

7th Annual Mid-Carolina Pigskin



March 14th, 2026

General Information:

Date, Time and Location: Saturday March 14th, 2026 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Mid-Carolina Middle School - 6794 US Highway 76, Prosperity, SC, 29075.

Entry Fee and Deadline: \$225 per team (Made payable to Mid-Carolina High School), due no later than March 6th, 2026.

Teams: Competition is limited to the first 25 cooking teams. There can be no more than four (4) persons on a team.

Cooking Instructions and Rules:

- Teams may prepare the provided Boston Butts anyway they want if it is suitable to be served to the public.
- Teams must prepare the barbeque on site at Little Mountain Park. The meat will be provided by the host site and will be available for pickup beginning at 12:00 Noon on Friday March 13th.
- Each team will be responsible for cooking a case (8 butts) of Boston Butts.

- Teams are expected to serve their barbeque to the public from 11:00am. until 2:00p.m. MCHS Football will provide teams with the necessary containers to serve the barbeque to the public.
- The teams will have a 30'x30' cooking area. No two-story structures are allowed. All belongings and materials must be contained in the cooking area. Water and electricity will be available. If additional space or requirements are needed, **please contact Chris Arnault at (803) 414-4435.**
- The teams will NOT sell food or beverages to the public on the day of the event. Under NO circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed.
- All teams are asked to remain professional and respect the rights of the other cook teams (space, language, loud music) and to conduct themselves in a professional manner always.

SCBA Rules:

1. Cook Teams must be members of the SCBA to be eligible for the South Carolina State Barbeque Champion
2. The festival decides what categories of meat are to be judged
3. All competition meat shall be prepared and cooked on site
4. All competition meat shall be prepared and cooked at the Team's own cook site
5. The SCBA conducts only blind judging
6. Cookers may use any heat source they wish
7. 9 inch boxes are used for sample turn-in
8. Sample Box inspection is not mandatory
9. No Markings of any kind are allowed on the turn-in box
10. No foreign material is allowed in the turn-in box
11. You may turn in your sample either sauced or unsauced
12. You may wrap your sample box prior to turn-in
13. The SCBA tries to keep turn-in times consistent at all events
14. Head Cooks should be present during the event
15. Local Health Regulations must be followed

Judging and Awards

Blind judging will begin promptly at 10:00am. on Saturday March 14, 2026. Judging will be conducted by the South Carolina Barbeque Association (SCBA). Participants can earn points toward the Master Barbeque Award competition sponsored by the SCBA. Winners will be announced, and awards presented at 2:00p.m. Awards are as follows:

First Place Trophy and \$1,500 (and free entry into next year's event)

Second Place Trophy and \$1,000

Third Place Trophy and \$500

*There will also be a People's Champ that will be voted on by the attending public and the winner will receive \$250 and a trophy.

Clean-Up:

All Teams are asked to clean up their assigned cooking areas and return the site to pre-competition conditions. The area must be cleaned before 4:00pm. on Saturday March 14th, 2026. The Head Cook will be the responsible party for fulfilling this requirement. No staying overnight on Saturday March 14th, 2026.

Contact Info:

If you have questions or need anything contact Chris Arnoult or Michael Mains:

Chris Arnoult - Cell: 803-414-4435

Email: carnoult@sdnc.org

Michael Mains - Cell: 803-319-1863

Email: Mmains@sdnc.org

Make Checks payable to Mid-Carolina High School

Address: 377 Cy Schumpert Rd, Prosperity, SC, 29127

NEW OPPORTUNITY

On Friday Night, we will be having two Soccer games in Lon Armstrong Stadium. If your cook team would like to sell some kind of food to those at the game to make some money to recoup some of your fees associated with the competition, please speak with Coach Arnoult.

Little Mountain Pigskin Cook-Off Official Entry Form

Little Mountain Pigskin Cook-Off (butts only) will be held at Little Mountain Park in Little Mountain, South Carolina on Saturday, March 14th, 2026.

- Cash Prizes and trophies will be awarded with judging by Certified South Carolina Barbeque Association judges.
- Entry Fee: \$225 per team.
- Space is limited to the first 25 cooking teams.

Team Name: _____

Chief Cook (All Correspondence will be with the chief cook): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening/Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Team Member's Names: _____

MAIL CHECK AND COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO (make checks payable to Mid-Carolina High School);

Mid-Carolina High School
c/o Chris Arnoult
377 Cy Schumpert Rd.
Prosperity, SC, 29127

Entry fee and application must be received no later than Friday March 6th, 2026. Please make checks payable to Mid-Carolina High School. Confirmation of approval will come through email upon receipt of your check and acceptance of your entry form. The event committee reserves the right to reject any entry, and no refunds will be made once a team has been officially accepted.

Waiver of Liability: Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold Mid-Carolina High School, Newberry County School District, and its committee, volunteers, sponsors, and staff from any and all claims made against same, including without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgements, expenses, damages, or reasonable attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with any structures erected by the contestant, any equipment or personal property used by the contestant, any act or omission to act of contestant, any claims made on account of our resulting from contestant's participation in the contest.

Signature of Chief Cook

Date