WhistleStop Festival & Rocket City BBQ

COOK-OFF INFORMATION

The Rocket City BBQ Cook-off & WhistleStop Festival is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society. Sanctioning insures that a high standard of judging criteria will be used to determine our winners. The Rocket City BBQ Cook-off will use Kansas City Barbeque Society rules. All scoring tabulation will be handled by KCBS officials.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 3 - Sponsor Party at the Pig Whistle Pub.

Friday, May 4- Meat Inspection- Upon check-in Friday your meat will be inspected. All meat must be raw and non-marinated.

Cooks' Meeting-- We will hold a cooks' meeting Friday at 4:30pm. All rules and regulations will be reviewed; all questions and concerns will also be addressed. THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY.

Saturday, May 5 - BBQ Competition-- 12pm - 2pm. We will follow the rules and regulations of KCBS.

Awards Ceremony-- Awards announced at 4:30pm at the Main Stage. Trophies and prizes will be presented.

KCBS Rules & Regulations apply. A copy of these will be mailed with the cook's packet and are also available online at www.kcbs.us.

1. Judging will start at 12:00 on Saturday afternoon.
2. Judging will be done on a category basis in the following order: Chicken 12:00, Ribs 12:30, Shoulder 1:00, Brisket 1:30,
3. Motorized vehicles are prohibited at all times during festival hours, unless otherwise authorized by the festival director.
4. Safety of this event is paramount! Any unsafe acts or safety issues identified by the Festival Committee will be immediately corrected. Failure to follow the direction of the Committee may cause removal from the Festival grounds.

Fires must be of wood, wood pellets or charcoal. No Electric or Gas.

Hold Harmless Clause

The Historic Huntsville Depot, Alabama Constitution Village Foundation or the EarlyWorks Museum Complex shall not be responsible or liable in any way for any losses, costs, damages, liabilities, debts or expenses incurred by participants of the Rocket City BBQ Cook-off and Festival, its parents or subsidiaries, affiliates, successors or assigns as a result of any acts, omissions or negligence of any person, firm, partnership or corporation attending or participating in the Rocket City BBQ Cook-off and Festival, whether or not the act, omission or negligence occurs prior to, during or following the Rocket City BBQ Cook-off and Festival. As team captain, you are signing for your entire team.

The Contest

1. The Rocket City BBQ Cook-off and WhistleStop Festival will be held Friday, May 4, 2012 and Saturday, May 5, 2012 at the Historic Huntsville Depot.
2. The Rocket City BBQ Cook-off and WhistleStop Festival is sponsored by the Alabama Constitution Village Foundation.
3. The competition is open to everyone, professionals and amateurs. There is no limit to the number of cooks on a team; each team is allotted 6 wristbands for entrance into the Festival. Wristbands must be worn during Festival hours; no exceptions.

Contestant Responsibilities

1. Registration and set-up will begin on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 7am. ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE REGISTERED AND IN PLACE BY 2PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012.
2. Electricity is available at no additional expense.
3. No beverage coolers will be brought in during festival hours. Coolers must be brough in before 2 PM on Friday, and before 8 AM on Saturday,

Acceptance

1. The DEADLINE to enter is April 20, 2012 or until available contestant spaces are filled. No refunds will be made after March 30, 2012.
2. Letters of acceptance and packets will be mailed one to two weeks before the contest.

If you have any questions or need to make advance arrangements, please call 256.564.8125 or email kcbscookers@huntsvilleal.gov