



AMERICAN LEGION

POST 6, 3700 HWY 54 WEST, CHAPEL HILL, NC 27516
WHOLE HOG & PORK SHOULDER COOK OFF
(APR 12-13 2024)

BBQ Cook-Off Prize List, Rules & Regulations



Welcome to The 2024 American Legion Post 6 Cook- Off! Below you will find the prize list, rules, and regulations for our cook-off. This is a North Carolina Pork Council (NCPC) Sanctioned Event. If you have questions or concerns, please contact:

Cliff Baldwin at 919-578-1745 or at hogcookoff@alpost6.org

Division & Prize List:

Culinary Division

1st Place Trophy & \$500 Cash, & may enter NC Whole Hog Barbeque State Championship (*with 10 or more entrees)
2nd Place Trophy & \$250 Cash, & may enter NC Whole Hog Barbeque State Championship (*with 11 or more entrees)
3rd Place Trophy & \$150 Cash, & may enter NC Whole Hog Barbeque State Championship (*with 11 or more entrees)

Blind Taste Division

1st Place Trophy & \$100 Cash

American Legion Top Team

1st Place Trophy & \$100 Cash

People's Choice Award

1st Place Trophy & \$100 Cash

Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded the day of the contest.

BBQ Cook-Off Rules & Regulations

1. Each team must have a Chief Cook and **no more than 3 assistants**.

The Chief Cook must be at least 18 years old.

2. Whole hogs will be provided and may be prepared on a wood, charcoal or gas fire. Meat for the contest entry may not be precooked or cured in any way prior to inspection at the beginning of the contest. Cooked meat must be hand chopped after Judging.

3. The competition site will be at American Legion Post 6, 3700 Hwy 54W Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

4. Cook sites are first come first serve. Teams may begin arriving no earlier than 3 PM on Friday April 12th and should be checked in by 7 PM. An event Official will show you to your available cook site.

5. Teams will be permitted to begin setting up their equipment any time after arrival.

6. A mandatory Chief Cooks meeting will be held on Friday night April 12th at 7:00 PM in the American Legion building. A drawing will determine the on-site judging order.

7. The American Legion Post 6 will provide and approximant 10'x 20' cooking area, A 100 -125 lbs. pig, A trash bag for pig remains, and containers for cooked / hand chopped BBQ. The team shall provide all other equipment and supplies to include cooking ingredients, grills, utensils (Including stem thermometers), Drip pans, Tables, Tents, Chairs, Fuel (Wood, gas or charcoal), Burn barrels, a fire extinguisher, chopping equipment, something to cleanse the pallet of the in NCPC on site judges and any items or materials which the cook desires. Chief Cooks should take special note of the "Completeness" criteria on the onsite score sheet.

Teams must have containers to carry and hold water. Whole hog will be stored in a refrigerated truck until distributed to the team sites. Pigs will be distributed to sites by event personnel at approximately 7:30 PM on April 12th 2024 and the cook off will officially begin at that time. Teams are not allowed to choose pigs.



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8. Each team must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the County Health Department, including but not limited to:
 - a. After cooking, meat must be maintained above 140 degrees Fahrenheit and covered.
 - b. Aprons and hats must be worn by all cooks and assistants.
 - c. Cleanliness of cooking area and personnel is required.
 - d. Hands must be frequently and thoroughly washed.
 - e. No pets or small animals are allowed in cooking areas.
9. All contestants are requested to respect the rights of all other contestants with special emphasis relating to loud music, loud and or profane language or infringement on an adjoining cook site with any equipment, coolers, etc.. The chief cook will be responsible for the conduct of his / her team.
10. CONTESTANTS MAY NOT SELL ANY FOOD, DRINK, SOUVENIRS OR ANY OTHER ITEMS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
11. No Off- site alcohol will be allowed to be brought or consumed on property.
12. No passes will be given at judging time. If the team's pig is not done or ready, team will be disqualified.
13. All teams will be provided sample score sheet, a complete set of rules and regulations and a schedule of events.
14. Drip pans must be used to catch grease.
15. Burn barrels will be the responsibility of each team and must be in an area away from tents to avoid damage to property.
16. Open fires on the grounds will NOT be allowed, for making coals, due to safety concerns. See rule 15 or burn barrel guidelines.
17. Any pig will be disqualified if any part of the pig is removed or intentionally disturbed (Other than trimming, which is allowed for the purpose of preparation).
 - a. Pigs should not be sauced or injected inside or out. Sauced or injected pigs will be disqualified.
 - b. NCPC rules do allow salt, soda and or oil to be used on meat and external skin during preparation but must be cleaned off meat area before cooking.
 - c. No external heat source may be used other than the cooker /grill. Examples include, but are not limited to, heat guns and torches.
 - d. Final determination of a pig's suitability for purposes of consumption will be based on inspection by judges. Judge's decision will be final.
18. All pigs must be cooked in an above ground cooker. If using a gas cooker, it must meet current safety standards such as a proper regulator, have UL approved hoses, and tank must be secured to prevent tipping.
19. If a Chief Cook desires to withdraw, he or she must notify the American Legion Post 6 BBQ committee immediately.
20. Culinary Division On-Site Judging will begin at 9 AM on April 13th, 2024.
 - a. During our site judging for the Culinary Division no trophies or pictures of awards can be displayed.
 - b. See attached On Site Culinary Score Sheet.
21. Blind Taste Test Competition Judging will begin at 11 AM on April 13th, 2024.
 - a. The Pork Shoulder will be used for the Blind Taste Test Competition.
 - b. The Pork Shoulder can be cooked anyway the Chief Cook desires, as long as it has an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - c. American Legion BBQ Committee will check the Pork Shoulder to ensure it is done. If not at 160 degrees Fahrenheit, the team will be disqualified from the Blind Taste Test Competition and the People's Choice Award.
 - d. American Legion cook-offs staff will provide each team with an unmarked container for a portion of their Pork Shoulder BBQ.
 - e. See attached Blind Taste Judging Score Sheet.



