

San  
Augustine County  
Chamber of Commerce

35th  
Annual

# Sassafras FESTIVAL

OCTOBER

25

SATURDAY

Historic Downtown San Augustine, Texas

**FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN!**

Arts & Craft Vendors | Live Entertainment  
Food Vendors | 4H & FFA Food Show Auction  
Classic Car "Shine & Show" | Local Shopping  
SAHS Grand Reunion | Kids Activities  
Walk to End Alzheimer's

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST: AGES BIRTH TO 13**

**SIGN UP AT 10:00 A.M., CONTEST AT 10:30 A.M.**

**REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**The Rae Estes BBQ Cook-off  
& Sassafras Photography Contest**

For more information contact the Chamber at (936) 275-3610.

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San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce

# The Rae Estes BBQ Cook-off

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025**

*at the 35th Annual Sassafras Festival  
in Historic Downtown San Augustine*

**Grand Champion Overall:**

**\$1,000 & Free Entry for 2026.**

**Trophy for Grand & Reserve Champion**

**ENTRY FEE:**

**\$150 INCLUDES ALL MEAT CATEGORIES**

**\$10 FOR BEAN ENTRY**

\$500 for 1st Place Chicken, Brisket, Spareribs

\$300 for 2nd Place Chicken, Brisket, Spareribs

\$100 for 3rd Place Chicken, Brisket, Spareribs

\$50 + Jackpot for 1st Place Beans

**Forms can be found online at [visitsanaugustinetx.org](http://visitsanaugustinetx.org),  
or contact the Chamber at (936) 275-3610**



**Sanctioned by: Outlaw BBQ Association.  
Will follow the rules of the OUTLAW BBQ.  
You do not have to be a member to enter.**





*The San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce*

# **The Rae Estes BBQ Cook-off**

at the 35th Annual Sassafras Festival in Historic  
Downtown San Augustine

FOOD & CRAFT VENDORS | CAR SHOW | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | FAMILY FUN

## **Saturday, October 25th**

***Cooks Meeting on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>***

**Entry Fee: \$150 includes all Meat Categories  
\$10 for Bean Entry**

**Grand Champion Overall: \$1,000 & FREE Entry for  
2026. Trophy for Grand & Reserve Champion**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Chicken \$500 1<sup>st</sup> Place Brisket \$500 1<sup>st</sup> Place Pork Spareribs \$500 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Place Chicken \$300 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Brisket \$300 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Pork Spareribs \$300 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Chicken \$100 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Brisket \$100 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Pork Spareribs \$100**

**Beans \$50 + Jackpot**

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San Augustine Sassafras Festival**

# San Augustine Sassafras Festival 2025 Rae Estes BBQ Cook-Off Entry Form

Entry Fee: \$150 | Categories: ( ) Brisket ( ) Pork Spareribs

( ) Chicken +\$10 ( ) Beans

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

Head Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration and Payment to:

San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce  
611 West Columbia  
San Augustine, Texas 75972  
936-275-3610  
saccc611@gmail.com

Entry deadline: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Release: The participant does hereby release the County of San Augustine, City of San Augustine, San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce, and individuals connected with the Sassafras Festival from all liabilities and agrees to hold such parties forever harmless.

I have read the attached general rules and regulations and agree to comply with them.

Signature of Head Cook: \_\_\_\_\_



Downtown San Augustine, Texas

## Photography Exhibit and Competition

Artist Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Division: ☐ Youth (Under 18) ☐ Adult

### Categories:

☐ Sassafras | # of submissions \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ San Augustine | # of submissions \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Texas | # of submissions \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Black & White | # of submissions \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Animals | # of submissions \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Nature | # of submissions \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Digital Darkroom | # of submissions \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt of the above-referenced photograph(s) under the requirements listed in this form is hereby acknowledged. Participants agree to allow the San Augustine Chamber of Commerce to use pictures on their websites, in printed media, and for other promotional purposes. The San Augustine Chamber of Commerce will take all precautions to protect work submitted for this show; however, the photographer assumes all risks for any damage or loss. All work submitted must be the original work of the photographer and be in good taste.

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Photography Rules & Regulations

## Dates:

Photo Submission Drop-off: no later than Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the San Augustine Chamber of Commerce between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, or mailed to:

San Augustine County Chamber of Commerce  
611 W. Columbia Street  
San Augustine, TX 75972

Photo Display: Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Sassafras Festival  
Photos will be displayed inside the San Augustine County Courthouse.

