

2013 Berkeley Lions BarBQue Cook-Off
Old Santee Canal Park
Moncks Corner, SC
September 20th – 21st

Dear Cooker:

You are cordially invited to compete in our 17th annual Berkeley Lions BarBQue cook-off (aka Best of Berkeley). The event will be held in the Old Santee Canal Park on Stoney Landing Road in Moncks Corner, SC. This year's main event will feature a case of Boston butts as the main event. We will also have BBQ pork ribs and BBQ chicken thighs contests that will be included in the scoring to determine our Grand Champion.

On Friday night, we will also feature our "Anything But" contest, which will be judged by the public. Ballots will be given to the public when they purchase food tickets from the Lions Club. Proceeds from this event will be split evenly between the participating cooks and the Lions Club. **There will be no formal judging for the Friday night events.**

As stated above, our Grand Champion winner will be decided by the highest total points earned in the butts, ribs and BBQ chicken events. The winner will receive an additional cash award plus a trophy. To be eligible for the Grand Champion award, cooks must compete in the butts contest. While cooks are not required to enter the ribs and chicken events, earning points from those events will certainly be an advantage to who becomes our Grand Champion.

On Saturday morning, SBN judges will arrive to judge the butts, BBQ chicken & pork ribs. Judging will begin promptly at 9am (see attached rules for judging times for each event).

Only the first 25 cooks to enter will be assured a spot due to our limited space. So get your entry in early!

For additional information or questions, please call Don Saturday at (843) 899-7833 or email at dssaturday@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Don Saturday,
Event Chairman

Contest Entry Fees & Rules

Please Note: Cash payouts are based on projected corporate donations and/or cooker participation and may be subject to change, depending on revenues from donations and entry fees.

Please indicate which of the following events you wish to enter and submit with entry form:

Friday Events:

1. "ANYTHING BUT": Entry Fee: \$40.00 Yes___ No___

1st place: \$ 150.00 + Trophy
2nd place: \$ 100.00
3rd place: \$ 50.00

Rules:

1. Public judging from 7pm thru 9pm.
2. No dessert items or pork products (except bacon) can be used.

Please Note: Winner will be based on the highest number of votes received.

Saturday Events:

2. Boston butts Contest: Entry Fee: \$145.00 (Includes about 80lbs of Boston butts)

1st Place:	\$1000.00 + Trophy
2nd Place:	\$750.00
3rd Place:	\$500.00
4th Place:	\$300.00
5th Place:	\$200.00

RULES:

- 1. Judging will begin promptly at 9:00am.**
- 2. Only Boston butts furnished by the event will be allowed in the contest.**
- 3. All Boston butts must be fully cooked by 9:00am Saturday (21ST)**
- 4. Boston butts may be cooked by wood, charcoal, gas, electric or combination thereof.**
- 5. This will be a “Blind” judging event (No on-site judging).**
- 6. Entry portions may be chopped and/or pulled but must be pre-sauced (No garnish please).**
- 7. Contestants will submit their entry in a box supplied by Berkeley Lions BBQ Cook-Off and shall not “mark” their entry boxes in any way.
Note: We will discuss what constitutes “marking” at the mandatory cooker’s meeting at 6pm Friday (20th).**
- 8. Cookers cannot remove meat from the contest area during the competition.**
- 9. As a favor to the Lions Club, please chop the remainder of butts before handing over to the Lions Club representative. Aluminum pans will be provided to each cooker.**
- 10. A minimum of two large aluminum pans of cooked butts meat must be turned over to the Lions Club before competition results and awards are given out. Note: Total cooked weight of BBQ should be at least 30 lbs.**
- 11. Samples are not to be given out to general public.**
- 12. All health regulations shall be followed at all times during the competition. (see general rules)**
- 13. Violation of any rule or health regulations may result in disqualification.**

Saturday Events (Cont.)

