



We competed in our first Lone Star Barbecue Society sanctioned cookoff in Red River, NM on Aug 21. Red River is located in northern New Mexico just north of Taos. It is 8,800 feet elevation so that had to be taken into account for the cooking times.

The event was located in a beautiful, grassy park in the center of town. There was also a CASI sanctioned chili cookoff, a New Mexico Green Chili state championship cookoff, and a music festival organized by Larry Joe Louis. We were entertained all day Saturday, starting at 9 AM, by an excellent array of musicians, many from the local area. The weather was perfect, sunny and mid-70's during the day but the 42 degrees at night was a little chilly.

We placed 3rd in chicken, 7th in ribs and 5th in brisket. We didn't place in the top 10 in either of the chili categories. We never entered a chili cookoff before so we really had no idea what the judges are looking for in a chili.

The event was a lot of fun, in a beautiful setting. We'll definitely plan a trip back next year. If you want to get out of the August heat and enjoy some beautiful mountain weather and scenery, you can't do better than Red River.

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