs to cook and submit for judging. The type of pork ribs is your choice, only criteria is, that they are **PORK** ribs. Coolers with meat and non-alcoholic cooking supplies may be brought into the event; they will be checked for alcohol upon entry. Event staff will randomly check coolers for alcohol throughout the day.
- RibFest smokers will be located on the west side of the GermanFest event grounds (near 3rd & Midland Streets). **NO ALCOHOL OR OUTSIDE DRINK CONTAINERS** (i.e. Yeti or Yeti-like containers) may be brought onto the GermanFest event grounds; it must be purchased onsite from the beer garden. **See registration form for discounted beer tickets for Ribfest teams, if purchased at time of sign-up!** Starting at 9:00 a.m., GermanFest will be an event-wide beer garden until 8:00 p.m. or until the end of the Husker Football game.
- RibFest smokers will be arranged in two rows, so we are asking that you sign-up for a check-in time and indicate whether you will want to take your smoker home that night or leave it on the grounds until the next day. *Not responsible for accidents, damage or theft involving personal property.*
- Personal golf carts or utility vehicles will NOT be allowed on the GermanFest grounds. The Husker Football game will be broadcast on big screen televisions on the event grounds!
- Judging will begin at 4:00 p.m. with team #1 (team numbers assigned that morning). To participate in the competition, your smoker and team members must be on the GermanFest event grounds.
- **Be sure to eat at the Pancake Feed & German Breakfast (free will donation) from 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. in the Fair Center that morning!** For a full schedule of GermanFest events, visit us online at: GermanFestNE.com

If you have questions now or at check-in, please contact:

Travis Walters at 402-314-8880

GermanFest RibFest Registration Form

Registration Deadline: September 18, 2023 | Smoker space is limited! First come, first serve.

ENTRY FEE PER TWO-PERSON TEAM:

_____ \$30 - If postmarked by September 18

_____ \$50 - After September 18 (No discounted beer option & limited to space availability.)

CHECK-IN TIME SLOT (Travis will be there to line up smokers):

_____ **FRI, 9/29** from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. -OR- _____ **SAT, 9/30** from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

SMOKER REMOVAL TIMEFRAME:

_____ **SAT, 9/30** after 6:00 p.m. -OR- _____ **SUN, 10/1** anytime

Thank you for participating in our RibFest competition!

- 1) Each team will receive **TWO FREE GermanFest gate admission wristbands**. All other attendees will be required to pay gate admission.
- 2) NO ALCOHOL can be brought onto the event grounds, it must be purchased onsite. **Each RibFest Team can purchase up to 48 beer tickets at a significantly discounted price.** All discounted beer tickets must be paid for in advance, with this RibFest registration form by September 18, 2023 (tickets purchased after this time will be at regular price). Discounted tickets are being offered as a courtesy; they will be marked and are intended to be used by team members for DOMESTIC BEER ONLY at the 2023 GermanFest event on September 30, 2023. Busch Light, Bud Light, Miller Lite, Coors Light, Michelob Ultra & Budweiser will be available at the beer garden. One ticket per beer, no refunds for unused tickets. Alcohol must be kept within the event-wide beer garden (which includes area with smoker) from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

OPTIONAL DISCOUNTED BEER TICKETS PER TEAM (must purchase now – good for domestic beers only):

_____ **24 beer tickets for \$24**

-OR-

_____ **48 beer tickets for \$48**

_____ **24 Cans Ultra \$28**

-OR-

_____ **48 beer tickets for \$56**

_____ **24 Cans Coors Light or Miller Lite \$25**

-OR-

_____ **48 beer tickets for \$50**

_____ **24 Cans Budweiser & Bud Light \$26**

-OR-

_____ **48 beer tickets for \$52**

_____ **24 Cans Busch Light \$22**

-OR-

_____ **48 beer tickets for \$44**

_____ **24 Cans Old Milwaukee \$20**

-OR-

_____ **48 beer tickets for \$40**

Team Name: _____

Team Members: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

T-shirt size*: _____

\$ _____ RibFest Entry Fee + \$ _____ Discounted Beer Tickets = \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Checks payable to the Syracuse Area Chamber of Commerce.

Drop off or mail registration form with payment by September 18, 2023 to:

Syracuse Family Eyecare

Attn: GermanFest - Travis Walters

135 9th Street, PO Box 10, Syracuse, NE 68446

*t-shirts will be ordered once winners are determined and delivered or mailed

GermanFest is a fundraiser of the Syracuse Area Chamber of Commerce.
Proceeds are reinvested in the community and also help fund next year's event.
GermanFest is sponsored in part by the Otoe County Visitors Committee.