



# Blues & BBQ

## Contest / Vendor Application

September 23, 2017 —1:00pm to 11:30 p.m.

**PLEASE PRINT / TYPE**

Organization/Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Individual / Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **BBQ CONTEST:**

This year's BBQ Contest will feature a total of **\$500** in CASH prizes! Please refer to enclosed Rules and Guidelines. [All applicants must participate in the BBQ contest to be considered for selection as a vendor for public sales.]

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying to participate in the BBQ Contest only (\$25 entry fee).

I intend to participate in the BBQ Contest, I am also applying to be a food vendor. (See fee schedule below)

Check Contest Categories you plan to enter:  Pork (butt)  Chicken (thigh)  BBQ Ribs  People's Choice

[To be considered for the Overall Best BBQ Award, contestants must enter all judged categories.]

### **VENDOR FEE (includes BBQ Contest entry):**

A single vendor space is approximately 20' x 20', the size of two parking spaces. Double spaces are available. BBQ Vendors must provide public sales throughout the entire event, from 1 pm to 11pm. A limited number of vendors will be selected; however the BBQ Contest will be unlimited in number.

Register and PAY before August 18th, pay \$50

Register and PAY before August 25th, pay \$75

Register and PAY before September 14th, pay \$100 (No applications will be accepted after September 16th)

Vendor fee must be submitted with the application for acceptance consideration. Make checks payable to: Hinesville Area Arts Council.

### **VENDOR SELECTION:**

Vendors viewed as contributing to the theme of the event (Blues & BBQ) will receive priority consideration. Submitting an application does not guarantee selection to participate. Selection is based on information provided in the application, food items offered, past experiences with the vendor, and vendor set-up/requirements. Applicants will be notified of selection by September 14<sup>th</sup> or as soon as possible after receipt of application. Applicants not selected for the event will have their vendor fee returned within three weeks following the event.

### **MENU INFORMATION:**

Attach a detailed menu/list of all food items you would like to sell, including prices.

A courtesy menu board will be provided for each vendor to display in their booth. Changes to your planned menu/prices **MUST** be submitted and approved no later than Thursday, September 14th. (Any drinks to be sold should be included as a menu item with prices).



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**PRESENTATION & LOGISTICS** – Describe your booth set-up as follows:

- Grill/Smoker     Canopy/Tent     Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Generator (inverter type only) specify model \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the close proximity to the crowd and music, only inverter generators will be allowed and the use of all generators must be pre-approved. Electricity is not available in the event area, however the area is well lit. Water is NOT available on-site, vendors must provide their own water for hand-washing stations. Vendors must have a canopy covering and place a tarp or mat under their food prep area to keep the surface free from stains/grease, etc. Canopy/tents must be tied down with weights, as required by the City Inspection’s Department. Vendors using fryers to prepare food must state method of removing hot grease after event. All other food handling and safety requirements: (plastic gloves, hair nets, fire extinguisher, use of canopy, etc.) must be met.

**Set up/Break Down (Contest and Vendors):**

Vendors may arrive as early as 6 a.m. for meat inspection. Booth set-up must be complete by 2:00 p.m. and all vehicles removed from the event area to the parking lot. [There is a mandatory BBQ Team Captain Meeting at 1:30 p.m. and the BBQ Contest Judging begins at 4 p.m.]. The People’s Choice Contest will be held from 4 to 5p.m., during which time no public sales will be allowed. Any vendor entering the BBQ contest must have a designated “entry runner” in addition to personnel manning the booth. All public food sales can begin at 1 p.m. and food sales must continue until 10 p.m. All materials, vehicles, and trash must be removed within 90 minutes after the conclusion of the event.