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22. People's Choice Award will be awarded to the team that collects the most votes by the people attending the festival.
- Attendees of the festival wishing to participate in the People's Choice Award Competition will be sold 1 ticket per entered team, for \$10 and given a score sheet.
 - Participants will then be able to give 1 ticket to each of the entered teams for a sample of their Pork Shoulder BBQ.
 - They will then mark their score sheet with the team they think is the best and turn it in to the American Legion cook off staff.
 - People's Choice Award will not start before teams have turned in their Pork Shoulder samples for the Blind Taste Test Competition.
23. Top American Legion Post Award
- Each American Legion Post will be allowed only 1 entry for this award.
 - Will be awarded to the highest finisher in the Culinary Competition.
24. Each Chief Cook will have the following on hand for judging:
- 4 sharp knives
 - 4 cups or bottles of water
 - 4 cloths or paper towels
 - 4 small containers of sauce
 - 2 thermometers are required
25. A representative of the American Legion Post 6 BBQ committee will accompany the judges while pigs are being judged to collect score sheets. The score sheets will contain no information that will identify the cooks or sponsors. Committee staff and judges total score sheet.
26. In the event of a tie committee staff will refer to the judging sheets and the winner will be awarded by the highest points in category of Meat Taste if still a tie, then Skin Crispness, then Moisture.
27. After own site judging has been completed, all pigs must be turned in fully chopped, by hand. To obtain a uniform consistency for BBQ plate sale. NO MECHANICAL PROCESSOR OR SLICERS ARE ALLOWED. The AL BBQ committee will provide containers to collect the chopped BBQ. DO NOT APPLY SAUCE TO THE CHOPPED BARBECUE.
28. Each team is responsible for cleanup of their area at the end of the contest.
29. No pets will be allowed in the cook area.
30. The top 3 winners of the American Legion Post 6 Whole Hog Cook Off will be eligible to enter the NC Whole Hog Barbecue State Championship, if we have 10 or more entries.
31. Contest winners will be announced, and Trophies presented at approximately 1:15 PM on Saturday 13th of April 2024.
32. AL BBQ committee reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situation warrants. All decisions of the AL BBQ committee and the NCPC judges are final. Violations of any rules or regulations may result in disqualification.
33. The American Legion Post 6, its employees, representatives, volunteers or contractors shall not be responsible or liable for the property of any team, any laws, damage or injury to any team or its representatives. All property of the team shall be under the care, custody and control of the team, whether in transit to, from, or within The American Legion BBQ Cook Off.



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BBQ Cook-Off Schedule

Friday April 12, 2024

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM Team arrival and registration

Assignment of cook spaces

Cook area set up and preparation

7:00 PM – 7:30 PM Cooks meeting in building 2

7:30 PM – 8:00 PM Teams pick up Pig and Shoulder

Contest begins

Saturday, April 13, 2024

9:00 AM – 11:00AM On site Culinary Judging & score tabulation

Collection of hand chopped BBQ

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Blind Taste Test Judging & score tabulation

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM People's Choice Award sampling

12:00 PM – 7:00 PM Sell BBQ Pork Plates until gone

1:15 PM Presentation of Awards to Teams

2:00 PM – UNTIL Tim Cifers Band on Mainstage

Pork Shoulder Blind Taste Competition Guidelines

The blind judging is your finished barbecue product as you want it presented to the judges.

*Entries are a blend of cooked meat, sauce and seasonings.

*Entries must be turned in within the stated time limit.

*Entries may include individual chips of crackling for the judges, and crackling bits may also be blended into the prepared barbecue, if desired.

*Blind box entries should not include garnishes, extra sauce containers, or foreign objects such as aluminum foil, toothpicks, etc...

