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*** NEW Location ***



Hello Backyard Pitmasters!

Thanks for your interest in participating in our “Almost Heaven BBQ Bash” in , WV the weekend of June 16-17, 2017, and we look forward to welcoming you to another great event at a wonderful new location – the beautiful grounds of the historic Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in Weston, WV.

We’re proud to be the only KCBS Sanctioned BBQ Competition in the state, making this the WV State BBQ Championship, the WV Cup for the Mid Atlantic BBQ Association, and the **WV Governor’s Cup for the winner of the 2017 Backyard BBQ Competition**. Although we’re planning several other family activities to attract people to the downtown area - it’s about BBQ and YOU!

We’re pleased to again have Rusty & Julie Cook of Stone Mountain, GA, as our KCBS reps, and have been working hard to make this an event one you’ll want to return to every year!

NEW LOCATION: We’re excited to relocate the event to the grounds of the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in Weston, WV. Featuring acres of level space with paved parking, grassy areas with huge shade trees, NO wait for load-in, a secure gated area in downtown Weston (*approx. 15 min. from our previous site & only 6 minutes from I-79*), there’s plenty of room for more teams, more activities, and more fun. Check out photos & historic information at www.trans-alleghenylunaticasylum.com or their Facebook page. Special discounts for team members & families will also be offered for a variety of historic tours of the facility.

Hopefully, the following information will answer all or most of your questions with more details and updates as we get closer to the event date! Please don’t hesitate to let us know if you have other questions in the meantime.

The Basics

2017 Backyard BBQ Awards: (*a unique trophy for 1st – 3rd places*)

WV Governors’ Cup Champion	\$300	
1 ST Place - 2 categories	\$200	
2 nd place - “	\$100	
3 rd place - “	\$ 50	

Special recognition for 4th -10th places



Cook Sites: Flat, concrete (or grass) spots located in the main front lawn of the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum, closer to the pro teams and judging turn-in area as we have much more space for the event in this new location.

Electric: If you need electric service at your site, please contact us in advance to make arrangements.

Water/Ice: Water will be available for all teams, and ice will be available and delivered to you if you wish, for a nominal charge. Sanitary facilities will also be conveniently located throughout the cook sites.

Gray Water / Grease / Ash & Trash: Designated containers for disposal of these will be conveniently located in the cook team areas, and must be used to dispose of these types of waste. It is **IMPERATIVE** that all teams dispose of these items in the proper containers.

2017 Backyard BBQ Team Schedule

Friday / Saturday, June 16-17,2017

Arrival / Set-Up: Since our new event site is private property, team sites will be available for set up Friday – we'll need to confirm an approx. arrival time closer to the event date, but this new location should provide a much quicker load-in.

Cook's Meeting: 4:00 PM – exact location to be announced, but very close to cook site. (3-4 min. walk from sites)

Meat Inspection: Begins at 9 AM Friday & continues until all teams have been checked and approved. Please refer to KCBS Rules & Regulations regarding meat requirements.

Turn-In Box: KCBS approved turn-in containers (Styrofoam box) will be provided for each team during the cook's meeting with your team's assigned number on the box. Entries will ONLY be accepted in these labeled containers. Please read the KCBS rules and regulations regarding acceptable garnish, etc. as judges will be following the KCBS judging criteria.

Judging / Turn-In Times Saturday *(tentative times – we'll confirm soon)*

2:00 PM Chicken

2:30 PM Ribs

Awards Ceremony: 5:00 PM – By entrance of main building at Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum.

We're excited to partner with this historic site offering nearly 20 acres of level paved and beautifully groomed lawns with majestic shade trees, and plenty of room to expand. Featured in books, magazines, tv documentaries, and other media, the main building is the largest hand-cut stone structure in North America – second in the world only to the Kremlin. For more history and photos, check out their website at www.trans-alleghenylunaticasylum.com for their Facebook page. Look for information soon on special BBQ discounts for a variety of historic tours of the buildings and grounds.

If you have any questions, need additional information, or have comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact us. More importantly, we hope to add you to our list of 2017 Backyard BBQ teams for the **2017 Almost Heaven BBQ Bash**.

Hope to see you in June in West Virginia!!!

Questions ... contact either:

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