

2020 PACT Kielbasa Cook-off Contestant Entry Form

Sunday February 23, 2020 – 1 – 6PM
2990 Tremainsville Road, Toledo, Ohio

Mail this form along with your entry fee to PACT, PO Box 1033, Sylvania OH 43560

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

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PHONE:

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NAME OF ENTRY:

(Example: "Hot Mama's Kielbasa")

Please answer these few questions so we can write up a short bio for those that will be attending the cook-off. We think it would be nice to give them a little bit of personal information about each of the contestants.

1. Where or how did you get the kielbasa recipe that you are currently using?
2. Why do you consider your kielbasa to be the best?
3. How long have you been making kielbasa?
4. Do you make the kielbasa yourself, or is it a family activity?
5. Is there anything else you want people to know about your kielbasa?

2020 PACT Kielbasa Cook-off Contestant Rules

Eligibility

- Each Team is comprised of three persons and must include one adult.
- Teams are encouraged to wear apparel to identify his/her membership in the team.
- Teams **MUST** attend a mandatory meeting on January 19, 2020 to preview location, receive information from the Toledo Health Department and review rules. Questions are welcome at this meeting.

Setup

- The facility will be available for setup at 9:00am.
- Stop by the registration area to pick up your table assignment.
- Once you have unloaded your vehicle, please remove your vehicle from the entrance before setting up. Vehicles may not be left at the front entrance, but must be parked in the parking area set aside for team parking. This is by order of the fire department.
- All teams must be in their designated tables and ready to serve at 12:30pm.
- The tables measure 3' x 10' and will be signed with your team's name on it.
- All teams are encouraged to decorate their tables.
- Since this an indoor event, this event will go on RAIN OR SHINE.

Cooking

- All teams will provide a minimum of 90 lbs. of cooked kielbasa.
- Off-site cooking, onsite warming and transportation must be done in a sanitary manner. These conditions are subject to inspection by the members of P.A.C.T. Board of Directors and the Lucas County Health Department. Failure to comply with standard sanitary and safe food handling methods will disqualify the team from the event.
- All teams should have a cooking thermometer in order to monitor their kielbasa which should be kept at 165 degrees.
- Each team will bring their own cooking utensils.
- Each team will provide their own heating unit. Electricity is available and **NO GENERATORS OR GAS GRILLS ARE ALLOWED.**
- The kielbasa should be warmed and distributed out of one container.
- The event starts at 1:00pm. Please do not start serving to the crowd until that time.

Judging

- Ballots will be given to patrons when they pay their entrance fee.
- Patrons will make a mark for their top three choices in the available space next to their desired selection. Ballots with fewer than three or more than three choices will not be counted.
- Patrons will then place their marked ballots in a sealed container on a designated table
- A representative of P.A.C.T. will then count ballots up to one hour before the event has been completed. Ballots will be accepted up to 15 minutes before the close of the event.
- The winner will be determined by the largest number of valid votes received.

Categories/Awards

- Best Kielbasa (1st, 2nd, 3rd awards given)
- Best Booth Decoration Contest (1 award given)

Reminders (Checklist)

- Each team must provide 90 lbs. of kielbasa
- Bring your own heating source and cooking thermometer
- Bring any cooking utensils you will need.
- P.A.C.T. will provide:
- Tables
- Temporary food vendor license for the event.
- Plates and eating utensils
- Paper towels
- Handwashing station and sanitizer
- Signage



Dear Kielbasa Maker,

We are happy that you have shown an interest in the 2020 Kielbasa Cook Off or have participated in the past cook offs. The next Kielbasa Cook Off is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2020 at St. Clements Hall on Tremainsville Road in Toledo Ohio. It seems like everyone is a kielbasa enthusiast and wants to be a part of crowning the next “Kielbasa King or Queen”. Many contestants use recipes that have been handed down for generations in their family. The cook off is a lot of fun, a chance to introduce your product to people and make some money too. We hope you will participate!

Just like last year, this year’s Cook-Off is truly going to focus on our kielbasa-making participants by giving them an opportunity to earn some hard earned cash for the work they do in providing the best home-made kielbasa anywhere. While the entry fee is \$150, all of the money collected from ticket sales will be given back to the participants. In other words, each participant will be paid for every piece of kielbasa they hand out. Every person who attends will purchase tickets when entering and a ticket will be given to a participant in exchange for a sample piece of kielbasa. Sample pieces will be priced at .50! In addition, of course, there are the cash awards, trophies and public recognition that are given to the top 3 vote getters. Last year we had well over 1000 attendees and expect nearly the same amount of people and everyone is encouraged to sample kielbasa from each of our participants.

Here are some facts about the cook off:

- This will be PACT's ninth Kielbasa Cook Off
- The entry fee is \$150. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is required with your entry form.
- All participants are asked to make at least 90 pounds of kielbasa, but can make as much extra as they want. The cook off is scheduled before Easter so that is a great time to sell extra kielbasa and take orders for Easter kielbasa. The contestants should cut the kielbasa samples into 1" pieces and they are sold for .50 each (one food ticket). PACT sells the food tickets and all contestants will be reimbursed for the amount of tickets they collect. Each person attending is asked to try each contestant's product at least once. Many people go back for seconds or thirds.
- Everyone attending the cook off is given a ballot with all the contestants listed. They then vote for their top three contestants and the winners are determined by the most votes received.
- Contestants can sell their kielbasa by the pound if they wish or take orders for their kielbasa at the cook off. Those sales are between the contestant and the buyer. PACT is responsible for reimbursing each contestant for the tickets they take in.
- You are encouraged to advertise your product at the cook off any way you wish. Signs or decorating your table are good ways to get people's attention. PACT will advertise the cook off through social media, radio, print newspapers and signs and flyers throughout the area.
- The contestant with the most votes is then crowned the "Kielbasa King or Queen". A cash prize is awarded to the top three winners.
- PACT takes care of the food permits for the kielbasa cook off.
- PACT will sell additional food items like kapusta, mizeria and desserts; beer and pop.
- The cook off runs from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. Voting stops 15 minutes before the end of the event.
- The ideal number of kielbasa makers is between eight and 10 contestants.
- We also have 50/50 drawings and prizes that will be raffled off.

Please read over the additional rules and information attached to this letter.

If you are interested in competing, please fill out the entry form and send it back with your entry deposit to PACT, P.O. Box 1033, Sylvania OH 43560.

We are looking forward to hosting you at the next kielbasa cook off. If you have questions don't hesitate to email us at info@polishcommunity.org.

Best regards from PACT,

PACT Board Members

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