



2018 West Virginia State BBQ Championship June 15 – 16, 2018

Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum ~ Weston, WV

~ WV Backyard BBQ Team Information ~



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Hello Backyard Pitmasters!

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.

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

LOCATION: 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, a secure gated area in downtown Weston (*approx. 6-7 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, judges & 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

2018 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



People's Choice: FREE entry (2 butts provided)	Wing Challenge: (Friday evening)	\$10.00 entry (wings provided)
1st Place: \$250	1st Place: \$300	
2nd Place: \$150	2nd Place: \$200	
3rd Place: \$ 75	3rd Place: \$100	

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)

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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: Power is very limited at the site, so if you need electric at your site, please contact us in advance (nominal fee).

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.

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!

Arrival / Set-Up: Since our event site is private property, team sites will be available for set up Friday – we'll need to confirm your approx. arrival time closer to the event date, but this new location should provide a much quicker load-in. Teams must clean their area and vacate the property by 7 AM Sunday morning as another event begins their set-up.

Cook's Meeting: 4:00 PM – Lewis County EMS Building. (adjacent to cook 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*)

12:00 PM Chicken

12:30 PM Ribs

Awards Ceremony: 4:30 PM – Main Stage

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, (contact info. on our event website), 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, etc.

Hope to see you "at the asylum" in June!!!

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