

August 31st 2019

Ridge Spring Harvest Festival

Dear Backyard BBQ Cookers,

You are invited to the 1st annual Backyard BBQ Cook-off! Since 1981, The Ridge Spring Harvest Festival has been a major part of our community and this year we are beginning a new tradition: The Backyard BBQ Cook-off. This give everyone the opportunity to show us what they got on the grill. This cook-off will feature the granddaddy of em all, the pork butt. It will be up to you to select your meat and bring it to the cook-off. You must bring a minimum of 2 butts to be smoked and submitted to a panel South Carolina BBQ Association Judges. You will be judged just like the pros.

Prizes for Pulled Pork BBQ:

1st Place Butt- \$300, Trophy, and flag w/Team logo

2nd Place Butt - \$100, trophy

3rd Place Butt - \$50, trophy

The 1st place winner will be knighted Backyard BBQ Champion and will be announced at 2:00p on Saturday October 12th at the gazebo and presented cash prize and trophy. 1st place winner will not be eligible to re-enter the Backyard BBQ Cook-off next year. However, you will have a free pass into the BBQ Battle for the Ridge next year and we will waive your entry fee to compete with the pros for a chance to win \$1200 and the title of BBQ KING of RIDGE SPRING!

Eligibility- This competition is for amateur cooks only. If you have placed in the top 5 of the BBQ Battle for the Ridge or in any other SCBA sanctioned event then you are not eligible to enter the Backyard BBQ Cook-off.

BYOB- Bring your own butts. Each cooker will be responsible for bringing their own meat with a minimum of 2 butts. You can have no more than 3 people on a cook team.

Entry fee- \$50 can be paid by check, money order or cash can be dropped off with a signed copy of this form at the Ridge Spring Town Hall. Winners will be announced 2:00p on Saturday October 12th at the gazebo.

Grill/Smoker- You can bring a personal grill or smoker. No grills are to be left on a trailer. You have to put it on solid ground and move any trailers or vehicles to another location.

Cookers meeting- Every head cook is required to join the SCBA cooks for a mandatory meeting at 4:00p on Friday October 11th at the fire station. The SCBA Marshal will instruct on the turn in times. Usually around 10:00a Saturday morning.

Setup- You can start setting up Friday October 11th at noon in front of Jim Campbell's repair shop, which is directly across the street from the gazebo.

Checks to be made out and mailed to: Ridge Spring Harvest Festival P.O. Box 444 Ridge Spring, SC 29129
Questions? Contact Patrick Arnold (803)351-8452 or parnold@gatewaysupply.net

The Backyard BBQ Cook-off will be held in Ridge Spring, SC on October 11th and 12th, 2019. Cook teams can set up starting at noon on Friday October 11th in front of Jim Campbell's Ridge Auto Service at 800 West Main St, Ridge Spring, SC. First come, first to be set up. You will provide the butts and any rubs, spices, brines, sauces, etc.

Chief Cook: _____

Team Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell#: _____ Home phone: _____

Email: _____

Please include this completed form along with \$50 to be entered in the 1st annual Backyard BBQ Cook-off. Please send forms and entry fee to the Ridge Spring Town Hall. You will need to pick up at least 2 butts for turn in to the judges at 10:00a on Saturday. The BBQ Battle for the Ridge will be set up in the town square which gives you an opportunity to talk to some of the pros to ask them what the judges are looking for in your turn in box. Please visit <https://www.sctbarbeque.com/index.php/2014-01-26-09-55-54> to read SCBA team rules. We will be following all guidelines set up by the SCBA and ALL cook team captains will be required to attend the mandatory meeting at the fire station at 4:00p on Friday. Thank you for joining us at the Ridge Spring Harvest Festival!

Waiver of Liability: Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold the Ridge Spring Harvest Festival and BBQ Battle for the Ridge, the festival committee, its employees, agents and volunteers harmless from any and all claims made against same, including without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgements, expenses, damages, or reasonable attorney fees arising out of or in connection with (1) any structures erected by contestants, (2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by contestant, (3) any act or omission to act of contestant its agents, invitees, participants, representatives, employees, servants, and assigns, and (4) any claims made on account of or resulting from contestant's participation in the contest. I agree to abide by all the Rules and Regulations of The BBQ Battle for the Ridge and The Ridge Spring Harvest Festival contained in this application and in the General Guidelines and Rules for Cookers of the SC Barbeque Association. I agree to notify all members of the team I represent about these rules.

Signature of Team Contact (required): _____ Date: _____

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