

The 13th Annual Barbecue Cook-Off Benefitting Scouting America, BSA(2025) event will begin on Friday, March 21st at the Sumter County Fairgrounds Agricultural Building located at 700 West Liberty Street. BBQ contestants may check in with Glenn Button, (803) 983-9934 between 10:00am and 3:00pm. To check in earlier, contact Glenn Button to arrange.

Wing Competition

Contestants will be provided wings at the time of check-in. The winners of the 2025 Best Wings Award (1st and 2nd) will receive their cash prize during the awards ceremony on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Cook teams will need to have their wings ready to serve when the gates open to the public at 5:30pm Friday, March 21st. Patrons will have tickets purchased at the gate to turn in to the cook teams for wings. For example, 1 ticket=1 wing. Please place tickets in the provided box for collection when the event ends at 9:00pm. **Teams must participate in both the Wings Competition and the Butts Competition to be eligible for prizes and points.**

Butt Competition

Each competition team will be responsible for preparing a minimum of six (6) butts and, depending on the number of teams entered, may be asked to prepare more than six (6). Contestants may pick up their butts on Friday, March 21st, after 12 noon. The cook team meeting will be held at 3:00pm on Friday, March 21st. Only registered contestants, South Carolina Barbecue Association officials, and event committee members will be permitted to remain on the Sumter County Fairgrounds property after 9:30pm. The contestants will present their boxed sample to the SCBA judges in accordance with association rules. All butts received from the Henry Shelor District BBQ Committee will be prepared and ready to serve to the public no later than 11:00am on Saturday, March 22nd. Any team that fails to provide the number of butts received as prepared BBQ will be disqualified from receiving any awards. SCBA judges will determine the winner and places of the 2025 Barbecue Cook-Off. Prizes will be distributed at the 2:30pm Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 22nd. **Teams must participate in both the Wings Competition and the Butts Competition to be eligible for prizes and points.**

Prizes for the 13th Annual Barbecue Cook-Off Benefitting Scouts:

Wings: First Place \$250

Second Place \$100

Butts: First Place \$1,000

Second Place \$750

Third Place \$500

Fourth Place \$250

Fifth Place \$100

Procedures for Saturday Event

Gates will open to the public at 11:00am on Saturday. Patrons will purchase a wristband from the ticket area at the gate prior to being allowed into the competition area. At each cook team station, patrons will receive a sample portion of barbecue in a small cup (provided by the event committee). Each time the patron must show their wristband to the Scout assigned to the cook team. A patron may visit a station multiple times if they wish but only 1 portion of the barbecue will be served each time. Wristbands are \$10 each and every person must have a wristband on their wrist to receive barbecue. Presentation of the barbecue is at the discretion of the individual competitors, but serving cups will be provided by the Henry

Shelor District for use by the cook teams. Patrons may visit the cook teams on Saturday from 11:00am until 3:00pm or until the barbecue runs out. No wristbands will be sold after 2:00pm. Any leftover barbecue must be turned in to the Henry Shelor Barbecue Committee by 3:30pm.

Ribs Competition

In addition, the event will feature a ribs competition. Contestants that wish to enter the **optional** ribs competition will be responsible for providing their own ribs. Management of the rib competition will be done by the cook teams, with one representative collecting the buy-in, determining pay-out amounts, and paying the winners. No funds from the rib competition will be retained by Henry Shelor District. After judging, participants in the rib event will be free to do with the ribs as they choose. Participants in the rib competition will be permitted to sell their ribs on premises to patrons that wish to purchase them. If you are found to be selling ribs and did not compete in the ribs competition, your team will be disqualified from the entire event. Prices, presentation, and sales of the ribs will be at the discretion of the individual participant. Proceeds will belong to the participants in appreciation of their participation in the 2025 Barbecue Cook Off benefiting Scouting America, BSA(2025).

Cook Team Application

13th Annual BBQ Cook-Off Benefiting Scouts, BSA

Sumter American Legion Fair Grounds

700 West Liberty St. Sumter, SC 29154

March 21 – 22, 2025

Event Chairman: Glenn Button 803-983-9934

Official Team Name: _____

Chief Cook: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Team Members: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

How many butts maximum is your team willing to cook? _____

Will your team participate in the additional Rib Competition? _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The Cook Team expressly releases the BSA & BBQ Benefit for Scouts, BSA from any and all liability for damage, injury, or loss that may arise or occur to the Team, its employees, family or goods (or customers while in or about their booth) on the Premises during the duration of this contract. Scouts, BSA will provide no insurance for any reason except its own liability.

I, the undersigned, agree to the rules and regulations attached to the application.

SIGNATURE _____

COST OF ENTRY \$250.00 per TEAM (\$200.00 if you attended the 2024 event)

Make Checks payable to: Indian Waters Council

715 Betsy Dr. #B6

Columbia, SC 29210

Payment can be made online at <https://scoutingevent.com/553-bbqcookoff25>

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1ST, 2025