

City of Mullins
Annual Golden Leaf Festival
Barbecue Cook-Off
September 22-23, 2017

City of Mullins Municipal Parking Area, Mullins, SC

(Entry to Competitors Area: 110 E. Front Street, Mullins, SC)

(City of Mullins Town Hall 843-464-9583)

(GPS Coordinates: 34 Degrees 12.350' N 79 Degrees 15.220' W)

For questions or additional information contact the BBQ Contest Event Coordinator - Jim Bain
@ (843) 340-3410 or by email at jebain2002@gmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All BAR-B-Q PARTICIPANTS MUST be in place by no later than 3:00 pm. Volunteers will be at the cooking area not later than 10:00 am on the day of the event to direct you to your designated cooking site. At least one representative from each team must attend the Mandatory Cook's Meeting at 3:30 pm. Meat will be distributed as early as possible (plan for 1:00 p.m. distribution), but no later than the end of the Cook's Meeting. All vehicles must be unloaded and moved from the cooking area to designated parking areas by 4:45pm on Friday and may return to load after 2:00 pm on Saturday.
2. The BBQ Contest is sanctioned by the South Carolina Barbecue Association, and will abide by SCBA Rules & Guidelines.
3. An entry fee of \$250.00 (which must be submitted along with the team application) is required from each team to enter this contest. The event will be providing each entrant approximately 80 lbs. of pork butts, sampling plates, napkins and setups. Any questions concerning the BBQ Contest should be directed to the BBQ Contest Event Coordinator who will make all final decisions.
4. **Friday night from 7:00 – 9:00 pm there will be a MANDATORY “Anything Butt” competition. All teams are expected to participate.** Each team shall prepare and serve an entry of their choice which will be judged by a panel of Celebrity Judges using a very similar blind judging method as you have experienced with SCBA Sanctioned events. Blind judging containers will be delivered to each team's cook site not later than 6:00 p.m. If you have not received a container, send a team member to see the Event Coordinator. When you bring your entry to the judging area, the containers shall contain only your entry - no garnish, just your Anything Butt entry. Each team shall provide all ingredients for their chosen dish, but the event shall provide sampling plates, napkins and setups. Please plan to have enough of your entry prepared by 7:00 pm so as to provide approximately 75 – 100 samples to the public and 10 samples for the Celebrity Panel. **Your submission for judging and the product you serve the public must be the same. Failure of a team to participate will result in disqualification.**

5. The Friday Night “Anything Butt” contest will award a cash prize of \$500.00 to the winner, \$400.00 to the First Runner-up; \$300.00 for 3rd Place; \$200.00 for 4th Place and \$100.00 to 5th Place. We are investing in a significant prize purse (total of \$1,500.00) just for the Anything Butt portion of this event and each team will be expected to produce an entry that showcases their ability to produce a quality product in addition to great pork barbeque.
6. All entries must be cooked on the official BBQ Contest grounds. However, your entry for the “Anything Butt” may be prepped off-site, provided you do final preparations, at least some cooking and assembly of your entry on-site.
7. With the exception of the Friday Night “Anything Butt” contest, all BBQ Contest entries are limited to meats that are provided by the festival.
8. Contestants may season or prepare meats as the contestant sees fit.
9. This is a Barbecue event. Cooking can be done on a charcoal, wood, or gas fired device. **Meats that are boiled (only) or fried (only) will not be accepted.**
10. The BBQ Contestant is responsible for observing accepted and prudent temperature and sanitary requirements as well as a method for maintaining safe temperatures for meats and any side dishes. Food product submitted for judging which is undercooked, or raw will be disqualified immediately.
11. Only meat provided to the teams by the event shall be submitted for judging – teams may not provide their own meat for the contest. All teams will receive meat from the same source and as like in quality as is possible. **All meat provided by the event to the teams must be cooked for distribution to the public. All meat is the property of the event and the Golden Leaf Festival.**
10. **Quiet time will be observed from 11:00 p.m. on Friday until 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. Please be observant of these times.**

BBQ CONTEST RULES:

1. Each category of the BBQ Contest entries will be judged in single round only. There will be no onsite judging, nor a final round judging.
2. For the BBQ event itself, cash prizes will be given to the top five finishers as follows: 1st Place - \$5,000.00, 2nd Place - \$2,500.00, 3rd Place - \$1,250.00, 4th Place \$500.00 and 5th Place \$250.00.
3. BBQ Contest blind judging containers will be delivered to each participant at the team’s cook site at least 2 hours before turn-in. If you have not received a container, send a team member to see the Event Coordinator. When you bring your entry to the judging area, the containers shall contain only your entry - no garnish, just BBQ.
4. Anything placed in the container that identifies your team will cause your entry to not be scored. Cut your entries such that each judge will have their own portion. Provide sufficient samples for BBQ Contest judging by 8 judges.

5. BBQ Contest samples must be submitted to the turn-in table, located at the Admin area. We suggest that you familiarize yourselves with the location before judging time. All samples must be delivered as follows:

Butts - 9:50 a.m. and 10:10 a.m.

Judging will commence precisely on the hour. Any entry that arrives after the appointed turn-in time will not be scored. You will only be allowed to submit one entry per team for each category. After you turn in your entry, you must immediately leave the judging area.

