

THE PIEDMONT BLUES AND HASH BASH

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce

BARBEQUE COOKERS PACKET

The 3rd **Annual Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash** Barbeque and Hash Cook-off will be held on Friday, October 10th and Saturday October 11th, 2008 on the square in Abbeville, South Carolina.

Barbeque Categories: The barbeque categories will be Boston Butts and Ribs. There will be awards in each category but cookers will need to enter both categories to be in the money. The cash and awards are broken down on a separate page in the packet. They include Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up.

Hash Division: The hash awards are for First Place and Second Place in the barbeque team division. Detailed hash rules are included in this packet.

Festival contact information:

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The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce
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FESTIVAL TIME LINE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008

- 8:00 AM - Cooking Teams will be allowed to start setting up. No team will be allowed to set up without contacting the Committee Facilities Chairman.
- 11:00 AM - Teams wishing to sell food for lunch may start as soon as the DHEC inspection approval is received.
- (TBA) PM - The competition meat can be picked up at the designated site. The competition butts and ribs are furnished by the event to ensure equal quality of product. Each team will be issued 3 butts and 4 racks of ribs.
- 5:00 PM - There will be a required cookers briefing at 5:00 PM in the Judge's Center (Chamber Visitors Center). Your team captain or member must attend.
- 7:00 PM - The festival begins with opening remarks from the main stage. Live music begins.
- 11:00 PM - Music will end for the evening. A quiet time will be observed in the festival area until 9:00 AM Saturday morning. Please be considerate of those wishing to sleep in the festival area. There will be security on patrol, so please do not display any alcoholic beverages. Everyone will be subject to city and state laws.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008

- 10:00 AM - Judging begins. South Carolina Barbeque Association certified judges will be in charge. For information on the SCBA visit their Web Site: www.sctbarbeque.com Entries shall be turned in promptly to the receiving table at the Judge's Area at the following times.
- 10:00 AM - Boston Butts.
- 10:30 AM - Ribs.
- 11:00 AM - Barbeque Team Hash.
- 11:00 AM - Sale of barbeque and hash begins.
- 12 Noon - Live music starts from the main stage.
- 3:00 PM - Barbeque Championship Awards and raffle drawing announced from the main stage.
- 4:00 PM - Sale of barbeque and hash concludes. Music ends and the festival closes.

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TEAMS VENDING DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC

Teams and vendors can begin selling their food at 11:00 AM on Friday or as soon as receiving DHEC inspection approval. Saturday sales start at 11:00 AM. All vendors must comply with SCDHEC guidelines.

Vendors will be responsible for supplying containers, plates, napkins and utensils for the items they sell. SCDHEC guidelines also apply. Vendors must provide menus with prices to the festival committee for display in advance.

APPLICATION FOR VENDING TO THE PUBLIC

The Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash, featuring Barbeque, Hash and Blues Music, is sponsored by the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce. The participant agrees to indemnify and hold The Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash harmless from any claims made against same, including, without limitation, all cost, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, or reasonable attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with (1) any structure erected by participant, (2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property, (3) any act or omission to act of participant, its agents, invitees, representatives, employees, servants, and assigns, and (4) any claims made on account of or resulting from participation in this event.

The Festival Committee reserves the right to reject any entrant.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash contained in this application.

Vending Team: _____

Address: _____

Please print contact's name and phone #: _____

Signature: _____

Make checks payable to: **The Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash**

Please return this application to: The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce
107 Court Square
Abbeville, SC 29620

NOTE: Please make and retain a copy of this application form for your records.

VENDING GUIDELINES

- Contest \$200 entry fee includes vending as well. All contestants are encouraged to vend to the public.
- Cookers wishing to vend and not compete shall pay a \$200 vending fee.
- There shall be no cash transactions to the public. All sales must be transacted using PBHB Event Funds ("Hash Cash").
- At the end of the event vendors will turn in your "Hash Cash" at the Festival Headquarters and receive an 80% cash reimbursement. 20% of gross sales will go to the festival.
- Teams that make cash transactions during the festival will be disqualified and asked to leave. No exceptions, no fees returned.

