



34th Annual Bar-B-Que Shag Festival
Marion “Woody” Curtis BBQ Cook-Off
Hemingway, South Carolina 29554
March 21 - 23, 2024

Rules and Regulations

- 1.) Check in with cook-off committee in park area, Friday, March 22, 2024, by 5:00 pm for site assignment. Anyone arriving after 5:00 pm will be assigned a site by the cook-off committee. Saturday morning Check in will be from 12 am to 4 am. We encourage everyone to set up and participate on Friday night.
- 2.) All cooking will be done in a pre-selected assigned site at the park area with an area of 10' x 10' per contestant.
- 3.) Only whole hogs, with or without heads, will be cooked.
- 4.) Hogs may only be cooked above ground with wood, charcoal, gas, or a combination.
- 5.) All gas grills must be in sound working condition with no gas leaks. A container must be placed under the grill to catch excess oil and debris. Contestants with faulty equipment will be disqualified.
- 6.) Each contestant must supply their own supplies: table, chairs, utensils, grill, wood, charcoal, gas, or any other items or materials as the cook sees fit. The only thing the festival committee provides is 30- covered 10' x 10' cooking areas and a limited number of open cooking areas, sanitary facilities, and a hog.
Note: The first 30 requesting applicants will receive the covered shed spaces unless they note otherwise.
- 7.) Uniformly dressed hogs will be provided to each contestant. Hogs will weigh approximately 120 lbs. dressed. You will be required to pick up your assigned hog at the festival site during the hours of 12 AM to 4 AM on Saturday, March 23, 2024.
- 8.) After unloading cooking gear Friday afternoon, parking spaces will be provided for contestants. This will help to eliminate congestion in the cooking area. One parking sticker per cooking team will be issued. Cookers **must** park in cooker parking area. Please limit the trips in and out of cooking area. Assistants will receive a temporary tag that will allow them to unload in the cooking area. After unloading, assistant must find their own parking. **All vehicles must be out of the cooking area fence by 6 PM on Friday, March 22 and 4 AM on Saturday March 23.** Cooperation is expected and appreciated.



- 9.) Each contestant must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Williamsburg County Health Department including, but not limited to:
- *Pork must be kept at 45 degrees F or less before cooking.
 - *After cooking, Pork must be maintained at or above 130 degrees F until winners are announced.
 - *Cooks should wear aprons and hats.
 - *Cleanliness of cooking area and personnel is required.
 - *No pets or small animals are allowed in the cooking area.
- 10.) All contestants will be briefed on judging procedures at 7:30 PM Friday, March 22 that the cooking site. Procedures include, but are not limited to:
- *Hog must be cooked and displayed in the skin.
 - *Cooking apparatus will not be judged.
 - *Housekeeping around site will be judged.
 - *One point deduction for unclean site.
 - *Temperature of hog must be 130 degrees F one hour before sample is taken.
 - *Sample takers will take samples to be judged.
- 11.) Each contestant entry is allowed only one helper in work area during judging.
- 12.) Samples will be picked up starting at 4:30 PM Saturday, March 23 to be taken to the judges. All hogs **must** be ready at this time. Judging should be completed by 6:00 PM. The decision of the judges is final. Violation of any rules or regulations may result in contestant disqualification. **THERE WILL BE NO SAMPLING OF THE HOGS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC BEFORE SAMPLES ARE TAKEN TO THE JUDGING AREA BY THE SAMPLE TAKERS.** Winners will be announced at approximately 6:30 pm.
- Prize Money Will Be:
1st Place - \$5000.00, **2nd Place** - \$2000.00, **3rd Place** - \$1000.00,
- 13.) Hemingway Town Ordinance prevents alcoholic beverages from being distributed or consumed.
- 14.) Cookers are expected to maintain cleanliness around their cook site. Cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- 15.) Cookers must fill out the **DHEC permit** and return it with their application.
- 16.) Hog remains are NOT ALLOWED to put in the small trash cans (*a bin will be provided along fence at gate*). This includes but not limited to: hog skin, bones, fat, etc. If any competitor is caught violating this rule, they may be subject to a fine by the Hemingway Police Department and/or a competition penalty assessed by the SC BBQ Shag Festival cook-off committee.



“Anything But Bar-B-Que”

The South Carolina Bar-B-Que Shag Festival is presenting the annual “**Anything But Bar-B-Que**” contest on Friday night March 22, 2024.

The winner will receive \$300.00.

- * There is no entry fee.
- * Each team will cook one dish that is **Anything but Bar-b-Que.**
- * This contest will be the best cooked “concoction” you can dream up. Cooks do not have to reveal what their concoction is until after judging is complete. Can be anything including pork just not traditional BBQ.
- * The judging will begin at 8:00 PM Friday night and announced Saturday with the other awards.