

## WhistleStop 2023 Cooking Team FAQs

**What size is my cooking site?** All the basic ShadeTree spaces will be a minimum of 25'x25'.

**Where will my cooking sites be located?** All cooking sites will be on an asphalt parking lot at Mid City.

**Can I put up a tent?** Yes, if your tent fits within your assigned cooking site, you may set it up. However, NO tent stakes can be driven into the asphalt.

**Will electricity be provided?** Yes, all efforts will be made to provide each team access to one (1) 20amp / 110v circuit. Each team should bring ample extension cords.

**Can I bring a generator for extra power?** Yes, however, we ask that all generators be placed in an area that does not inconvenience neighboring teams with exhaust or noise.

**Will water be provided?** Access to water will be available at several centrally located spots throughout the cooking team area. Depending on the location of each cooking space, access to water will require teams to use varying lengths of standard garden hose. Teams are required to supply their own garden hose and splitter.

**Can I bring my RV?** All basic cooking sites are 25' x 25'. If your RV will fit **entirely within** your assigned cooking site, you may bring it. However, due to space limitations in the parking area, cooking teams should be aware that driving in and positioning an RV or large trailer will be challenging, and access is not guaranteed.

**Is there any RV and trailer parking area away from my cooking site?** Yes, the planning committee has designated an RV and trailer overflow parking area. However, this area is outside the festival grounds and is deemed a "park at your own risk" area. Space is limited, and there are NO hook-ups provided.

**When can I move in and set up my cooking site?** Cook team move-in will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Can I park my personal vehicle at my cook site?** Generally speaking, the answer is NO. All unauthorized vehicles must be off the Festival grounds by 2 p.m. on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. However, if your vehicle will fit within your assigned cook site, you may park it there, but you will **not be able to move it** during public festival hours. Any vehicle that is staying on festival grounds during public festival hours must be approved and will be required to display an "Approved Vehicle" ID placard on the dashboard.

**When is the Festival open to the public?** Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. through 11 p.m.  
Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. through 11 p.m.

**Can cooking teams bring in outside food and drinks?** Yes. However, this will only be permitted during non-public festival hours, and only registered cooks with the appropriate credentials (wristbands) will be allowed to bring in outside food and beverages. **No outside food or beverages will be permitted once the gates are open to the public.**

**Does the Festival allow glass bottles?** NO.

**Can my Shade Tree team bring a keg of beer?** NO, kegs are not permitted. Official WhistleStop Sponsor teams may request special approval from the Festival Director. Special approval must be requested before Monday, October 16, 2023.

**How will garbage, grease, and ash removal be handled?** Each team will be issued a large green rolling garbage can for trash. Grease and ash receptacles will be stationed in several places throughout the cooking area. Teams are requested to roll full garbage cans to a designated area to be emptied.



**Will there be overnight security?** YES, the Festival will provide “roaming” overnight security on Friday and Saturday nights.

**When can I start to move out of my cook site?** Team move-out will officially start after the Festival closes to the public at 11 p.m. on Saturday night. Unauthorized vehicle movement will not be permitted during public Festival hours.

**After the Festival, when do I have to have my cook site cleaned and cleared?** All cooking sites must be cleaned up and off the Festival site before 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Will there be live music at the Festival?** Yes, a schedule of live music will be performed on the Main stage throughout both days of the Festival. Once the acts are confirmed, the entertainment schedule will be announced on the Festivals website at [www.whistlestopweekend.com](http://www.whistlestopweekend.com).

**Will there be TVs available for watching college football?** Yes, a 17-foot by 11-foot jumbo LED screen will show the college football games all day on Saturday.

**Will there be activities for kids to do at the Festival?** Yes, the Festival committee is planning a kid’s area that will offer plenty of fun and entertainment for the little ones.

**Do kids have to pay admission to the Festival?** Children aged 12 and under will receive free admission when accompanied by an adult.

