

1st Annual Suds and Swine BBQ Festival in Laurinburg, N.C.

2023 Official Rules and Regulations

On Site Judging

1st - \$ 750 & prize

2nd - \$500 & prize

3rd - \$250 & prize



Backyard / Local Category – TBD

People's Choice – TBD

1. All cooking spaces will be numbered and pre-assigned by the Contest Director. No changes will be allowed. Space is very limited, sign up early.
2. A Contest official will direct you to your site. Each team is required to be checked in no later than 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14th, 2023.
3. Teams will be permitted to begin setting up their equipment any time after 12:00 noon, April 14, 2023. Neither the *Suds & Swine BBQ Festival Committee* nor the *City of Laurinburg* shall be responsible for any cookers or equipment brought to the grounds before this time.
4. Each cooking space will be limited to a 20' x 24' area. **For each 20' x 24' area one pig must be cooked.**
5. **Chief Cook's meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m., Friday evening April 14th**, and will be led by our Head Judge, location will be announced upon registration. Attendance is mandatory.
6. Each cooking team shall have one person designated as Chief Cook. The Chief Cook shall be the only person permitted to present the pig during the judging process.
7. The Contest will provide a 125-135 lb. Pig. Pigs will be distributed on Friday, April 14th, 2023 between **7:00 pm and 8:00 pm** and the contest will officially begin at that time.
8. All pigs must be cooked in an above ground cooker. Should a gas cooker be used, it must meet the safety standards such as proper regulator, tanks must be secured to prevent accidentally being overturned and any other requirements the Festival Director deems for safety precautions. Cook Teams must display a Fire Extinguisher.
9. **The USE OF GASOLINE FOR ANY REASON IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**
10. Cooking teams are requested to keep their cooking area **free of trash**. Please use the trash containers provided at various locations. Each team is responsible for site cleanup at the end of the contest. **Please pay special attention to the containment of grease, as you will be cooking on a paved surface!!**
11. All cooking teams are requested to be discrete with any alcoholic beverages consumed on the contest premises. Law Enforcement Officers will be present.
12. All cooking teams are requested to respect the rights of others in attendance for the contest and event, with special emphasis from each team member relating to loud music, loud or profane language or **infringement on adjoining sites** with any equipment, cookers, cars, campers, vans, pickups, etc. Curfew for quiet time will be midnight. Security will be provided throughout the evening.

13. Food, beverages, and entertainment will be available on Friday night and Saturday.
14. Gloves are not mandatory, but a basin of water and soap is mandatory for cleanliness purposes.
15. A Contest official will be assigned to accompany the judges while the pigs are being judged. The staff person will collect score sheets. The score sheets will contain no information that will in any manner identify the cooks or sponsors. The Festival staff or secured CPA, not the judges, will total and grand total the score sheets.
16. **Pigs should not be sauced inside or out. Those pigs that have been sauced will be disqualified. (Please refer to the Core Rules).**
17. **No external heat source may be used other than the grill. Some examples might include but are not limited to, heat guns and torches. Those using external heat sources will be disqualified.**
18. **Injecting pigs will not be allowed. Some examples might include but are not limited to, sauce and product drippings. Those injecting pigs will be disqualified.**
19. Following the judging for On Site Judging, all pigs, except for the ribs, must be chopped. A pre-determined amount (will be announced no later than February 15) will be sauced and turned into the Anonymous People's Choice Tent and the remaining pork will be turned in not sauced, and ready for packaging to the Event Tent.
20. In the event of a tie, Contest Staff will refer back to the judging sheets and the winner will be awarded by the highest points in category, meat taste, if still a tie, then skin crispiness, then moisture.
21. **Contest officials maintain the decision to distribute or mail the score sheets, following the announcement of winners. Score Sheets will be given or mailed to the Chief Cooks.**
22. Contest winners will be announced at approximately noon on Saturday, April 15th, 2023. (or as soon as judging is completed and results are calculated).
24. All checks for product quality and showmanship will be given to the Chief Cook the day of the Contest. Prizes will be presented to the Chief Cook on Saturday, April 15th, 2023.
25. **Each team will receive six complimentary BBQ sandwich tickets.**
26. All cookers and equipment must be removed no later than 5:00 p.m., April 15th, 2023. unless special permission is granted. The Town of Laurinburg shall not be responsible for any cookers or equipment left on the premises after 5:00 p.m., April 15th, 2023.

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