



Hog on the Hill Information Sheet

8th and 9th May 2026

100 Cadz ST.

The "Back Lot" Chester, South Carolina

It's time to plan for the 18th annual Hog on the Hill BBQ Cook Off Event happening 8th and 9th of May 2026. With cash awards of over \$2,500, this event is sure to attract teams from across North and South Carolina.

Last year we announced a change to the prize structure, which is still applicable. There will be 5 paying spots in the Butt and Anything Butt competition. There will still be 3 trophies and 3 frames for the top winners. The installation of a Backyard class is open to any cook from High school and older who has not cooked as a professional with any BBQ circuit in the last 2 years.

To register to cook please fill out the form at www.raisingchester.com. Entry fee is **\$150** which includes the meat for Saturday's sanctioned event, sample cups, **110v 15a** electrical service and one water bib connection. Utility set up will be around 2:00pm if not earlier. Check in starts on **Friday 8:00 am**. There will be a cook team meeting **Friday at 4:30pm**. Complimentary breakfast for the cook teams is provided and will be served around **7:30 am Saturday** Morning. Turn-in for the sanctioned event is **10:00 am Saturday**. Entrants must be ready to exchange 2oz samples of BBQ for one ticket. The public will purchase tickets at the information booth. Admissibility of Contest submissions will be at the discretion of the SCBA. The BBQ winners will be announced at **2pm Saturday**. Please refer to the CDDA cooks rules for additional information visit www.sctbarbeque.com

Prize Money: 1st place \$1,000, 2nd place \$500, 3rd place \$300, 4th place \$200
5th place \$100

Anything But Butt Competition

Back by popular demand will be the "Anything But" competition Friday night allowing the cook teams to show off their culinary skills. So plan to WOW the crowd with your culinary delight. This is an optional event for the cook teams. "Anything But" is defined by Hog on the Hill BBQ Event to include any food other than Pork shoulder and/or Boston Butts that will be other parts of the pig OK. Sea food, turkey, wild game, alligator, frog legs, ostrich, Key lime pie or French fries etc. just "Anything But Butt" is allowed in the contest. Just let your imagination go wild.



As long as it can be turned in and carried by 1 person. Recipes may be marinated or injected, and this may be done before arrival. Judging Turn in may include garnish. Garnish is anything that is not edible or part of the prepared sample. Cooking and final preparation will be done on the premise. All cooking to be done on generally accepted cookers and/or grills flattops or Fryers normally associated with barbecue cooking.

Entrants must be competing in the Hog on the Hill BBQ Cook Off contest. The "Anything But" entry must be the work of an individual team. Turn in for the "Anything But" is **7:00pm Friday** night. Entrants must prepare a minimum of 100 2oz samples to be given out by ticket. The CDDA will provide up to 100 2oz solo cups for presentation, If your entry requires something else to be served please plan to provide the needed container. All 100 samples should be representative of the items submitted to the judges. Substitutions are strictly forbidden. Representatives of the CDDA will Monitor to ensure all 100 samples are similar. Teams found offering something different to the public from what they offer to the Judge will be disqualified from the Anything Butt Competition.

Judging will be on Friday night using the "Blind Judge" technique. The entry (8 samples for the judges) Can be in any presentation medium, trays, boards etc but a container provided by contest organizer. A 9" x 9" standard box will be offered. But is not required for "Anything But" A judging team of at least 5 judges will judge entries. The score will be based on "Taster's Choice". The entry with the best score will be designated as the winner. SCBA will follow their normal practice to break any tie. The "Anything But" winner will be announced at 2pm Saturday-

Prize Money: 1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$125, 4th \$75, and 5th \$50

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Other activities will include Kid's area, Music and other attractions.

POC: Jamey Wooten cddainfo@yahoo.com or leave a message at **(803) 385-1528**

This is a Chester Downtown Development Association Event



BACKYARD DIVISION



The Backyard Division is opening for local cooks who might not be able to cook a whole case of Butts. You will get the chance to compete with the pros from the South Carolina BBQ association but not at their level. Entry fee is **\$50**, and you will be assigned a 10x20 space for your tent and grill. 110V and water will be supplied within 150' feet from your location. Cooks will be given 2 Boston Butts to prepare for judging at **10am on Saturday** morning and then will serve the remaining meat to the public in return for official event tickets. If you have competed in any organized BBQ event in the last 2 years, please enter as a professional. Cooks will need to meet all of the sanitary and cooking and scheduling requirements for the cook teams above and is required by SC DHEC. Back yard class is not allowed to compete in the Anything Butt competition.

Prize money: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, and 3rd place \$50

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