3. **“BEST” BBQ PORK RIBS:** Entry Fee: \$ 50.00 Yes ___ No ___
 *(Cookers will provide ribs for contest)

1st place: \$600.00 + Trophy
2nd place: \$300.00
3rd place: \$150.00
4th place: \$100.00

RULES:

1. Judging will begin promptly at 10:00am.
2. No “country style” boneless ribs allowed.
3. Entry box shall contain eight (8) individual ribs.
4. Entries must be pre-sauced (No Garnish).

4. **“BEST” BBQ CHICKEN:** Entry Fee: \$50.00 Yes ___ No ___
 *(Cookers will provide chicken thighs for contest)

1st place: \$600.00 + Trophy
2nd place: \$300.00
3rd place: \$150.00
4th place: \$100.00

RULES:

1. Judging will begin promptly at 10:30am.
2. Entry portions must be pre-sauced (No Garnish).
3. Only chicken thighs shall be submitted.
4. Entries must have bone in and skin on.
5. Entry box must contain six (6) thighs.

GENERAL CONTEST RULES

1. Official check-in will be Friday (Sept 20th) at 6pm. A cooker's meeting will be held at that time. Cookers may arrive to set up beginning at 9am on Friday.
2. Each contestant will be provided a space of 15'x15' unless prior arrangements are made with the cook-off organizers. There are spaces available for trailers & tents but must be able to fit within a 15'x 30' area.
3. Cooked Boston butts become the sole property of the Moncks Corner Lions Club.
4. A case of Boston butts will be available to the each cooker following the cooker's meeting.
5. **AFTER** you have submitted your entry to the judge's tent, the remaining fully cooked & chopped butts shall be put in aluminum pans (provided by the Lions Club) and turned over to the Lions Club (when requested).
6. Each contestant must provide his own cooking supplies.
7. Contestants must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Berkeley County Health Department, including but not limited to:
 - All meat must be kept at 40 degrees or less before cooking.
 - Cooked meat must be kept at 165 degrees in a covered container
 - Cookers are required to have a meat thermometer to check temperature.
 - Contestants must wear aprons, hats and rubber gloves while handling meat
 - Cleanliness of cooking area is required at all times
 - No pets or small animals are allowed in the cooking area
8. Violations of any rules or health regulations can result in disqualification.
9. Excessive display and/or use of alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the public by contestants or their guests. No loud profane, abusive or unacceptable language is allowed.
10. The contest organizers reserve the right to make any additional rules deemed necessary in order to protect all contestants and ensure a fair contest. All decisions by the organizers and judges are final.

THE BERKELEY LIONS BBQ COOK-OFF

Official Entry Form

(Please print or type)

Name of Team _____ Date _____

Chief Cook _____ Sponsor (if any) _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number (____) _____

**** This entry form must be signed and returned no later than Sept 16, 2013**

Mail to: Don Saturday
PO Box 1646
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

**** Please make checks payable to Moncks Corner Lions Club.**

Waiver of Liability: I hereby agree that Santee Cooper, the Lions Club of Moncks Corner, the Berkeley Lions BBQ Cook-Off Organizers, The Old Santee Canal Park, their members, directors, employees, sponsors, club officers and fellow contestants of the Berkeley Lions BBQ Cook-Off will in no way be responsible for any loss or damage, regardless of how much loss, damage or injury is occasioned and therefore indemnify and hold harmless the above stated parties from any claims, suits and/or judgments, including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit incurred by the Berkeley Lions BBQ Cook-Off organizers brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage or injury to any person or property occasioned by any action or inaction of contestants, either solely or in conjunction with the Berkeley Lions BBQ Cook-Off. Further, I hereby grant full permission to the Berkeley Lions BBQ Cook-Off organizers and/or agents to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. I also agree to abide by all contest rules and regulations.

I, _____, on behalf of the above named team do hereby state that I have read and agree to abide by the above stated conditions of this contest.

Signed _____ Date _____

Amount Enclosed _____