Photo and Award Pick-up: Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
Photos must be picked up by 5 p.m. on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber of Commerce.

## Eligibility:

The applicant must have taken entered photographs.

Entrants are solely responsible for obtaining necessary authorization to submit their work to the Sassafras Festival Photography Competition (i.e., model releases, etc.).

The contest is open to all photographers, amateurs or professionals. The entry form must accompany each submitted photo.

All contest entries can be shot with a digital or film-based camera.

## Entry Fee:

There will be a \$3.00 entry fee for each submission. There is no limit on the number of photos entered.

## Photographs:

Print size should be 8" x 10". It is strongly suggested that all prints be mounted to a matte board. There is no restriction on the period in which the photograph was taken. Entries may be in color, black and white, and/or digitally altered. Digital and film are accepted.

## Judging:

While adhering to the rules that are provided in the Contest Rules and Entry Form may be the first step for entry into the contest, many other factors guide the judges in deciding which photos are worthy of ribbons. This criterion includes: **Relevance to Category Topic** - Is the photo an obvious illustration of the category in which it is entered? (i.e., "Nature's Beauty", etc.) **Composition / Arrangement** - Are the objects in the photo arranged in a meaningful, pleasing manner, or are they "haphazard"? Did the photographer use the best angle or otherwise interesting perspective? **Focus / Sharpness** - Is the object of the photo in focus? If not in sharp focus, does it appear to be an intentional effect to enhance the image in some "artistic" way? **Lighting** - Did the photographer use proper lighting of the subject matter? Do any extremes of darkness or brightness lend to or detract from the image content? **Creativity** - Does the photographer show some creative thought or original idea in the making of this image? The decision of the judges is final. Winners will be displayed during the festival along with all other entries.

## Prizes:

Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second, Third, Honorable Mention, and Best of Show for each category. WHILE NO MONETARY PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED THIS YEAR, THE SATISFACTION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS WILL BE HONORED WITH RIBBONS FOR THE TOP PERFORMERS.

# Categories

## **Sassafras:**

These pictures can include anything regarding the "Sassafras Tree" or the Sassafras Festival—landscape, nature, history, texture, macro close-up, etc.

## **San Augustine:**

One of the oldest settlements in Texas. These pictures can include the landscape, history, and culture of Historic San Augustine. \*NOTE: Please include the place name in the description of your photo.

## **Texas:**

The BIG State of Texas! These photos can include anything to do with Texas – Landscape, Culture, Nature, Animals, People, etc.

## **Animals:**

These contest entries are images of all kinds of animals. They can be pictures of pets - dogs and puppies, cats and kittens, birds, reptiles, amphibians - as well as photos of wildlife, zoo life, farm / domesticated animals, and even insects.

## **Nature**

These photos should showcase "outdoor beauty". Examples: landscapes, outdoor scenic, nature images, sunsets, cityscapes, farms, etc. \*NOTE: Please include the place name in the Title or Description of your photo.

## **Digital Darkroom:**

This category is appropriate for digital art - images created or drastically altered in software like Adobe Photoshop®. Although digitally manipulated images are also allowed in the above categories, this category exclusively showcases such art. If the digital darkroom work is the main attraction of the photo or plays a significant role, enter it here. Examples: Photoshop® composites and creations, images extensively manipulated with "buzz", "Flood", or other filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic image.

## **Black & White:**

Black & White art always brings a different emotion to the pictures, enhancing what your eyes see. A photo can include emotion, landscape, animals, nature, or people.

## **What We Do Not Take Into Account**

As long as the subject matter fits, the following kinds of images can be categorized in any of the above categories - we do not separate the contest entries based on the following criteria:

- Digitally manipulated images
- Black and white images
- Humorous photos vs. "serious" photos
- Photos by professionals
- Photos by amateurs
- Photos taken with a digital camera
- Photos taken with a 35mm SLR

In the end, a photo may fit into more than one category. But remember... You can only enter a particular photo into one category per month. You cannot enter a photo repeatedly in various categories. Carefully analyze your photo and then choose the most fitting category.

***\*Attach this form to the back of each photograph entered\****

**Artist Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo Description** (subject, location, digital manipulation tools used if applicable, etc.)

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