



2018 West Virginia State BBQ Championship

June 15-16, 2018

Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum ~ Weston, WV

~ KCBS BBQ Team Information ~



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Hello KCBS BBQ Team!

If you're "Crazy for BBQ" like we are, we hope to see you at the "Almost Heaven BBQ Bash" the weekend of June 15-16, 2018 at the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in Weston, WV. With acres of level space with paved parking, grassy team sites with shade trees, power and water access, and a secure gated area in downtown Weston, we're excited to welcome you to our 2018 event.

Since I tend to be "wordy" (as many of you have discovered), here are the basics:

KCBS Awards: Unique, custom-made trophies awarded with 1st – 5th place *** Over \$12,000 in cash prizes ***

WV BBQ Grand Champion \$2,500
WV BBQ Reserve Grand Champion \$1,500

*** Cash prizes paid to 10th Place Overall AND in each meat category (Thanks to Smithfield for a 2018 Grant)

People's Choice: FREE entry (2 butts provided)
1st Place: \$250
2nd Place: \$150
3rd Place: \$ 75

Wing Challenge: (Fri. evening) \$10.00 entry (wings provided)
1st Place: \$300
2nd Place: \$200
3rd Place: \$100

Other Benefits: AUTO to the JACK AUTO entry to the American Royal
AUTO entry to Sonny's BBQ Tournament (Jan. in Florida) WV Cup for MABA (Mid-Atlantic BBQ Assn.)
~ Pending: Entry into World Food Championship

Ancillary Contests: **Note:** NO dessert contest this year – substituting Wing Challenge for a change!

Wing Challenge: Friday following Cook's Meeting – Wings provided to participating teams to prepare "any way you choose", No garnish required / turn-in time & number of turn-in pieces to be determined (\$10.00 Entry – judging primarily by VIP's and Sponsors, with tentative plans to sell remaining wings to the public (similar to People's Choice) to give folks an opportunity to taste your great wing recipes!

People's Choice: We provide 2 pork butts at Friday's Cook's Meeting. You smoke 'em, shred 'em, & turn 'em in by 11 AM Saturday morning. Please do NOT sign up if you do not intend to participate – a dozen teams cancelled AT this year's event, leaving us with A LOT of extra pork butts, so please plan accordingly. (FREE Entry)

Our KCBS Reps: Rusty & Julie Cook (and Wayne & Rachel Harper if we exceed 50 teams again), with Tom & Angela Morris serving as our Judge Coordinators to assure a panel of quality 100% KCBS certified judges

Cook Sites: Basic sites – 20 x 20 with 15-20 AMP power and water included (\$275)
Additional space, power, and a private porta-johns are available (additional fees apply)
Team sites assigned based on order received and your team's specific space / power needs
Ice is available, delivered to your site, for a nominal fee



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Arrival/Set-Up: Teams may enter the grounds **NO earlier than Noon on Thursday, June 14**
Teams must clean and vacate sites by 7 AM Sunday, June 17th (another event sets up that morning)

Meat Inspection: Begins at 9:00 AM Friday morning continuing until all teams have been inspected

Cook's Meeting: 4:00 PM Friday, June 15th – Lewis Co. EMS Building (adjacent to team sites)

Ash / Trash / Grease / Gray Water: Although we were short on these containers in 2017 (our apologies), we already have additional containers of each to be placed within the team site areas. Please do **NOT** dispose of these materials on the event grounds. Found some ashes and a couple serious burned grass areas, and property owners weren't happy, so please dispose of these in provided containers. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation!

Judging / Turn-In Times / Saturday (Lewis Co. EMS Building)

12:00 PM	Chicken	1:00 PM	Pork
12:30 PM	Ribs	1:30 PM	Brisket

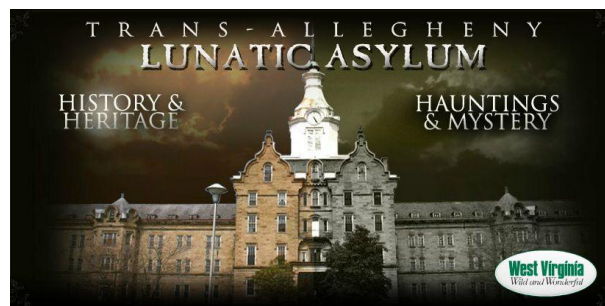
Awards Ceremony: approx. 4:30 PM – Main Stage

Selling your Sauces, Rubs, etc.: While we can't guarantee the amount of foot traffic in the cook team areas, you may sell your own specialty sauces, rubs, etc. at your cook site, if you wish.

***** Selling Your BBQ:** Only KCBS competitors are permitted to sell BBQ products. To do so, please contact us in advance to assure we have available vending spaces. If approved, we'll need a completed Commercial Food Vendor and Lewis County Health Permit application (with appropriate fees) ... downloadable forms, details, & deadlines available on our website.

Event Site: Downtown area near restaurants, shopping, glass museums, WV Mountaineer Military Museum nearby. A Shop N Save (grocery), auto parts store, Southern States (hardware, etc.), and others directly across the street from the venue, with 3 hotels/motels within a 6 min. drive (at I-79 exit 99 with several restaurants, fuel stations, and shops there as well). A new Hampton Inn (72 rooms) is under construction in the same area, but we're not sure they will be open at that time, but we'll keep you posted. *When calling hotels, please indicate you are with the BBQ Bash to receive our special discount rate.*

The Asylum: Built in the mid 1800's with a long and interesting history, the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum is the oldest hand-cut stone structure in North America, 2nd in size only to the Kremlin in Moscow. The front lawn is situated on 20 beautifully landscaped acres with room to expand the event providing easy access for teams, plenty of free parking, and space for vendors, crafters, and lots of family activities. Check out their website at www.trans-alleghenylunaticasylum.com and Facebook page for more information and photos. The Asylum will again offer discounts for BBQ teams, their families and judges for a variety of historical tours, and other activities!



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We look forward to welcoming many wonderful BBQ teams & families back to WV ... and to meeting new teams, and promise to do our best to make your brief stay with us as comfortable and enjoyable as possible!