**Health Department Certification:**

Preparing food outside requires specific preparation and storage procedures. Health Department staff will inspect booths during the set-up period to ensure standards are met. Note: Vendors may be subject to a certification fee. A copy of the health certificate must be on location at the event. For more information or to obtain a certificate application, contact:

Liberty County Environmental Health Department  
1113 E Oglethorpe HWY / PO Box 221  
Hinesville, GA 31313  
912.368.5520

**COMMITMENT:**

I understand and agree to the expectations of food vendors for the Blues & BBQ event. I understand that any changes to the information submitted in this application, must obtain pre-approval (including menu/price changes). By submitting this application, I am committing to provide quality community service. I understand the Blues & BBQ event planning committee is depending on my services to edify the event and if selected, I commit to follow through with my obligation to provide food as outlined in this application. If for any reason I will not be able to fulfill my commitment, I will provide a minimum of 10-days notice. I understand that failure to provide a minimum of 10-days notice of cancellation will result in forfeiture of the full deposit.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit completed form, payment, and attached information to:

Mail or Deliver : Blues & BBQ 2017 • 208 East Court Street • Hinesville, GA 31313



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## BLUES & BBQ MENU

*Please list all the food that you are planning to sell at your booth. (BBQ Contest participants not applying to be a vendor do not need to complete this form.)*

**FOOD VENDOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name written here will be shown on the menu board)

Item	Description	Price

A courtesy, laminated menu board will be provided for all vendors to display at your booth taken from the information provided on this page. Any changes in the menu or prices must be reported and pre-approved by September 14<sup>th</sup>.



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## Cooking Competition

### BBQ COOKING TEAM – Rules and Guidelines

The Hinesville Area Arts Council, Ft. Stewart MWR, and Hinesville Main Street Program are proud to host this friendly competition to provide you the opportunity to be awarded, **Coastal Georgia's Best BBQ!** This is a fun event and we ask that all contestants strictly abide by the rules and guidelines to ensure fairness and fun for everyone.

**BBQ Contest entry fee is \$25. [Contestants participating as a vendor pay the vendor fee only.]**

Three categories will be judged by a panel of judges. The ever-popular People's Choice category will be judged by the public by a sample tasting process. Contest categories are as follows:

- BBQ Pork Butt
- BBQ Chicken (thighs only)
- Ribs
- People's Choice – Pulled meat of any kind (small sample cups and forks will be provided for people's choice samples)

Points will be tallied for an **OVERALL Best BBQ Award**. (Contestants must enter ALL categories to be eligible).

A total of **\$500 in CASH prizes** will be presented to the winners! Prizes are as follows:

- Overall Winner..... \$200, Trophy, and bragging rights as the **BEST BBQ in Liberty County!**
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Each Category.....\$50 and Trophy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Each Category....\$25 and Certificate

#### **MEAT MUST BE RAW AND COOKED ON SITE**

All meats for competition must arrive uncooked, unmarinated, on ice, and in its original purchased packaging. Meat must be inspected, upon arrival to the event area. Once inspected, cooking preparations may begin. All contestants must be checked in by noon. People's Choice Pulled Meat may be pre-cooked and prepared by the contestant before arrival.

#### **IMPORTANT TIMES**

**6 a.m. – noon** Set-up, Meat Check, and start cooking! (contestants must check in by noon)

**1:30 p.m. –** Mandatory Team Captain Meeting

**2:00 p.m. –** Booth set-up must be complete and vehicles removed from the event area

**4 to 5 p.m. –** People's Choice starts, be prepared with your pulled meat of choice.

#### **MEAT TURN IN TIMES:**

- 4:00 p.m. – Chicken turn in
- 4:40 p.m. – Ribs turn in
- 5:20 p.m. – Butt turn in
- 6:30 p.m. – Winners will be announced (Stage)

- Teams will be given 3 pre-numbered containers in which to submit their entries. Please **ONLY** use provided containers. **DO NOT** write on the containers or leave any markings. Number should be face up upon turn-in.
- Each entry must have at least 6 servings: 6 Chicken Thighs, 6 Ribs and/or 6 portions of pulled, chopped, or sliced Pork Butt .
- This is a **BLIND** judging. Judges will not know who submitted the entries. Entries will be judged on 3 criteria's: **TASTE, TENDERNESS, and APPEARANCE**. Scoring is done from 1 to 5 in each category. Points are tallied for final scores.
- BBQ sauce is allowed on entries. Garnish in boxes are not allowed.
- Entries must be turned in on time as stated above. Late entries will not be judged.

**DISQUALIFICATION MAY OCCUR...** if the above rules and guidelines are not strictly followed or if turned in meat is not cooked fully.