



Battle of Camden Barbeque Festival

An SCBA Event

November 13 & 14, 2026
Historic Camden, South Carolina
Friday Night Wing Competition
Saturday BBQ Competition

A BATTLE WITH A PURPOSE: The Battle of Camden BBQ Festival is hosted by the Camden Jaycees, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to improving the lives of the most disadvantaged citizens in Kershaw County. Each Christmas Season, the Camden Jaycees deliver toys & clothes to children and a traditional Christmas meal to families. In December of 2025, the Camden Jaycees delivered packages to over 130 Children and meals to 145 families. All proceeds from this event benefit the Annual Stocking Fund and our annual Scholarship, which is \$1,000 awarded to two Kershaw County School District graduates each spring.

Competition Details

- 1- **Friday, Nov. 13th:** All meat will be available at 1:00 PM; Cook's meeting at 3:00 PM. Chicken Wing Competition to be judged by local First Responders beginning at 6:00 PM. Sales to Public at 6:30 PM
- 2- **Saturday, Nov. 14th:** Boston Butts to be turned in for judging at 10:00 AM by SCBA. Sales to Public at 10:30 AM. Awards to be presented at latest 3:00 PM
- 3- **Cash & Other Prizes**
 - a. Chicken Wings Winners receive a commemorative cutting board along with the following 1st \$500; 2nd \$250; Third \$100.
 - b. Boston Butt Winners receive a revolutionary prize along with 1st \$1,500; 2nd \$1,000; 3rd \$500; 4th \$250.
- 4- **Chicken Wings and Boston Butts to be provided.** Teams will receive a minimum of 45 lbs. of Chicken wings and 12 Boston Butts. Each team will receive supplies for serving judges and the public.
- 5- **Cooking sites** are 30 ft x 35 ft; Electricity and water provided but please BYO electrical cords and DHEC approved water hoses.

Competition Rules

- 1- **Setup Time:** Friday Nov. 13th as early as 10:00 am; All Teams must be in place by 3:00 PM
- 2- **SCDHEC:** ALL SCDHEC rules and guidelines apply. Team sites must be clean and ready for inspection by 4:30 PM on Friday. After cooking, all meat must be maintained at a minimum temperature of 150 degrees.
- 3- **Teams are responsible for** their area and crew clean, orderly, and in compliance with the regulations set forth by SCDHEC.
- 4- **Cooking sites** must have a hand washing station, soap, paper towels, bucket, or other water disposal, probe thermometer. Food prep shall be done under a tent or within trailer. No open or pit fires permitted.
- 5- Sales to the Public: **Sale of food or drinks (other than the food provided) is strictly prohibited. Taking cash for samples is strictly prohibited as it takes away from our philanthropic efforts.**
- 6- **Tent/Fire Rules:** Teams are required to possess a 10BC fire extinguisher and comply with the rules of the local Fire Marshall. All tents must be staked or have a 50 lb. weight affixed to each leg. All tents that cover or are close to cooking grills must be NFPA 701 Flame Retardant type tents.
- 7- **Clean Up:** Cookers are encouraged to leave their cooking site intact until the awards presentation. No cookers will be able to leave the premises until the event closes to the public after the awards. It is the team's responsibility to manage trash, set aside coals/ash, and ensure their area's clean upon leaving.
- 8- **Rules of the South Carolina Barbeque Association will be followed.** Copies available upon request or online.

Application Process

A completed application with payment is required. Participation is limited to 25 teams and a waiting list will be created thereafter to replace teams who withdraw. Participation is granted on a 1st come 1st serve basis. If your entry is not accepted, you will receive a refund. The organizers of the event reserve the right to reject any application.

Questions or concerns may be directed to John Cantey – jcantey15@gmail.com or 803-427-7917.



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222 Broad Street Camden, SC November 13th – 14th 2026

Please submit a completed application, \$250 Entry Fee, and diagram/photo with dimensions and power needs of your rig to:

Camden Jaycees - PO BOX 14 - Camden SC 29021

The 10th Annual BOC BBQ Festival

Our continued success is not possible without your support. Thank you!

Team Name: _____

Chief Cook: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Assistant Cooks: _____

Corporate Sponsors: _____

Terms and Conditions of Application

The organizers of the Battle of Camden Barbeque Festival reserve the right to reject any application. If your application is not accepted, a refund will be issued. However, no refunds will be made once you have been accepted into the contest by the organizers. Any photographs or videos taken of your team on-site becomes property of the Battle of Camden Barbeque Festival and/or its affiliates and may be used for promotional purposes.

Contestants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Camden Jaycees and the Battle of Camden Barbeque Festival organizers, sponsors, and volunteers from any and all claims made against the same, to include, without limitation, all cost, liability, judgement, expenses, and or damages arising out of, or in connection with, (1) any structure erected by a contestant; (2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by the contestant; (3) any act or omission by contestant, their agents, invitees, participants, representatives, employees, servants, and assigns; and (4) any claims made on account, or resulting from, contestants participating in the contest to include, but not limited to, any and all injuries suffered by contestants, contestant teams, or contestant guests to the person or property of another, except for claims based solely on the gross negligence or intentional acts of the Camden Jaycees and the Battle of Camden Barbeque Festival organizers.

By signing below, I & my team acknowledge that the rules and regulations have been read and will be abided by.

Chief Cook's Signature: _____

Team Name: _____

WANT TO JOIN THE 90 lb. CLUB?

Yes

No

Maintaining wing availability is the best way for our event to persist into Friday evening for the benefit of the charity and joy of the public. Teams willing and able to cook 90 lbs. of wings will receive a commemorative sticker and \$45 back from their application on the day of the event. Please indicate above if you are interested in cooking extra wings so we will have them on hand for Friday