



Rhythm on the Rails

Clinton, South Carolina



May 17 & 18, 2019

Downtown Clinton, SC

Smokin' on the Rails

2019 Registration Packet





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Important Information

Smokin' on the Rails is an SBN Sanctioned BBQ Competition that is a part of the City of Clinton's Annual Rhythm on the Rails Spring Festival.

All competitors must follow SBN rules and regulations (included in application).

Additionally, teams are responsible for observing prudent temperature and sanitary requirements as specified by SCDHEC. You may access a copy of the SCDHEC guidelines for food service at special events at the following web link, or by visiting your local SCDHEC office for a hard copy of the information. Go to www.scdhec.gov/food and click on Regulation 61-25. Be sure to take a look at Chapter 9 (specifically 9-9) for event specific information. Also, take a look through their fact sheets listed on www.scdhec.gov/food for great food safety information. **PLEASE BE ADVISED – AN EVENT AUTHORIZATION FORM WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SCDHEC WITH YOUR INFORMATION – THIS DOES NOT MEAN THERE WILL BE AN INSPECTIONS, BUT ALWAYS BE PREPARED!**

*All teams in the Smokin' on the Rails BBQ Contest must be registered and paid to compete in the contest. You may season or prepare the meat as you see fit, however; **all entries must be prepared and cooked at the Rhythm on the Rails festival in the designated cooking area.***

Festival Rules – in addition to SBN guidelines:

1. Each team will consist of a Pitmaster, Alternative Pitmaster and as many assistants as the Pitmaster deems necessary.
2. Each team will provide a grill/cooker to be used exclusively by that team within the confines of the team's assigned cooking space.
3. Each team will bring their own products, **including meat**, seasonings, and cooking equipment. Meat must be inspected prior to teams beginning to cook.
4. All seasoning and cooking of the product shall be done within the confines of the team's assigned cooking space.
5. Registration fees include a 15 x 25 space. *Additional space to extend to 15 x 50 is available, on a first requested basis, for an additional fee of \$50.00.*
6. Contestants must adhere to all fire, health, and other codes whether local, county, state, or federal.
7. All contestants are expected to respect the rights of other teams. Profane language or infringement on another team **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.**
8. All teams must comply with the City's quiet hour ordinance, and therefore the use of radios or amplifying equipment will not be allowed during quiet hours of 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
9. All teams must comply with City and State alcohol laws – no open containers.

Prize Information:

All teams will compete in the pulled pork category. Ribs and brisket competition are optional but teams must compete in pulled pork and ribs to be eligible for the Grand Champion prize.

Pulled Pork Categories

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| 1 st place | \$400 |
| 2 nd place | \$300 |
| 3 rd place | \$200 |
| 4 th place | \$100 |

Ribs Categories

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| 1 st place | \$400 |
| 2 nd place | \$300 |
| 3 rd place | \$200 |
| 4 th place | \$100 |

Brisket

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| 1 st place | \$400 |
| 2 nd place | \$300 |
| 3 rd place | \$200 |
| 4 th place | \$100 |

Grand Champion \$750

**Trophies for all places*

Reserve Grand Champion \$500



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Additional Information:

Check-In & Meat Inspection: Friday May 17, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Teams will be allowed to set up immediately after their meat inspection. Meat Inspection will take place at your booth location upon your arrival.

Cooks Meeting: Friday May 17, 2019 @ 5:00pm (M.S. Bailey Municipal Center 211 North Broad Street)

Saturday May 17, 2019 Turn in Times:

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| Boston Butt | 9:00 AM |
| Pork Ribs | 10:00 AM |
| Brisket | 11:00 AM |

Awards will be announced from the Main Stage on West Main Street at approximately 1:30 PM.

Competition Teams will be located (in order of registration) in the City's West Main Street Parking Lot, Wall Street, and West Pitts Street – with overflow into Vance Park behind the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center (area map included in packet).

Applications for competition teams will be taken until the week prior to the contest; however, the later your registration the less likely your team is to have access to power and water.

Vending:

The Rhythm on the Rails planning committee has allowed for **10 of the Smokin' on the Rails competition teams to also be vendors;** however, competition teams wishing to vend please note:

- ✓ Vending Competition Teams will be selected on first come first serve and capped at 10 – ***all vendors must also compete!***
- ✓ Vending teams will be located along West Main Street (location assignment will be on a first come first placed basis).
- ✓ **NO VENDOR will be allowed to set up late or leave early. This event is to be free of automobile traffic during the entire timeframe open to the public. It is up to each vendor to make sure you can take all of your items to your booth space and back to your vehicle during event times.**
- ✓ Vendors must adhere to the rules set forth for vendors by the Rhythm on the Rails Planning Committee outlined below.