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OFFICIAL CONTEST ENTRY FORM

The Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash will be held in Abbeville, SC on October 10 and 11, 2008. We are offering cash and awards to a limited number of barbeque cooking teams. Application deadline is September 30, 2008. The application to compete in this event will go to the first 25 (or space available number) teams who apply and are accepted.

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 of the team.

Chief Cook: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: home _____ work _____ cell (at the festival) _____

Email _____

Assistant Cooks: _____

Please circle the categories that you wish to enter.

Boston Butts Ribs Hash

Each team shall provide their shelter. Each team will be assigned one 30' length x 20' width outside space. If you require a larger cooking area, please describe your reasons, including the size of grills, props and any other items used in your cooking set-up. You can use the back of this form or attach additional sheets if necessary. If you need less than the 30' length, please note how much length of space you need. The festival set-up team will make position assignment. **Cooking teams vending to festivalgoers will be gives first consideration to spaces** closes to entertainment area to keep festivalgoers in the desired area. **Do not set up or drop off your equipment unattended without checking in with the set-up team.** No motor vehicles are to be left in the festival area after you set up to ease the flow of festivalgoers in the festival area. Motor homes uses for your cooking or vending purposes will be permitted within your allotted 30' x 20' space. Areas for cooking team vehicles and sleepers are close by. We value our barbeque cookers and we want to help you be successful. Your input will help us plan and position better for your safety and comfort.

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A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit must be received with each application form towards your entry fee. The festival committee reserves the right to reject any entry deemed unsuitable. If any entry is not accepted, any fees paid will be fully refunded. No entry fees or deposits will be refunded once you have been officially accepted as a contestant. The balance (\$150.00) of entry fee is to be received by September 30th. Teams not remitting the balance of entry fee by deadline are subject to disqualification at the descrsion of the festival committee.

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$ _____.

(Please make check payable to: **The Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash**).

Waiver of Liability: Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold The Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash Committee, its employees, agents and volunteers harmless from any and all liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages or reasonable attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with (1) any structure erected by the contestant(s), (2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property, (3) any act or omission to act of the contestant(s), its agents, invitees, representatives, employees, servants, and assigns, and (4) any claims made on account of or resulting from participation in this event.

I agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of The Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash contained in the application and the Cookers Packet mailed to all applicants. I further agree to notify all members of the team that I represent about these rules.

On receipt of your check and acceptance of your entry form, a letter of approval will be mailed to you along with any other information that you have requested.

Name of Team Contact (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Best way to contact: _____

We will be a vending cooker (circle one): YES NO

Please mail this completed application to:

The Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash
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CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Categories:** Cookers may cook in any of the meat categories that are being featured: Boston Butts, Ribs and Hash. To promote fair competition the festival will provide the butts and ribs.
2. **Cooker on Site:** All meats in the barbeque competition must be cooked on-site without precooking or marinating. (See rules for the hash category.) A Team must have their meat inspected before cooking or preparing to cook. Only after official inspection can the meat be marinated, rubbed, and so forth as the cook wishes. All meat must remain on the team site after inspection and until ready to turn in. Meat may not be removed from the pit, taken into a closed area (camper, trailer, etc.) and then brought back out and placed on the pit.
3. **Sanitation:** Cooks are to prepare and cook meat in a sanitary manner. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee and local health department. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be immediately corrected or the cook will be subject to disqualification. All meat must be kept at 140 degrees F. or higher after cooking. The cooking area must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner and left as it was found on arrival. Trash must be appropriately tied in bags and placed in committee-designated containers that will be provided. No cooker trash (especially meat scraps and grease) is to be placed in the Festival Area trashcans by cooking teams. Violators will be required to remove the trash to the designated area. No pets in the cooking/prep area (as per health department regulations). Water and electricity will be provided in the cookers area.
4. **Entries per pit:** Only one team will cook on each site on a given BBQ pit.
5. **Open Fires:** Open fire barrels may be used in some areas. In the interest of safety, a barrier must be placed around such fires. A fire extinguisher must also be on site for every team. **Absolutely no fire coals or ash are to be dumped on the street in the Festival Area.** Cold ashes only may be dumped in the designated area.
6. **Barbeque Pits:** All pits will be allowed, including electric, gas, charcoal, pellets and/or wood. **Specify your type of pit on the registration for the staff to anticipate team needs.**
7. **Judging Process:** South Carolina Barbeque Association Certified Judges will be judging this contest in a blind judging format. No judge may judge more than eight entries to ensure that your barbeque will be given every consideration. The SCBA has a system that virtually guarantees no ties in scoring. However, if there is a tie in scoring, the SCBA will assign Senior Certified Judges to an additional blind judging. Copies of scores will be available after judging and may be found on the SCBA web site (sccarbarbeque.com).
8. **Blind Number System:** The SCBA issues blind numbers that are generated by a computer driven random-number generating system. That means regardless of the number that has been assigned to your cooking team, the judges will see a team's random-number only. And while the judges will see the randomly selected number, they will not know to which team it applies.
9. **Judging Trays:** Styrofoam trays with hinged lids and without dividers will be given to each team for all entries. All trays shall be clean and free of any marking when they are turned in for judging. Random numbers will be issued to trays at turn-in.

