

Cooking Team and Judges Application



Florida BBQ Association
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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce 8th Annual BBQ & Blues Festival! Last year we hosted 49 pro cook teams. We have limited space for water and electric hook up and those are limited to the first 45 that sign up to compete. Be sure to get your applications in early because last year, those sites were booked by March 15th.

In April of 2009, Governor Sonny Perdue declared our festival a state championship. We are a *Jack Daniels National Qualifier and in the Triple Crown Series*. The BBQ & Blues Festival is the place to be in April!

Numerous people have called and expressed what a great time they had last year and how wonderful the food tasted. Our community looks forward to this event all year! One change we are making for the 2012 festival is a food vendor row. All cook teams vending food will be located all in the same area. We have gotten a lot of feed back from patrons of the festival that they can not find BBQ to purchase. We want to fix this problem to ensure they taste as much BBQ as possible!

I hope that you look over this information and will want to be a part of this exciting weekend with us. There is a cooking team application attached. Please sign up early to hold your spot in the festivities! We will accept teams on a first come first paid basis only. Please be sure to check out our website at www.bbqandblues.org for more information about the festival. You can also register and pay for the festival with a credit card!

We are truly excited about our 2012 BBQ & Blues Festival and we will be looking to seeing you there!

Thank you,

J.J. Imberger
Chairman, BBQ & Blues

P.S. Check out our new ancillary dessert contest too!!!

Barnesville BBQ & Blues

April 27th-28th, 2012

Event Schedule

BBQ Competition:

*** Authorized vending teams may sell at any time after arrival. All beverage vending is prohibited unless purchased through the Chamber of Commerce.

*** Staging Area– We will have a staging area for all cook teams arriving before 9 pm on Thursday night. The staging area is located at the Ingles grocery store parking lot. All cook teams will check in and receive their bags at the site. There will be no exceptions to this policy. **There will be NO PARKING at the festival site before 9 pm.**

Thursday:	(after 9pm) and all day Friday:	Team Move-In
Friday:	11:00am until 12 noon	Admin. meeting
	12 noon until	Meat Inspection
	5:00 pm	Cook's Meeting
	6:00 pm	Sauce Turn-In
	6:30 pm	Stew Turn-In
	7:00 pm	Chili Turn-In
	7:30 pm	Wings Turn-in
	8:00 pm	Dessert Turn-In
	9:30 pm	Friday Night Awards

The Friday ancillary is not part of the FBA.

Sat:	9:30 am	Judges Meeting
	11:00 am	Chicken Turn-In
	11:30 am	People's Choice Pick-up
	12 noon	Ribs
	1:00 pm	Pulled Pork
	2:00 pm	Brisket
	5 or 5:30 pm	Recognition & Awards
	After awards	Team Move-Out

Site & Facilities:

- Refer to the attached site map for locations & directions
 - ALCOHOL - This is very important. This event is being promoted for the entire family & is being held in our downtown business district. Our expectation is that all cook team members and their guests keep open bottles & cans out of sight and use non-labeled cups or containers to hold your adult beverages. The cook's meeting will be held in a nearby church; please do not bring alcohol to this meeting. We want everyone to have a great time but also want our guests to respect the community & its families.
 - Cook sites will be 20 ft. x 20 ft. unless you request a larger space to accommodate your equipment.
 - The cooking site is asphalt but not perfectly level. Be prepared to level your equipment if necessary.
 - Make plans to minimize spillage of waste water, grease, etc. Waste receptacles will be available for ash, solid & liquid wastes. Please bag all solid waste.
 - Bring at least 100 ft. of hose and extension cords for your hook-ups.
 - Elec. service will be 10 amp per team site.
- PARKING - Do not park vehicles in the cook site. Unload & move your vehicle (s) as soon as possible. Team parking will be available within walking distance. We will also have volunteers with golf carts should you need assistance with transporting items to the cook site.

BBQ Vending:

- Please send your request to be a food vending team to the Barnesville-Lamar Chamber of Commerce with your contest application.
- Beverages of any kind are strictly prohibited unless purchased through the Chamber of Commerce
- Only authorized and approved teams may sell to the public.
- Food vending fee is \$75.00. Fee is due at time of request.
- Teams selling BBQ will be expected to maintain safe food temperatures have hand-washing facilities, provide safe handling & storage, etc.
- Teams may sell to the public Friday and Saturday.
- More information about being a food vender will be sent to you upon approval.

