



**April 29, 2017**

Presented by Murfreesboro Breakfast Rotary  
Cannonsburgh Pioneer Village  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129

Dear Competitor:

Whether you've participated in past Backyard BBQ Brawl, or this will be your first year, get ready for an exciting event right here in Murfreesboro. The 2017 Backyard BBQ Festival is going to be bigger, better, hotter, and above all, tastier.

From the music to the contests, the river around Canonnsburgh in Murfreesboro, Tenn. will be smoking with more teams, more competition space, more entertainment, and more spectators. We aim to make this the premiere KCBS Backyard Contest in the region. Trust us, you're going to want to be a part of it.

We're helping out our teams with some early bird specials, so get your applications in early! And make sure to tell a friend. Our base awards exceed KCBS minimums, more teams means more prize money – and with awards for chicken and ribs, you're sure to know competition will be fierce.

If your plans should change, please inform us as soon as possible to assure that we have an adequate number of judges/teams for the contest. Please look for additional information from us in the future as we finalize arrangements for the Backyard BBQ Brawl.

Sincerely, Board of Directors  
Murfreesboro Breakfast Rotary Club  
[BackyardBBQFest.com](http://BackyardBBQFest.com)



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The Backyard BBQ Brawl is a community event sponsored by the Murfreesboro Breakfast Rotary Club to celebrate the culturally diverse and rich heritage of Tennessee. This annual barbecue cook-off will celebrate the cuisine of fine barbecued meat. The categories of meat will include: Chicken, and Pork Ribs. Each team will pay an entry fee of \$150.00\*, which entitles the team to a 20' X 20' of cooking space.

#### THE CONTEST

1. Teams or individuals may cook this open contest with any type of wood and/or charcoal, propane, compressed or liquid gas. Local fire and safety laws may prevent the use of any type of gas anywhere on the grounds at any time, and, if so, these laws prevail.
2. Electrical devices may be used within the cooker as long as they do not directly generate heat. Approved devices include rotisseries, fans and delivery systems for approved fuels. Electric smokers, holding ovens or containers or any devices with heat producing electrical coils are not allowed.
3. All meat must be cooked on-site at the contest from a raw state whether fresh or frozen. Meat may not be precooked, sauced, injected, marinated, cured in any way, or otherwise pre-treated prior to the official meat inspection. All meat must be maintained at a temperature below 40 degrees Fahrenheit prior to cooking, and at or above 140 degrees Fahrenheit during and after cooking.
4. The judging of all categories of meat will be based upon the rules and regulations of the Kansas City Barbeque Society.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Each contestant competing shall supply all of his own meat, cooking ingredients, individual cooking devices such as portable stoves, smokers/grills, wood, charcoal, utensils, preparation tables, etc.
- The only thing provided to the contestant is a regulation size cooking area and Styrofoam trays for submission during the judging process. All contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire, and other codes set forth by local governing authorities .
- Fire extinguisher(s) will be required for ALL teams. Proof of Fire extinguisher(s) will be required at meat inspections.

#### WATER AND ELECTRICITY

- Water will be available in selected locations. You will be required to have in your area a bucket of chlorinated water for sterilization. Please bring bleach for this. Electrical hookups are by request and will be available on a first come/first served basis. Electrical hookups are NOT guaranteed to be available.

#### ACCEPTANCE

- Application: Registration fee for open BBQ teams is required with the submission of entry form. We will accommodate cooking rigs and trappings based on space availability. 20'x 30' foot frontage or larger will be at the discretion of the contest committee on a first come first served basis.

#### Entry Fees

- Registration prior to December 31, 2016 - \$100
- Registration between January 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017 - \$125
- Registration between April 1, 2017 and April 21, 2017 - \$150
- Checks should be made payable to the Murfreesboro Breakfast Rotary Club.
- No refunds will be made once your application is accepted. If your application is not accepted, a full refund will be made to you.
- The Deadline to enter the cook off contest is **April 21, 2017**. Applications are accepted on a first come first served bases.
- Due to limited space, all entries submitted are not guaranteed entrance to the contest. Within ten days of receipt of valid application with the appropriate fees, written acceptance or none acceptance will be given to the designed chief cooks.

THE BARBECUE STEERING COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS AS THE SITUATION WARRANTS. ALL DECISIONS OF THE BARBECUE CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE AND JUDGES ARE FINAL. VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CONTEST MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION, EXPULSION FROM THE GROUNDS AND /OR THE DISQUALIFICATION FROM FUTURE PARTICIPATION.

If you have any questions, problems, need to make advance arrangements or if you have been accepted and for some reason cannot attend, please contact **Ben Weatherford, (615) 907-5501** or **Bill Taylor (615) 294-5752**.



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*Teams that have competed in the professional category of any contest are not eligible.*

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TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHIEF COOK: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #

2ND Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #

A 20'x 20' space will be reserved with your entry fee at no extra charge. Do you need a larger space? If yes ADD for a 20'x 30' (extra \$50.00) or 20'x 40' (extra \$100.00)

FEE FOR LARGER SPACE (IF NEEDED) SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_ 'x \_\_\_\_\_ ' \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BBQ TEAM ENTRY FEE: (ADD \$ 150.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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PORT-A-POTTY at your site (\$ 80.00 for event) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical power (15 amp only) add \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Due to limited availability of space, location will be at the discretion of the committee. Do you have any special needs you would like for the committee to consider?



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- ACCEPTANCE will be based upon your ability to fit within a standard size area (20'x 20') or larger as requested. **No digging allowed and NO stakes in any pavement.**
- **LOAD-IN CONTESTANTS MAY LOAD IN AS EARLY AS Friday, April 28, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M to 10 P.M.** Then on Saturday April 29th at **6.00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.**, **BUT MUST BE COMPLETED BY SATURDAY April 29, 2017 AT 8:00 AM.**
- **LOAD-OUT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNTIL Saturday, April 29, 2017 AT 3:30 PM AND MUST BE COMPLETED BY 7:00 PM. NO OVERNIGHT STAY.**

**\*\*** The committee reserves the right to reject any application. If your application is not accepted, your money will be refunded. However, no refunds of the application fee or deposit will be made once you have been accepted into the contest. Your responses to questions in this application become the property of the Rotary Club and may be used for promotional purposes. Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold the committee, and volunteers, sponsors and agents, harmless from any and all claims made against the Breakfast Rotary Club of Murfreesboro, Tn. including without limitation, all cost, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, or reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in connection with (I) any structure erected by Contestant, (ii) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by Contestant, (iii) any act or omission to act of Contestant, its agents, invitees, participants, representatives employees, servants and agents, and (iv) any claims made on account of or resulting from Contestant's participation in the contest.

I have read and agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations for the Backyard BBQ Brawl /sponsored by the Murfreesboro Breakfast Rotary Club.

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Chef: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Head Cook Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To Pay by Check (Make Payable to Murfreesboro Breakfast Rotary Club) - Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

A CHECK / PAYMENT for the appropriate fee and deposit must be received with every application **no later than April 21, 2017**. Mail or present this form with a check made payable to:

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