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HASH COMPETITION

BARBEQUE TEAM DIVISION

Hash as defined for the **Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash** is: A blend of pork and/or beef, potatoes, onions, spices and other seasonings.

This division is for the barbeque teams that are also competing in other categories. There will not be an additional entry fee for the hash category. The teams shall provide their own ingredients and must provide one quart of hash for judging. You can cook any quantity you like, but we require that you cook enough to provide for sell to the public to enter the judged competition.

Meat may be pre-cooked and once the team is on site, the various other ingredients may be added for the final stage of cooking. **Pre-cooked meat brought to the festival site must be maintained at temperatures of 40 degrees F. or below or at 140 degrees F. or above. Strict adherence to this regulation is mandatory.** All on-site meats will be inspected before cooking begins.

(Event and DHEC regulations may also be printed from the web-site www.bluesandhash.com or mailed to you upon request from The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

This is a separate event and points here **will NOT** be counted toward your BBQ score. There will be a First Place Trophy and a Second Place Trophy in this division. No cash awards in the Hash Division.

One of the highlights of the **Piedmont Blues and Hash Bash Festival** is to provide the festivalgoers the treat of good barbeque and hash. We can only do this with your help. Please plan on being a vending cooker if at all possible. The sale of BBQ and Hash will begin at 11:00 AM on Saturday and continue until we have sold out or at 4:00 PM, which ever comes first. We are asking that you have your people at your site for this purpose. If you discover that you need extra vending help, the event will try and provide a volunteer if one is available.

A **Required Cooker's Briefing** will be held at the Judge's Center on Friday at 5:00 PM to explain the rules and answer any last minute questions you may have. You will need to send your team leader or another active team representative to this meeting. **Failure to attend this meeting could be cause for disqualification.**

Teams may cook with wood and or charcoal, as well as gas. (Please make note of fire pit restrictions).

Turn-In Times: Please carefully note of turn-in times for your HASH and be sure to be on time. Turn-in boxes must contain enough hash samples for eight judges (one quart).

The box should contain hash only, no rice, bread, or garnish of any kind.

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HEROE'S DIVISION

There will be no Heroes Division hash competition for the 2008 festival.

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BARBEQUE AWARDS BREAKDOWN

All participants must enter both Ribs and Butts to be eligible for the cash awards.

Grand Champion

Award \$1,300 and Grand Champion Trophy

Reserve Grand Champion

Award \$500 and Reserve Grand Champion Trophy

Second Runner Up

Award \$300 and Trophy

Third Runner Up

Award \$200 and Trophy

First Place Boston Butts

Trophy

First Place Ribs

Trophy

HASH AWARDS

BBQ TEAM DIVISION

First Place Hash

Trophy

Second Place Hash

Trophy

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