

# COUGAR COOKERS, INC.

501 (c) (3) non-profit

“Supporting the University of Houston”



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Dear Cougar Cookers:

The Cougar Cookers, a 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization, have begun to put plans in place to once again participate in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Cook-Off. The 2009 Cook-Off is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> and marks the group's eighteenth consecutive year of participation. Each year, the group has seen tremendous growth in membership and support and this year promises to be nothing short of spectacular.

The Cougar Cookers' participation in the Cook-Off has many far-reaching benefits for the University of Houston. Participation in the Cook-Off not only gives the University a prestigious presence in the city's largest event but also gives a more tangible benefit to prospective UH students. Each year hundreds of University of Houston students receive a total of nearly \$200,000 in scholarship money from the Rodeo. By participating in the Cook-Off, we demonstrate our appreciation for this support. Proceeds from the Cougar Cookers go to support additional scholarships for UH student leaders and other University activities. This event also provides a perfect opportunity to promote our own premier event and Cook-Off at the University of Houston's Frontier Fiesta.

Last year, we served over 2,000 Cougars and their guests and we plan to serve even more this year! In order for us to continue this tradition, we would like to take this opportunity to ask returning members as well as new members to join our team. Below you will find the different levels of membership with their respective rewards. To renew your membership or to join for the first time, please complete the enclosed application and mail it with a check payable to the Cougar Cookers to the address at the bottom of the application.

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>COUGAR COOKERS BOOTH INVITATIONS</u>	<u>HLS&amp;R COOK-OFF AREA ENTRY TICKETS*</u>	<u>RECOGNITION</u>
<b>Individual</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	Sponsors Board
<b>Couple</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	Sponsors Board
<b>Corporate</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	Company Plaque
<b>Corporate Gold</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	Plaque & Special Recognition

*\* Rodeo Cook-Off area entry tickets are good for individual admission to the Rodeo Cook-Off area and are ONLY available to those members who pay their membership fee by December 31, 2008. Additional Cook-Off entry tickets can be purchased for \$6.00 each before December 31 and for \$7.00 each after December 31. To reserve your additional Cook-Off entry tickets, please indicate the quantity requested on the membership application.*

*Members who pay their membership fee after the December 31 deadline will be required to pay an additional charge of \$25 to cover increase in cost by the HLS&R Cook-Off Association.*

For more information or to request that this information be sent to other prospective members, please call Billie Schneider at 713-644-8664 or check the web site at [www.cougarcookers.org](http://www.cougarcookers.org). We all appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

With Cougar Pride,

*Billie*

Billie Schneider  
Membership Development

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## 2009 Membership Application

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NAME (INDIVIDUAL OR COUPLE) \_\_\_\_\_

CORPORATE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON SPONSOR BOARD/PLAQUE \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FAX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

### 2009 Membership Levels and Rewards

Level	Cougar Cookers Booth Invitations	HLS&R Cook-Off Area Entry Tickets	Recognition
Individual	5	2	Sponsors Board
Couple	10	4	Sponsors Board
Corporate	24	12	Company Plaque
Corporate Gold	35	20	Company Plaque & Special Recognition

Membership Terms: The membership fee for each respective level of sponsorship includes the indicated number of invitations to the Cougar Cookers booth at the HLS&R Cook-Off area. Each invitation is good for the invited individual plus one guest. Cook-Off area entry tickets are good for individual entry into the Rodeo Cook-Off area for one day only. **HLSR Rodeo Cook-Off area entry tickets are only available to those members who pay their membership fee by December 31, 2008. Members who pay their membership fee after the December 31 deadline must pay an addition \$25 to cover increase in cost by the HLS&R Cook-Off Association.**

Additional entry tickets can be purchased for \$6.00 each before December 31. **Entry tickets purchased after December 31 will cost \$7.00 each.** In addition to these benefits, all 2009 official Cougar Cookers members will be invited to attend a special reception on **Thursday, February 26, 2009**, before the opening of the HLS&R Cook-Off. Because of space limitations, the Thursday night reception is for sponsors only.

#### Membership Level

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$125      | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$150 After December 31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple \$200          | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple \$225 After December 31     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate \$500       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Gold \$1000 |   |

Yes, I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ additional Rodeo-Cook-Off area entry tickets at \$6.00 each.

I have included an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ along with my membership fee to cover the cost. (Offer good until **December 31, 2008**) *(Don't forget your company **Matching Gift Form!**)*

Volunteers Needed!		For Office Use Only
<p><b>I am interested in serving on the following committee</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Membership/Invitations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site Preparation &amp; Equipment Mgt.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Food Service</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decorations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reception</p>	<p>Please make checks payable to <b>Cougar Cookers</b> and return to the following address:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cougar Cookers c/o Betsy Morin 38 Musgrove Place The Woodlands, TX 77382</b></p>	<p>Date Pmt Received: _____</p> <p>Pmt Amount: _____</p> <p>Check #: _____</p> <p>Deposit Date: _____</p>