

2023 COOKER'S PACKET



UNIQUELY UNION FESTIVAL

September 15th & 16th, 2023

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The 23rd Annual Uniquely Union Festival Barbeque Cook-Off is presented by the Uniquely Union Festival Board.

This year's festival will be held Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16th, 2023 in Downtown Union. The Uniquely Union Festival Barbeque Cook-Off is an SBN sanctioned event. You can find the SBN Guidelines enclosed in your packet. Awards will include Grand Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion.



Awards

Grand Champion
\$2,000 and trophy

Reserve Grand Champion
\$1,000 and trophy

Chicken & Pork Categories
1st Place - \$300 and trophy
2nd Place - \$200 and trophy
3rd Place - \$100 and trophy
4th Place - \$50 and trophy

5th place- ribbon and honorable mention
6th Place- ribbon and honorable mention
7th Place- ribbon and honorable mention
8th Place- ribbon and honorable mention
9th Place- ribbon and honorable mention
10th Place- ribbon and honorable mention

Non-Sanctioned Categories

Pork Ribs

This is an optional category with a \$30 entry fee and is not included in the Grand Champion score. Trophies and prizes are awarded in 1st and 2nd place. Prize money will be the total of entries received times the number of teams.

Anything Butt

This portion of the cook off, as the name would imply, is anything but chopped pork. These entries can be presented in any unique and attractive fashion. There is NO ENTRY FEE for this portion of the contest. There needs to be enough submitted of each category for eight individual servings. 1st place winners in Sweet and Savory categories will be presented with \$200 cash prizes and trophies. Judging will be Friday night using the "Blind Judging" technique. This is a unique opportunity for sponsors and local dignitaries to participate in the Barbeque Cook-off, as they are the official Anything Butt judges. Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony on Saturday.

Kidz Que

There will also be opportunities to get the kids in on the cooking action in our Kidz Que cooking competition. The fee to participate is \$25.00. Awards are given in two categories, beef and chicken. There will be trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places as well as a Grand Champion. Contestants must submit beef and chicken as scores are combined to determine Grand Champion award.

Best Sauce - "Sauce is the Boss"

If cooks would like to participate in the "Sauce is the Boss" portion of the competition a 10 oz cup with lid will be provided to cook teams. There is no additional fee to participate in this and winners will earn bragging rights and an trophy/plaque. Simply turn in your sauce sample at that allotted time.

Taster's Choice Sampling Session

As a special treat for the public, a Taster's Choice sampling is a popular portion of the Uniquely Union Festival. All items needed for this event will be provided for teams. You will need to provide a member of your team to serve your product.

The Taster's Choice winner will receive \$200. Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony on Saturday. This contest is the general public's only opportunity to actually participate in the contest and is intended to create excitement, enthusiasm, and support, not only for this contest, but for future contests.





Time Line

Friday, September 15th, 2023

Teams will be allowed to begin setting up at 8 a.m. Friday morning September, 15th.

The Cooker's Meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. in Main Street Junction, 107 East Main Street, Union, SC.

The turn in time for the Anything Butt competition will be Friday at **6:30 PM. for Savory and 7:30 p.m. for Sweet.**

Opening Ceremony will take place on the Main Stage at 8:00 p.m. Please make every effort to be present for this as all teams will be recognized.

Saturday, September 16th, 2023

The Taster's Choice Competition will begin at Noon.

Turn In Times

11:00 AM - Pork

11:30 AM – Chicken

12:00 PM – Ribs

12:30 PM – Kidz Que

Awards- 4:00 PM on the Main Stage



Deadline for cook off registration is September 2nd, 2023 – NO EXCEPTIONS!!! If we receive beyond this date we will return you funds to you. Please return the official BBQ Cook Off entry form with a check for your entry fee(s) made out to “Uniquely Union Festival”.

Uniquely Union Festival Board Contact Information:

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