



**7th Annual MHCO Masonic Homecoming Festival
BBQ Cook-Off
Cook Team Info Sheet**

Place - Masonic Home for Children, Oxford.
Date - October 13-14, 2017. Come to have fun!
Below are the general rules:

\$100 Entry Fee
Open to Blue Lodge and Prince Hall Masons, Shriners, and any persons who love to cook BBQ and can follow our rules and regs (and is looking for a good time!). Up to five members per team including one team captain. No dogs allowed in cooking area.

Friday, October 13

- Noon till 6:00 p.m. - Teams arrive and are positioned by the BBQ Contest Coordinator.
- 6:00 p.m. Team meeting and Q&A session (no meat will be distributed before this meeting).

Saturday, October 14 -

- Meats provided by the Masonic Home for Children
Chicken - 30 quarters
Pulled Pork - 9 Boston Butts

****PLEASE NOTE:** The amounts given may change due to current prices, but the amounts listed are the minimum each team will receive. If you receive more, you are encouraged to cook it for the patrons on Saturday.)

- No in-ground cooking allowed.
- Gas, charcoal, wood or electricity with a quiet generator allowed.
- No decorations on the judging tray. This is a double blind judging.
- Turn in times: 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. - Can be announced from the stage with reminders:
Chicken - 9:00 a.m.
Pork - 9:45 a.m.

(10 minute window) - Air horn to blow start & stop on each product.

- Awards presented when the judging is finished.
- Public pays for wrist bands to sample.
- Public allowed to go team to team until the food is gone. MHCO's staff can make preparations to receive the food left over for the Home or other charities in the area - or it can be kept by the teams.
- Teams must have water hose and "Y" connector, dish washing arrangements.
- Limited electrical access is available. Teams should bring extension cords. QUIET generators are acceptable. Everyone wins! Proceeds go the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford!

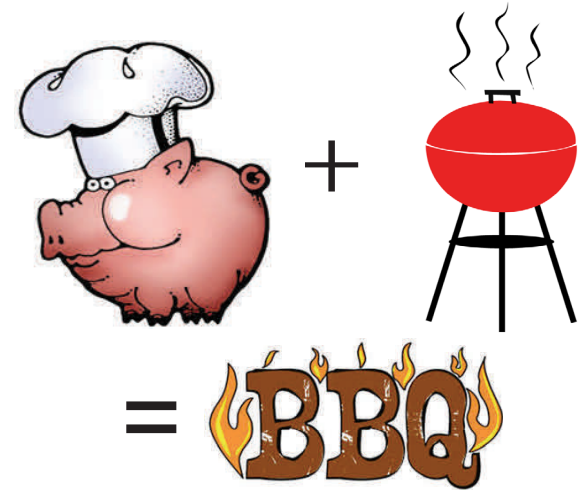
We Need Teams to Join Us!

Any Group

Masonic or
non-Masonic,
is welcome to
come and have
a wonderful
time, while
supporting our
Masonic Home
and its kids.



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& A Recipe for a Good Time

**October 13-14, 2017
MHCO Campus
Oxford, NC**

"Come and Cook With Us!"

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Cook-off Rules

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Pre-registration Form

1. **Contestant:** A contestant is referred to as a cooking team. Each team will be comprised of a head cook and no more than Four (4) assistants.

2. **Equipment & Supplies:** Each team must supply all of the equipment and cooking supplies necessary for preparation and cooking of their entry, including a cooker, wood, charcoal, gas, wood chips/ pellets or quiet generator (if needed). No team may share a cooker or grill with any other team. **You must bring a Large Cooler/Coolers for meat; Ice will be available on site.**

3. **DHEC and/or Fire Marshal Requirements:** Plastic or rubber gloves, meat thermometer, and each site **must** have a fire extinguisher. Open flame cookers cannot be located under canopy. Adequate space will be provided to each cooking team for this provision. Event organizers will explain any unique fire codes as applicable.

