



## 2018 Cornelia Apple Blossom BBQ & Brews Festival Participation Rules

- **NO** spots for competition or vending will be saved or reserved without payment of fees.
- We are planning for approximately 50 teams to compete this year (Pro & Backyard) and applications will be accepted as long as we have spots available.
- Please be sure to indicate the specific electrical amps needed for your space. (30 amp max available). All teams are given 20 or 30 AMP included in the contest fees. Each team will have a dedicated plug for their space with their exact needs. Please **DON'T** show up expecting more than you've asked for!
- Each space will have access to water but you may be more than 50 feet away so please bring adequate hose for a maximum of 100 ft from valve. You will **NOT** have a dedicated hose connection for just your team. We will provide several splitters for each water point but you may need to utilize your own as well.
- Please pay for the size of spot you will need including any drop down doors, slides, trailers, etc. that need to fit within your space. For planning purposes, it makes it very difficult to lay the spots out in advance for a 30 foot spot and when the team shows up they actually need another 5 feet because of the tail to their trailer that drops down for them to cook from. One vehicle may be parked in your space provided it fits within the size you purchase. All other team vehicles will be parked in a specified location.
- All spots are on varying ground surfaces (grass, asphalt, gravel) so plan accordingly for uneven areas. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LEVEL SPOT!
- Vehicles will not be permitted to move within the competition area during the hours that it is open to the public on Saturday from 10-5PM.
- Set-Up information will be provided closer to event date. We won't be able to bring any teams in until FRIDAY morning. These lots are utilized by several downtown eating establishments and we don't want to interfere with their Thursday evening traffic.
- We are holding 3 opportunities for People's Choice categories. A small cash prize will be given to winners of these categories. Including these categories in the event allows us to sell sampling tickets that allow us to raise funds for our façade grant program for revitalization efforts downtown. This also allows attendees to sample some great competition food and interact with competition teams. YOUR HELP IN PARTICIPATING IS GREATLY APPRECIATED! People's Choice is open to both pro and backyard teams. You can choose to do just one or any/all.
  - Brunswick Stew (Saturday) – Each team wishing to participate in this category must prepare at least 2 gallons of stew to give out to the public. We will provide you with portion cups for service. Service for this category is done by the teams from their location AFTER turn-ins.
  - Anything Chicken (Saturday) – Each team wishing to participate in this category will be given your choice of Springer Mountain Farms chicken to be prepared in any way you would like and served to the public for their vote. This category will also be served from team location on Saturday AFTER turn-ins.
  - Pulled Pork (Saturday) – 1 Boston Butt will be provided to each team wishing to participate in this category along with serving pans. Service for this category starts on Saturday AFTER turn-ins and ends when supplies run out. **Entries will be served at team sites this year!**

- Teams participating must provide their own tables for dispensing the samples and someone to hand them out. We may be able to provide volunteer help if available. We will provide a sign/flag indicating you are participating. If participating, you will need to provide your own means of keeping samples warm/cold.
- Votes will be collected from a central location for anyone sampling entries. Winners will be announced at awards ceremony at 5PM on Saturday.
- All food for the People's Choice, with the exception of the Springer Mountain Farms Anything Chicken category, may be prepared ahead of your arrival, but must be reheated following state health department guidelines for reheating food to at least 165 degrees and be held at 135 degrees or higher.
- **Dessert Category Rules**
  - All desserts must use apple as one of the key ingredients.
  - Recipes must be turned in with entry.
  - You will be given a Styrofoam turn in tray if needed but can also turn the dessert in with your own container.
  - Be creative & have fun!
- **Turn-In Times – Pro teams and Backyard teams will have the same category turn in times!**

#### **FRIDAY**

- Set-up, get cooks started, MINGLE!

#### **SATURDAY**

- 12:00PM Pro & Backyard Chicken Turn-In
  - 12:30PM Pro & backyard Rib Turn-In
  - 1:00PM Pro & Backyard Pork Turn-In
  - 1:30PM Pro Brisket Turn-In
  - 2:00PM Dessert Turn-In (open to all teams)
  - 2:00PM People's Choice Pork, Chicken and Stew (served from team sites)
- Awards will take place at 5PM on Saturday at the Depot stage (near the Apple Statue/Depot/Train Tracks)