

# INFORMATION & COOKS APPLICATION

Saturday, September 6, 2025  
11:00 am-1:30 pm  
H. Cooper Black Jr. Recreation Area  
279 Sporting Dog Trail  
Cheraw, SC 29520

## PORK & PIGGIN'



Ruby 314

## BBQ COOK-OFF

### General Information

**Date, Time, Location:** Saturday, September 6, 2025, 11:00 AM- 1:30 pm, H. Cooper Black Jr. Recreation Area

**Entry Fee and Deadline:** **\$250 per professional team / \$200 per backyard cookers/ \$50 rib entry**  
Cash or Check (made payable to Ruby Masonic Lodge 314), due no later than **Sunday, August 3, 2025**.  
The fee includes an approximate 30 x 30 spot with 20 amps of electricity.

**Teams:** Competition is limited to the first **15 cooking teams for professionals and 12 teams for backyard cookers**. There can be no more than four (4) persons on a team.

### Cooking Instructions and Rules

- Professional Teams must follow Cook Team Rules found on the SCBA website at [scharbeque.com/cook-teams-rules](http://scharbeque.com/cook-teams-rules)
- Teams may prepare and cook the pork in any fashion they prefer so long as it is suitable to be served to the public.
- Teams must prepare the barbecue on site at H.Cooper Black Jr. Recreation Area. The meat will be furnished and will be available for pickup **beginning at approximately 1:00 pm on Friday, September 5, 2025. Rib entry must bring their own ribs.**
- Each team will be responsible for cooking a minimum of 8 butts averaging approximately 8 pounds each if professional and 2 butts if backyard cooker.
- Each team must supply their own ingredients, grill, tools, and all materials needed by the team.
- Teams are expected to serve their barbecue to the public from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm. Ruby Masonic Lodge will provide each team with the containers necessary to serve the barbecue to the public.
- Each team will have a total cooking area of approximately 30 x 30. No two-story structures are allowed, and no on-site expansion beyond the allotted area will be allowed. All belongings must be entirely contained within the allotted area. Water and 20 amps of electricity will be provided. If you need more than 20 amps, *it must be requested in advance and there will be an additional fee.*
- **Requests will be fulfilled on a first-come-first serve basis and are limited.**
- The teams may NOT sell food or beverages to the public. Under NO circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the public by the teams.
- All teams are requested to respect the rights of others with special emphasis against loud music, profane language and infringement on adjoining sites.
- Teams are required to attend a meeting with the SCBA at 3:00 pm on Friday, September 5, 2025.
- **Teams must have gloves, chop the pork under cover, and have a hand washing station.**

### Judging and Awards

Blind judging will begin promptly at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 6, 2025. Judging will be conducted by the **South Carolina Barbecue Association (SCBA)**. Participants have the opportunity to earn points toward the **Master Barbecue Award** competition sponsored by the SCBA. Winners will be announced and awards presented at 1:45 pm.

#### Professional Teams Awards as follows:

**First Place** Trophy and \$1,200  
**Second Place** Trophy and \$600  
**Third place** Trophy and \$300

#### Backyard Cooker Teams Awards as follows:

**First Place** Trophy and \$600  
**Second Place** Trophy and \$300  
**Third Place** Trophy and \$100

### Clean-up

All teams are asked to clean up their assigned cooking areas and return the site to pre-competition conditions. **The area must be cleaned before 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 6, 2025.** The head cook will be the responsible party for fulfilling this requirement.

# BBQ COOKER'S OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Complete and return application with  
entry fee by Sunday, August 3, 2025.

- Pork & Piggin" Barbecue Cook-off (butts only) will be held at H. Cooper Black Jr. Recreation Area in Cheraw, South Carolina on Saturday, September 6, 2025.
- Prize money and trophies will be awarded with judging by Certified South Carolina Barbecue Association judges.
- Limited to the first 15 professional cooking teams and 12 backyard cooking teams.
- **Entry Fee: \$250 per professional team/ \$200 per backyard cooker team/ \$50 ribs entry**  
Includes an approximate 30 x 30 spot with 20 amps of electricity. Additional amps are available for a fee.



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Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member Names (All correspondence will be with the chief cook):

Chief Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type: ( ) Cash or ( ) Check

**Entry fee and application must be received no later than Sunday, August 3, 2025.** You will be emailed a letter of approval upon receipt of payment and acceptance of your entry form. The event committee reserves the right to reject any entry, and no refunds will be made once a team has been officially accepted. In the event of cancellation by Ruby Masonic Lodge 314, entry fees will be fully refunded.

Waiver of Liability: Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold H. Cooper Black Jr. Recreation Area and its committee, volunteers, sponsors, and staff from any and all claims made against same, including without limitations, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages or reasonable attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with any structures erected by the contestant, any equipment or personal property used by the contestant, any act or omission to act of contestant, any claims made on account of our resulting from contestant's participation in the contest.

Signature of Chief Cook: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed Entry Form and Payment (checks payable to Ruby Masonic Lodge 314) can be mailed to:

Pork and Piggin' at H. Cooper  
Attn: Robert Burr  
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Mount Croghan, SC 29727

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