4. **Meat Inspection:** All meat must be maintained at a temperature maximum of 40 degrees F prior to cooking, then maintained at 140 degrees F after cooking and held in a covered container until turned in for judging or collection by contest organizers. Also, contest organizers may visit each site checking meat temperature to ensure compliance.

5. **Cooked On-site:** The teams must prepare the meats, sauces, and Anything But entries on-site. **No pre-cooking or pre-marinating will be allowed.** All contest meat must remain on team's site, once issued, until turned in for judging or collected by contest organizers.

6. **Cooking Fuels:** Approved cooking fuels are wood, charcoal, propane or butane gas, or electricity (Quiet generators are allowed).

7. **Approved Cookers:** Any cooker, homemade or commercially manufactured, which fits the cooking site, will be allowed to compete. Electric or hand operated rotisseries or manual rotating shelves are permitted. No in-ground cooking allowed.

8. **Contestant's Site:** Each Team will be assigned a cook site of approximately 20' x 20' or larger. All equipment, including cooker, canopy, trailers which house cooker, and all other team belongings must be contained within this space. No two-story structures will be allowed, and no expansion beyond the allotted area will be allowed. Additional space requests must be obtained in writing from the contest organizer prior to the event date. **Vehicles will not be allowed to remain in cooking area after cooker is in place.**

9. **Behavior:** Each team, including members and guests, are expected and required to exhibit proper and courteous behavior at all times. Teams must respect MHCO property and the rights of other teams, MHCO staff, and those volunteers, including the judges, giving their time to provide the competition. Failure to do so may result in disqualification and/or expulsion from the contest. **No alcoholic beverages are allowed on campus.** All contestants and their guests must adhere strictly to the rules and regulations of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford while on campus property, at all times.

10. **Cleanliness and Sanitation:** All teams are to maintain cook sites in an orderly, safe and clean manner. They are to use good sanitary practices during preparation, cooking, handling, and judging processes. The use of sanitary gloves is required at all times while handling food. Failure to use sanitary gloves could result in disqualification. No pets allowed. Teams are responsible for cleanup of their site, once competition has ended. Any violations shall be corrected immediately and/or the team may be subject to disqualification.

11. **Categories:** Meat consisting of Pork (pig and/or Boston butts), and chicken quarters will be supplied to each team. When cooked, and after entered for judging, contestants are requested to process meat for the public.

12. **Registration:** Each team must register upon arrival so that a cooking site may be assigned. Pre-registration is suggested, using the form below.

13. **Cook's Meeting:** All head cooks must attend a cook's meeting to be held on Friday evening at **6:00 PM**. Rules will be explained, and judging trays and meat will be distributed **after** this time.

14. **Judging:** The contest judging will consist of total points of 100. 5 categories (appearance, taste, texture, aroma, and overall) worth up to 20 points each. Presentation on tray is not judged.

Judging trays (furnished by us) may not be marked nor decorated inside or out. The item to be judged should be as you want it tasted. Do not put sauce on the side, nor any greenery inside the box.

For judging ... one tray for each food which will be sampled by judges; the judges will only take a bite, so **do not put too much food onto the tray as it will be discarded.**

This is a double blind judging.

15. **Turn in Times (ten minute window 5 minutes before - 5 minutes after- Horn will sound)**

9:00 am for chicken

9:45 am for pork

Any team that fails to have their entries submitted for judging due to failure to meet the turn-in times will be disqualified. However, the meats will be cooked and turned in to the contest organizers for consumption by the general public.

16. **Awards:** Awards will be given on Saturday following the judging process and scoring.

17. **Clean-up:** All teams are required to clean up their assigned site area following the event, and return their respective area to pre-competition conditions.

18. **Housing Availability:** Tent and campers will be encouraged and welcomed, however space is limited so please make plans to be there early Friday to insure a space. The Masonic Home for Children appreciates your involvement in the barbeque competition. Your adherence to the above rules and regulations is required for your participation in the events.

Team/Name/Participant Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number (cell number preferred)

Email Address

Lodge or Masonic affiliation (if applicable)



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