Vending Guidelines for Rhythm on the Rails Food Vendors **By checking the box you agree to adhere to the guidelines set forth herein:**

- Vendors are required to provide their own tent, tables, chairs, display units, extension cords, and lighting.
- Smoking is prohibited in booth spaces during Rhythm on the Rails.
- Food Vendors must supply their own paper or plastic plates, bowls, cups, napkins, and utensils required for serving food to customers. Clear plastic cups preferred.
- Vendors will be given [4] ice coupons to use at a local vendor. If more is needed, this will be the responsibility of the vendor to purchase on their own.
- GREASE:** Used cooking oil/grease shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the health department. Dumping of grease on or around the festival site will result in a \$500 penalty from the City and will be payable on site prior to leaving the event. It is required that you put down floor covering (grease mat) if you are using grease/oil.



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- WASTE WATER:** Waste water containers must be used by food vendors. Do not pour waste water down the storm drains or into flower beds.
- Vendors and staff must use soap and flowing water to wash hands. Hand sanitizers can be used, but only as a secondary cleaning action. Use of disposable food handling gloves is required.
- Vendors are asked to maintain their booth space clean and free of rubbish. Trash containers are available to dispose of trash.
- Rhythm On The Rails requires each food vendor to have a working fire extinguisher at its booth throughout the festival.
- Items brought on site are done so at the sole risk of the Vendor. Rhythm On The Rails is not responsible for any loss, damage, or destruction of personal property, equipment, and/or valuables. It is recommended that vendors remove any valuable items from the booth at the end of each day. ROTR will have standard on-site security, but is not responsible for security at each vendor location.
- Vendors are responsible for complying with local and state tax regulations.
- Vendors will retain all revenue from sales during the weekend, and are responsible for all currency-related issues.
- Vendors must supply Rhythm On The Rails with a certificate of general liability insurance listing **City of Clinton as an additional insured**. This must be submitted with you application and issued by your agent, in order to be considered into the event. Coverage must be at least \$1,000,000 general aggregate and \$500,000 each occurrence.

The Laurens County Health Department MAY SHOW UP during the festival.

Deadline to be a Vending Competition Team is upon receipt of 10 paid Vending Competition Teams

There is no rain date for the Rhythm On The Rails or Smokin' on the Rails and **no refunds**.



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CITY OF CLINTON 2019 RHYTHM ON THE RAILS FESTIVAL LIABILITY HOLD HARMLESS INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Name of Registered Entrant: _____

For and in consideration of the benefits to be derived from participating in the (City of Clinton 2018 Rhythm on the Rails Festival) and notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, I, on behalf of the individuals making up the registered named entry, hereby acquit and forever discharge, indemnify and hold the City of Clinton, its successors and assigns, its employees, officers, officials, agents, and/or representatives, free and harmless from and against any and all actions, causes of action, liabilities, losses, claims, demands, suits, damages, costs, judgments, and/or expenses of any kind or nature, including the payment of reasonable attorney’s fees, resulting from any and all known and unknown, present or future, anticipated or unanticipated injury to or destruction of tangible property, or resulting in personal injury, sickness, disease, up to and including death resulting from or in any way arising out of the negligence, errors, omissions, or willful participation in the (City of Clinton 2018 Rhythm on the Rails Festival).

Such losses, liabilities, expenses, damages and/or claims shall include, but not be limited to, civil or criminal fines or penalties, a taking, whether direct, indirect or inverse, of for loss of use and/or service, personal injury, death, libel, slander, and attorney’s fees in the underlying action through all level of appeals.

Should the City of Clinton be named in any suit, action or claim under the terms thereof, the above named registered entrant shall appear and defend the City of Clinton to the extent of its indemnification obligation hereunder, provided that the City of Clinton shall have the right to appear and defend such action or claim on its own behalf. The foregoing indemnity shall survive the expiration or termination of the Agreement.

The undersigned hereby affirms that he or she is authorized to act for and bind the registered entrant, group, organization or person(s) participating in the (City of Clinton 2018 Rhythm on the Rails Festival).

NAME OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRINT): _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY: _____

WITNESS: _____

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DATE: _____



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Please make sure to include the following with your registration:

- ✓ Registration fee
- ✓ Completed application
- ✓ Signed Hold Harmless Agreement
- ✓ Copy of your current *Certificate of **Commercial General Liability Insurance*** for a minimum of \$1,000,000 **per occurrence/\$2,000,000 Aggregate** indicating the City of Clinton as additional insured along with your registration fee to: ****Certificate of Insurance is only required if you plan on vending.****

Mary-Wallace Riley
Smokin' on the Rails BBQ Competition
City of Clinton
Post Office Drawer 748
Clinton, S.C. 29325

You may hand deliver to 211 North Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325