*Blind BBQ entries are to be judged on appearance, tenderness, and taste.

*Appearance includes texture, color, fat to lean ratio, burnt meat and the visual appearance of the BBQ as a food product.

*Tenderness is based on moistness and tenderness of the BBQ. Entries should not be dry, burnt, tough or mushy.

*Taste of the entry should be pleasing, should not be excessively hot from the sauce and seasonings, and should also not be bland. The BBQ should be appealing and enjoyable to a typical BBQ customer.

*The NC Pork Council's Blind Taste Judging Score Sheet will be used for scoring of the entries.



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COOK'S ENTRY FORM (FORM MUST BE COMPLETE)

INFORMATION:

TEAM NAME: _____

CHIEF COOK: _____ (NOTE: ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE WITH CHIEF COOK)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ASSISTANT COOKS (MINIMUM OF 1; MAXIMUM OF 3)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

CORPORATE OR AL POST SPONSORS (IF ANY): _____

ADDRESS: _____

FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED- ONLY 20 SPACES AVAILABLE!! DEADLINE TO ENTER: 28 FEB 2023

INDICATE FUEL SOURCE: CHARCOAL _____ WOOD _____ GAS _____

SPACE INFORMATION:

EACH TEAM WILL BE ALLOCATED 1 OUTSIDE SPACE APPROXIMATELY 10'x20'

EACH TEAM MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN SHELTER. WATER & ELECTRICITY WILL BE AVAILABLE.

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

-1 PREPARED 100-125 lbs. HOG (NC PORK COUNCIL JUDGING)

-1 15-18 lbs. PORK SHOULDER (BLIND TASTE DIVISION & PEOPLES CHOOSE COMPETITION)

-1 OUTSIDE SPACE APPROXIMATELY 10'x20'

-2 FREE BBQ PLATES

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

ENTRY FEE FOR COMPETITION IS \$250 (WE ARE A 501C VETERANS ORGANIZATION AND WILL PROVIDE TAX LETTER IF REQUESTED)

FEES AND FULLY COMPLETED ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY 28 FEB 2023

CHECKS ARE MADE PAYABLE TO: AMERICAN LEGION POST 6 BBQ

MAIL TO: 3700 Hwy 54 West, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

I have read, and agree to, all rules and regulations of the American Legion Post 6 Cook Off.

CHIEF COOKS SIGNATURE DATE

EVENT CONTACT: Cliff Baldwin 919 578-1745; hogcookoff@alpost6.org



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BLIND TASTE JUDGING

Judge No. _____
Code No. _____

	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT
APPEARANCE	2 4 6 8	10 12 14 16	18 20 22 24	26 28 30 32	34 36 38 40
TENDERNESS	2 4 6 8	10 12 14 16	18 20 22 24	26 28 30 32	34 36 38 40
TASTE	4 8 12 16	20 24 28 32	36 40 44 48	52 56 60 64	68 72 76 80

TOTAL SCORE: _____

KEY:
 APPEARANCE: Texture, color, fat to lean ratio, burnt meat
 TENDERNESS: Moist and tender vs. dry and tough
 TASTE: Sauce too hot, too mild or excessive vs. a pleasing blend of sauce and meat



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ON-SITE CULINARY SCORESHEET

Judge # _____
Site # _____
Is This Pig Done? YES _____ NO _____

CRITERIA	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT
APPEARANCE Is the pig still intact from turning? Are there unnecessary cuts? Does it look appealing? Is there any tin foil stuck to skin?	2 4 6 8	10 12 14 16	18 20 22 24	26 28 30 32	34 36 38 40
COLOR Is the color appropriate to the cooking method? Is meat golden brown, dark or burnt? Natural heat source color ranges from golden brown to mahogany.	2 4 6 8	10 12 14 16	18 20 22 24	26 28 30 32	34 36 38 40
SKIN CRISPNESS Is skin crisp, not burnt? Are there soft spots? *Taste is not a factor	4 8 12 16	20 24 28 32	36 40 44 48	52 56 60 64	68 72 76 80
MOISTURE Is meat moist and tender throughout, not dry or tough?	4 8 12 16	20 24 28 32	36 40 44 48	52 56 60 64	68 72 76 80
MEAT & SAUCE TASTE Is the meat and sauce appealing? Does the sauce complement the meat or overpower it? Is it too hot or bland?	4 8 12 16	20 24 28 32	36 40 44 48	52 56 60 64	68 72 76 80
COMPLETENESS Overall condition of the site, including cleanliness of the cook, cooker and site. Was the chief cook present and ready for judging with all the required items?	SITE & COOKER CLEANLINESS 8	FOUR KNIVES 8	FOUR SAUCE BOWLS/CUPS 8	FOUR DRINKS & TOWELS 8	TWO MEAT THERMOMETERS 8

2022 Series

TOTAL SCORE _____