6. As this is an SCBA Sanctioned Event, SCBA Judges will be used to judge this event. It is our belief that this will insure that each entry will be judged objectively based on the merits of the sample provided.
7. Once you have submitted your sample for judging, each Team will offer to the public an opportunity to sample your product. Samples shall consist of a tasting portion of pulled pork only – no sides or other products. The event will be selling BBQ Sampling Wristbands to the public. Admission to the cooking area will be only for those persons having purchased a wristband.
8. In the past, several of the teams have participated in a “Rib Throwdown,” organized and run by the competitors themselves and judged by the SCBA judges. It is expected that such a contest will once again take place at our event and we are committed to making the effort required to participate in the “Rib Throwdown” as rewarding as we can. Specific details will be announced closer to the actual date of the event.

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Schedule of Events:

Friday, September 22, 2017

- 10:00 am – Volunteers on site to assist cook teams in finding their assigned cooking areas
- 1:00 pm – Meat Distributed to all cook teams set up and ready.
- 2:30 pm – Cook Teams Meeting (Municipal Auditorium)
- 3:00 pm – Meats distributed to late arrivals
- 6:00 pm – Tasting Wristbands and Beverage Sales open to the public
- 7:00 pm – Free Concert in ABB parking lot (adjacent to Municipal Building) begins
- 7:00 pm – “Anything Butt” Competition opens to public
- 9:00 pm – End of “Anything Butt” event.
- 10:00 pm – End of Free Concert and all public events for the day.
- 11:00 pm – Quiet time begins.

Saturday, September 23, 2017

- 7:00 am – Coffee, juice sausage wraps for competitors – Municipal Auditorium.
- 9:00 am – Judge’s Meeting – Municipal Auditorium
- 9:50 am to 10:10 – Turn-In
- 10:00 am to 11:00 – Golden Leaf Festival Parade – Main Street Mullins, SC
- 11:00 am – 2:00 pm – Corn Hole Tournament – Lions Park
Public Tasting
- 2:00 pm – Awards Ceremony – Municipal Auditorium

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

For questions or additional information contact the BBQ Contest Event Coordinator - Jim Bain
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The City of Mullins, South Carolina's Golden Leaf Festival & BBQ Cook-off will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 23-24, 2016 at the City of Mullins Municipal Parking Area (adjacent to City Hall) in Mullins, South Carolina. We are offering \$12,500.00 of cash prizes to a limited number of barbeque cooking teams. The application to compete in this fun event is limited to the first 30 teams who apply and are accepted. It is first come, first served. Remember, your application is not complete until the full entry fee is received.

Experienced, trained and certified SCBA Judges will handle the judging in this contest. The winners will receive trophies and cash prizes.

All correspondence will be with the Chief Cook.

Team Contact / Chief Cook: _____

Team Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Telephone: (H) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Assistant Cook: _____

Other Team Members:

Each team may provide their own shelter. Each team will be allocated one 20' x 25' outside space for their cooking area. **DUE TO THE LIMITED SIZE OF OUR AREA, IF YOU NEED MORE THAN A 20'X25' SPACE, YOU MUST LET US KNOW IN ORDER THAT WE CAN PLAN OUR SPACES ACCORDINGLY.** Parking for tow vehicles, trailers not used for cooking, etc., will be within a short walking distance of the cooking area. If you require a larger cooking area, please describe your reasons, including the sizes of grills, props and any other items used in your cooking set-up. You can use the space below, including the back of this form, or attach additional sheets if necessary. We value our barbeque cookers and we want to help you be successful.

In addition to the basic 20-amp service we added in 2016, we now have a limited number of higher amperage electrical service available – **AT AN ADDITIONAL COST.** There are three (3) 50-amp service outlets and six (6) 30-amp outlets available on a first come first served basis. In order to reserve one of these higher amperage outlets, you must request it at the time of application and pay an additional fee along with your entry. 30-amp service is an additional \$25.00 and 50-amp service is an additional \$50.00.

_____ Yes, I want to have 30-amp service and my additional \$25.00 is enclosed.

_____ Yes, I want to have 50-amp service and my additional \$50.00 is enclosed.

_____ No, 20-amp service is fine for my setup.

Each team's entry fee must be received with a completed application form no later than September 15, 2017. The cook-off committee reserves the right to reject any entry. If your entry is not accepted, your entry fee will be fully refunded. However, once you have been officially accepted into the contest, there will be no refunds of any portion of the entry fee.

ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee is \$250.00 and must be submitted along with your application.

Make payment payable to: Golden Leaf Festival – BBQ Cook-off

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

By submitting this application and the authorized signature below, Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold the Carolina Golden Leaf Festival, the Barbeque Cook-Off Committee and the City of Mullins, South Carolina, its employees, agents and volunteers harmless from any and all claims made against same, including, without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, or reasonable attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with (1) any structures erected by the contestant(s); (2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by the contestant(s); (3) any act or omission to act of contestant(s), its agents, invitees, participants, representatives, employees, servants, or 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 Carolina Golden Leaf Festival Barbecue Cook-off contained in the application, General Information Sheet, Rules and Guidelines (the "Rules") provided to accepted applicants. I further agree to notify all members of the team I represent about these rules. **I understand that a failure to follow the Rules by myself or any member of my team, may result in disqualification.**

Signature of the Team Contact / Chief Cook: _____
(required)

Please return this completed application, along with your entry fee, to:

City of Mullins Golden Leaf Festival
Attn: Holly Jackson
Post Office Drawer 408
Mullins, SC 29574

Upon acceptance of your entry, notification of approval and a copy of the rules, regulations and other contest information will be provided.