We are very excited and ready for ROTR2019!
Please feel free to call, text, or email me with questions/concerns/special needs!
Mary-Wallace Riley; mriley@cityofclintonsc.com or 864-684-2763



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SOUTHERN BBQ NETWORK EVENT RULES

1. COOK TEAM(S)

- A cook team is any individual, group, restaurant, etc. hereinafter referred to as a team that prepares and cooks an entry or entries for the purpose of being judged according to SBN rules at an SBN sanctioned event.
- Each team is comprised of a head cook and as many assistants as required. The event organizer, of an SBN sanctioned event, may NOT cook in any category in that event.
- Each team should have at least one representative present at the cooks' meeting held the evening prior to the event. Cook teams, absent from the meeting, accept the responsibility for understanding these rules and any changes to them that may have been incurred.
- Teams, including members and guests, are expected and required to exhibit proper and courteous behavior at all times. Teams are expected to comply with "quite time" stipulations as set by the event organizer. Teams will be advised of local laws and will adhere to these laws. Failure to abide by these rules of behavior may result in expulsion from the event and may be barred from competing in SBN sanctioned events.
- No cook team member of an SBN sanctioned event may enter the judging or scoring area during the event.

2. SITE LOCATIONS, SANITATION AND SAFETY

- Each team is assigned a cook site. Teams' equipment including cooker, canopy, trailer, etc., should be contained within this space. If additional space is required the team should contact the event organizer to make satisfactory arrangements.
- Teams are expected to maintain their cook sites in an orderly and clean manner and are responsible for cleanup of their site once competition ends.
- Sanitary practices as prescribed by State Health Departments regulations are to be observed during preparation and cooking processes. All cooking, seasoning, marinating or injecting must be done on site. Plastic or rubber gloves should be used at all times while handling food. A meat thermometer, a five gallon hand washing station with soap, flowing water and paper towels shall be available on your site.
- Each site should have a #10 A-B-C fire extinguisher. Adequate space will be provided to each cook team for this added fire code provision. Event organizers will explain local fire codes as applicable.

3. EQUIPMENT

- Each team shall supply all equipment necessary for preparation and cooking of their entry including a cooker and cooking fuel. No team may share a cooker or grill with any other team.

4. JUDGING AND SCORING

- Categories of meats sanctioned for judging by SBN are as follows:
 - a. Pork – butts or whole hog
 - b. Pork ribs – bone in, excluding county style ribs
 - c. Chicken
 - d. Beef
- SBN uses a blind judging system.
- Entries are submitted in an approved turn-in container supplied by the event organizer, with no garnish, or decorations. Only samples for judging are allowed in the turn-in container. That is the only authorized container for sample turn-ins. Any turn-in container that inadvertently becomes damaged or could be considered as "marked" can be replaced by the SBN event representative. Marking is defined as any handwritten or mechanically made mark inside or outside the turn-in container that could identify the submitting team to a judge.



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- The contents of turn-in containers become the property of the SBN at the moment they are placed at the receiving table.
- Meat may be sauced or un-sauced.
- Pork must be cooked intact. Money meat cannot be separated prior to doneness.
- A minimum of eight (8) separate and identifiable portions per turn-in container are required. In the case of pork butts and whole hog, the sample size is a minimum of 2 ounces of pork per servings. This can be in any form, pulled, chopped, medallions, etc.
- Turn in times are established by the event organizer. SBN allows for a ten minute window: five minutes before and five minutes after.
- Each entry is judged and scored using SBN's criteria of appearance, taste/aroma, and texture/tenderness. SBN utilizes a one decimal point range scoring system from a low of 1.0 to a high of 10.0. Winners with the highest average scores are awarded first place; the team with the next highest average score receives second place, etc.
- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion are teams with the highest sum of average total scores in the specified meat categories in the event.
- In the event of ties resolution is resolved by SBN's scoring procedures.

5. DISQUALIFICATION

SBN's event representative is the only person that can disqualify an entry. Any entry found to be disqualified will receive a score of 1.0 in a category.

- Evidence of Marking or sculpting. Sculpting is defined as: carving, decorating, forming or shaping of a meat sample, contained in a turn-in container, which could identify the submitting team to any judge. A box turned in upside down is considered a "Marked" box.
- No garnish of ANY kind allowed. No foreign material in the turn-in container. Brush bristles toothpicks and aluminum foil are examples of foreign material.
- Less than eight (8) individual SEPARATE number of samples.
- Evidence of blood such as the meat is prepared below State Health Department's safe consumption guidelines.
- Entries turned in after the designated turn-in time will be disqualified for that category.
- "In the event a cook team is disqualified for violation of the events published rules, SBN will abide by the events decision and the actions they impose"

6. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- The interpretation of SBN rule(s) are those of SBN's event representative at each event and their decisions are final.

Violation of the rules may result in disqualification from an event.

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