**Barnesville BBQ and Blues Festival (April 27th & 28th, 2012)
Barnesville, Georgia**



Cooking Team Entry Form

This is a FBA Sanctioned Event

Team Name _____

Contact Person (s) _____

Phone: _____ **Evening:** _____

FAX: _____ **Email:** _____

Street or PO Box: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

FBA Entries: Chicken, Ribs, Pork, Brisket

_____ FBA Entry Fee for All Categories \$250.00

Friday Night entries: Wings \$15 _____ Stew \$15 _____ Chili \$15 _____ Dessert \$15 _____
Sauce \$20 _____

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: Please indicate if you will be willing to cook 2 Boston Butts to use in a People's Choice award. Meat will be provided by the event. Turn in time 12:30. **1st place award \$500**, 2nd and 3rd place will receive trophies.

Fee- \$20.00 Yes _____ No _____

Total Entry Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Signed: _____ (Your signature indicates that you have read all contest and FBA rules and agree to abide by them for this event) See rules at www.flbbq.org

Cook site spaces will start at 20 x 20 feet. Please let us know if you need additional room and we will do our best to accommodate larger trailers and custom rigs. No charge for elec. & water but we need to know if you are planning to park an RV on site or nearby. Information packets will include lodging opportunities, grocery stores, directions, etc.

Food Vending: The fee for food vending is \$75.00. All food vendors must be approved prior to contest event weekend. Beverage vending is prohibited. Please indicate if you would be like to be a food vendor _____ Yes _____ No. Please indicate what type of food vending you are requesting _____ . You will be notified if your request has been approved.

_____ Check here and add an additional \$75.00 if you would like a private Porta John at you cook site.

T-shirt size: _____

You can call us at 770.358.5884 (Amanda Rose) or email to amandarose@barnesville.org
Please make payment payable to **BBQ & Blues**. Mail to: PO Box 506 Barnesville, GA 30204

The Barnesville Lamar Chamber of Commerce, the City of Barnesville along with the entire community invites you to come & enjoy this event in the historic city of Barnesville.

Water and Electric will be provided for the first 45 Paid!!!

SELF CONTAINED
COOK SITES
AVAILABLE

**If you are a cook team who
is self
Contained please let us
know.**

**With the increase in size of
everyone's trailers we are
creating new spots for
people who do not need
hook ups!**

CHECK-IN INFORMATION

- This year we will have a mandatory staging area at the Ingles grocery store parking lot.
- If you are checking in on **Thursday night**
- **anytime before 9 pm** then you must go to the Ingle's parking lot first.
- This is an attempt to help with our traffic flow downtown and get you in and out as efficiently as possible.
- You will check in, receive your cook team bags and then be sent to town when your number is called. We will have a hospitality tent set up for you there.

After Hours

United Bank always host an After Hours on Thursday night as the official kick off for the festival. We would love for you to join us! When you check in at the Ag Center, transportation will be provided for you to come into town to take part in the delicious food and beverages!!

RV Sites

The RV sites with hookups that were offered last year are not available this year due to a Fire Station being built at the site.

For the closest RV park with hookups, please call High Falls State Park at 478-993-3053. High Falls is about 20 minutes from the cook site.

Judge Application



**Barnesville BBQ & Blues 2012
In Historic Downtown
Barnesville, Georgia
Friday, April 27th and Saturday, April 28th**

A Community wide event featuring FBA sanctioned BBQ, Blues Concert, car show, and more!

For more information call: 770.358.5884

Mail registration form to:

Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce

Amanda Rose

PO Box 506

Barnesville, GA 30204

email: amandarose@barnesville.org

Confirmation, directions, and lodging information will be mailed out prior to the event.

The judges for Friday night need to check in by 5 pm. The judges for Saturday morning need to check in by 9 am.

Please tear off here and mail in the completed information.

Name(s):

Address:

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

YES _____ I/We will be there in time to judge Friday night categories

NO _____ Sorry, will only be there Saturday morning for FBA judging

_____ Check if you are an FBA Certified Judge
