



HOURS OF OPERATION:

Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 6:00am to 7:30pm, with set up time from 6:00am-7:30am. Blinding judging starts at 6pm, public judging goes from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Awards are at 8:00pm. The location of the event is the Tri-State Museum River Grounds.

SET-UP AND TAKE-DOWN: All BBQ teams must check in at the Chamber of Commerce tent. BBQ teams will be allowed to set up their booths after check-in is completed. Check-in starts at 6:00am. You provide your own tents, grills/smokers, etc. Due to the unpredictability of weather in June, though it is not required, we suggest you bring a tent, as this is a rain or shine event. (Please see weather policies below.) All vehicles must clear the event area by 8:00am. Absolutely no vehicles are allowed past the barricades during event hours, after 10:00am, or before 9pm, the day of the event.

BOOTH SPACES: Booth spaces measured 15 x 15 ft. cost \$100. Team entry is included in the booth space rental. Booths are marked off and numbered in the event area the morning of the event. You must keep your booth within the confines of the space including tie-downs. Additional booth spaces can be purchased for those BBQ teams needing more than 15 feet (at a fee of \$25 per additional 10X10 space) and must be purchased at the time of initial registration. Your booth will be removed if it extends beyond the space provided. No BBQ teams may change/swap booth spaces, nor can you sell your booth space. You can have as many team members as long as you stay within your space.

ELECTRICITY: Electricity will be provided to our BBQ teams for this event. Teams are allowed to bring a generator to hook up electric grills or smokers.

GRILLING EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS: Only backyard homeowner type grills, smokers, ugly drum smokers (including custom ugly drums) are acceptable. Gas, Charcoal, or other cooking methods may be used as long as grilling is a part of the cooking process. Multiple grills are allowed throughout the day.

NO TRAILERED CUSTOM BIG RIGS, and all equipment must fit in your designated booth space!!!!!! The pros are allowed to compete but must use normal backyard equipment like us regular Joes!!

CONTEST ENTRY CATEGORIES: There will be three submission categories: pork, beef, and vegetables. You are not required to compete in every category however the Grand Prize is highest total combined scores of all categories. The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce will provide Contestants with meat, but you must provide your own vegetables. ***Teams pick up the meat at the Registration Booth the day of event.

BLIND JUDGING SUBMISSION PRESENTATION: We will be providing you with the sample containers for the blind judging to provide to the judging at your booth. In keeping with the fun of it being an amateur contest, you are not required to provide a garnish.



TURN-IN TIMES: Please have all three categories prepared and ready to turn in for blind judging by 6:00pm and be ready to serve at 6:30 for public judging for people's choice.

JUDGING/SCORECARD: There are two (2) sections of judging: **Blind Judge Tasting** and **People's Choice**.

Blind Judging Criteria: You will be judged in five categories: 1) appearance, 2) taste, 3) moisture, 4) tenderness/texture, 5) overall impression, with each category weighted differently, for a total of 100 points. Each submission will be issued a number and the judges will not know which team the number belongs to.

People's Choice: Battle of the Bones wrist band attendees will be your judges. You will provide them with sample cups with samples of each category. They will be given a scorecard. Scorecards will be handed in no later than 6:30PM.

CONTEST AWARDS & PRIZES: We will award prizes in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the Blind Judging. Prizes are as follows per team: Overall 1st Place - \$400 Cash and Grand Champion Trophy, 2nd Place - \$125 Cash, and 3rd Place \$75 Cash, and there will be a People's Choice Award trophy.

ASHES AND COOKING OILS/GREASE: It is the responsibility of all BBQ teams to dispose of their own ashes in the designated ash container. All teams are required to take their own cooking oils/grease with them when they leave at the end of the day. Do not dump your ashes or cooking oils/grease in the street drainage ditches or grass area.

OUTSIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: NO Outside Alcoholic Beverages will be permitted during this event.

REFUNDS: No Refunds will be granted unless approved by the Chamber Board of Directors.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY: This is a rain or shine event and will proceed as scheduled if predicted rain is light to moderate. However, the Chamber Board of Directors will assess the severity of forecasted weather (i.e. lightning, wind) and may cancel or adjust the event schedule as necessary to protect the safety of the community, teams and volunteers. In the event of a cancellation, refunds may be given as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Chamber Board of Directors.

SOUND RESTRICTIONS: No excess loud music will be permitted from the BBQ booth spaces. Please be considerate of your fellow BBQ teams.



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. By signing the Team Registration form, you agree to and accept these Rules of Operation of Belle Fourche Battle of the Bones BBQ Competition. Violation of any of the above rules could result in immediate eviction from your occupied booth space at Belle Fourche Battle of the Bones BBQ Competition, by the Belle Fourche Chamber Special Events staff. The Chamber Special Events Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any vendor application. BBQ participant covenants that it will protect, defend, hold harmless and indemnify the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Special Events Committee, the City of Belle Fourche, their directors, officers, successors, assigns, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all expenses, claims, actions, liabilities, attorney's fees, damages and losses of any kind, actually or allegedly, resulting from or connected with the participation as a vendor at Belle Fourche Battle of the Bones BBQ Competition. The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce and the City of Belle Fourche shall not be liable for any loss or damage to any merchandise, or personal property in or about vendor booth regardless of the cause of such loss or damage. Vendor agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of South Dakota, County of Butte, and City of Belle Fourche. Amateur BBQ Contest Saturday, June 10th, 2023, 15x15 Booth Space \$100 Entry Fee. Team Registration & Set Up: 6:00am to 7:30am. Judging Time: Blind judging 6:00pm. People's Choice: 6:30pm to 7:30pm | Awards Ceremony: 8:00pm Tri-State Museum River Grounds. The pros can compete, but they must use normal backyard grills/smokers/UDSs, just like us regular Joes. NO trailered custom big rigs. Electricity will be provided for the BBQ contest booths. Your team will prepare a beef/pork/vegetable item for this contest. We ask that you provide and prepare your vegetables of your choice. The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce will provide you with your meat, two tables per booth, forks, napkins, and 4oz serving containers, and blind judging containers for this contest.

Authorized BBQ Team Signature

Date:

By signing this application, you are acknowledging and abiding by the Rules of Operation Form, during Belle Fourche Battle of the Bones Amateur BBQ Contest and release the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce and all parties involved with the festival from liability. Cash or checks are accepted. Credit Cards are accepted but there will be 3.5% processing fee added.

Mail registration form & payment to:

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