

LODI BARBEQUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

General Information:

The first annual Lodi Barbeque Championships will be held on October 9, 2010 at Abundance Vineyards, 1150 W. Turner Road, Lodi CA 95242 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This event will be an informal barbeque competition with recognition in four categories: Beef, Pork, Poultry and Other. Barbeque contestants will be judged by those attending the event! This event will serve as a fundraiser for the Lodi Rotary Club and assist in our community service projects, including our Dictionary Project, which provides dictionaries for every 3rd grade student in the Lodi Unified School District.

Barbeque Teams competing will have until October 5 to sign up. Teams are limited to a maximum of three individuals with an entry fee of \$10 per person. Barbeque teams will have access to set up and start cooking as early as 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2010.

Barbeque teams should plan on bringing the following: Coolers and food to cook and provide as samples; barbeque units and all fuel, utensils, serving platters, small plates and utensils for serving samples. Food should be ready for sampling any time after 4 p.m. and throughout the evening. We will have tables available to serve samples centrally; teams may also serve directly from their barbeque stations.

The cost for attendees (those attending but not on barbeque teams) is \$20 per person. Participants will be able to sample barbeque entries; wine will be available to purchase by Abundance Vineyards with beer, water and soft drinks also sold. No outside alcohol will be allowed. Cross Towne 5 will be providing entertainment, and the Lodi Rotary Club will be holding a silent auction as well.

Each attendee will receive four “poker chips”, one for each category (Beef, Pork, Poultry and Other). After sampling, each attendee will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite entry in each category. We will close voting at 9 p.m. and announce the barbeque team winners at 9:30 p.m.

There are separate registration forms for attendees (those not cooking) and barbeque teams. Registration forms may be obtained at the Lodi Barbeque Championships website ([www.paulmertz.com/Lodi BBQ.htm](http://www.paulmertz.com/Lodi_BBQ.htm)), Abundance Vineyards (www.abundancevineyards.com) or by calling 334-0274. **Completed registration forms will be required for all attendees and barbeque teams prior to the event, with registrations closing on October 5. Registrations will need to be faxed to Abundance Vineyards at 365-0926 or dropped off at Abundance Vineyards, 1150 West Turner Road, Lodi CA 95242.**

This is a private event for pre-registered guests only, with registration closing on Tuesday, October 5. There will be no door sales or admittance without pre – registration. Tickets will be mailed out approximately 2 weeks before the event or held for will call.

Questions or comments may be directed to Stefanie Shaw at Abundance Vineyards, 334-0274.