



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR COOKING TEAMS

The 2nd Annual BBQ Capital Cook-Off will be in historic uptown Lexington on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, 2012. It is a KCBS Sanctioned barbecue cooking contest.

The event is open to the public and will include music, wine festival, and children's activity area.

Proceeds raised from this event will benefit the work of Uptown Lexington, Inc., a Main Street Program and 501(c)3 organization.

HOW TO ENTER

- Simply complete the application and submit it, with your payment.
- Applications are available on-line at www.uptownlexington.com
- You do not have to be a member of the Kansas City Barbeque Society to participate in this event.

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS & RULES

TEAMS

- Teams shall consist of 1 head cook, and other team members.
- There shall not be multiple entries per team. A team may cook several pieces of meat per category, but may only turn in one entry per category. The turn in quantities will be a minimum of 6 portions as stated in the KCBS rules.

EQUIPMENT & COOKING AREA

- There shall be only one team per BBQ Pit or Grill. No two teams share a grill or pit.
- Open fires on the ground are not permitted. We understand that coals need to be generated for cooking. All fires must be contained. A fire extinguisher must be readily available.
- No two-story structures will be allowed, and no on-site expansion beyond the allotted area will be allowed.
- All belongings must be entirely contained within the 20' x 30' area. Larger spaces will be available. We ask everyone to respect the property and be careful not to damage any landscaping or other property.
- Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be corrected immediately, or the cooker will face disqualification.
- Each team must supply their own ingredients, grill, tools, and materials needed by the team.
- If power is required for your team's personal use you will need pay for the amount needed with the entry form, or you may use a personal generator.
- Receptacles for ashes will be available for dumping hot ashes throughout the contest.
- We will have trash cans and dumpsters for all trash.

- Tables, tents, chairs may be rented from Team Rental & Party at 336-357-7155. Call them directly for rental information.
- Restrooms (no shower facilities) will be available.
- Water will be available at designated locations.
- Grey water may only be disposed in approved marked containers.

MEAT

- Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary a manner as possible.
- BBQ for the contest may be prepared using wood or charcoal cookers, and the teams may prepare and cook the meat in any fashion they prefer, according to KCBS rules.
- The teams must prepare the BBQ on-site at the venue.
- There will be a meat inspection to make sure no meat is marinated or seasoned prior to the event.

MEAT INSPECTION

- All meats cooked at the BBQ Capital Cook-off must be USDA-approved meat or have been purchased from a USDA-inspected source. Cookers must be able to show proof of this. For KCBS is it perfectly legal to trim the meat in advance; labels are not required.
- Meat inspections will begin at 10:00 am on Friday, April 27, 2012, or after you arrive.

OTHER

- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC BY THE TEAMS.
- All teams must be discreet with all alcoholic beverages on the premises and are requested to respect the rights of others with special emphasis against loud music, profane language, and infringement on adjoining sites.
- Teams must conduct themselves in a professional manner.
- No pets are allowed.

REGISTRATION AT VENUE

Upon arrival on Friday, April 27, 2012, each team must register at the team check-in area (129 South Railroad Street). The contestant's number will be issued there. A volunteer will lead you to your cook site.

For information about the location of the event or other questions call the offices of Uptown Lexington, Inc. at 336-249-0383 or by mail to 4 East First Avenue, Lexington, NC 27292 or uptownlex@lexcominc.net.

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES & LOCATIONS

Meat inspections - Beginning at 10:00 am on Friday or after you arrive (129 South Railroad Street)

Cook's Meeting - Friday evening at 4:00 pm at the check-in site (129 South Railroad Street)

Team Welcome Reception - Friday evening from 5:30-7:00 pm at the check-in site (129 South Railroad Street)

Awards Ceremony – Saturday on the Main Stage at 4:00 pm (West Third Avenue)

JUDGING

- Judging of the BBQ Capital Cook-off will be conducted by KCBS rules.
- The official KCBS rules are available at <http://www.kcbs.us>
- Judging rules will be explained further at the cook's meeting Friday evening.
- Cooks will NOT be able to stay in the judging area during the judging process.

AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY

The prize purse has been raised from \$9,600 in 2011 to **\$15,900!** Payouts will be as follows.

Grand Champion	\$3,500 (1)
Reserve Grand Champion	\$2,000 (1)
First Place	\$1,000 (1 per category)
Second Place	\$ 750 (1 per category)
Third Place	\$ 500 (1 per category)
Fourth Place	\$ 250 (1 per category)
Fifth Place	\$ 100 (1 per category)
Sixth – Tenth	Ribbon (1 per category)

CLEAN-UP & EXITING

- All teams are required to clean up their assigned cooking areas and return the site to pre-competition conditions.

There will be separate containers for trash, ashes, grease, and gray water. They will be clearly marked.

BBQ Capital Cook-off reserves the right to reject any application.

- If your application is not accepted, your money will be refunded.
- All teams are required to complete a W9.
- However, no refunds will be made after you have been accepted into the contest.
- All photos taken of your team become the property of the BBQ Capital Cook-off and may be used for promotional purposes without your prior consent.

Contestants agree to indemnify and hold the BBQ Capital Cook-off and Uptown Lexington, Inc. its employees, agents, sponsors, and volunteers harmless from any and all claims made against BBQ Capital Cook-off and Uptown Lexington, Inc. its employees, agents, sponsors, and volunteers, including, without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, or reasonable attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with (1) any structure erected by the contestants, (2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by contestants (3) any act of omission on the part of the contestants, its agents, invitees, participants, representatives, employees, and servants, and (4) any claims made on account of or resulting from contestants' participation in the contest.