



INFORMATION & COOKS APPLICATION

**Saturday, May 2, 2026
11:00 a.m.–1:30 P.M.
Saluda Shoals Park**

General Information

Date, Time and Location: Saturday, May 2, 2026, 11:00 A.M.–1:30 P.M., Saluda Shoals Park, Columbia, SC.

Entry Fee and Deadline: \$215 per team (*credit card or check made payable to ICRC*), due no later than **Friday, April 10, 2026**. The fee includes an approximate 30 x 30 spot with 20 amps of electricity. Additional amps are available for a fee.

Teams: Competition is limited to the first **20 cooking teams**. There can be no more than four (4) people on a team.

Cooking Instructions and Rules

- Teams must follow Cook Team Rules found on the SCBA web site at sbarbeque.com/cook-teams-rules
- Teams may prepare and cook the pork in any fashion they prefer so long as it is suitable to be served to the public.
- Teams must prepare the barbecue on site at Saluda Shoals Park. The meat will be furnished and will be available for pickup **beginning at approximately 1:00 P.M. on Friday, May 1, 2026**.
- Each team will be responsible for cooking a minimum of 8 butts averaging approximately 8 pounds each.
- Each team must supply their own ingredients, grill, tools, and all materials needed by the team.
- Teams are expected to serve their barbecue to the public from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. ICRC will provide each team with the containers necessary to serve the barbecue to the public.
- Each team will have a total cooking area of approximately 30 X 30. No two-story structures are allowed, and no on-site expansion beyond the allotted area will be allowed. All belongings must be entirely contained within the allotted area. Water and 20 amps of electricity will be provided. If you need more than 20 amps, *it must be requested in advance and there will be an additional fee. Requests will be fulfilled on a first-come-first serve basis and are limited.*
- Tents must be staked or weighted down.
- The teams are allowed to sell merchandise promoting their business (hats, sauce, shirts, etc), but NO food or beverages that can be consumed on site.
- Under NO circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the public by the teams.
- All teams are requested to respect the rights of others with special emphasis against loud music, profane language and infringement on adjoining sites.
- Teams are required to attend a meeting with the SCBA at 3PM on Friday afternoon.
- **Teams must have gloves, chop the pork under cover, and have a hand washing station.**
- **No overnight camping prior to May 1, 2026 or after the contest on May 2, 2026.**

Judging and Awards

Blind judging will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Judging will be conducted by the **South Carolina Barbecue Association (SCBA)**. Participants have the opportunity to earn points toward the **Master Barbecue Award** competition sponsored by the SCBA. Winners will be announced and awards presented at 1:45 P.M. Awards are as follows:

First Place	Trophy and \$1,000	Grand Champion	\$250
Second Place	Trophy and \$600	Reserve Champion	\$150
Third Place	Trophy and \$300		

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 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 2, 2026.** The head cook will be the responsible party for fulfilling this requirement.





BBQ COOKER'S OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Complete and return application
with entry fee by Friday, April 10, 2026.

- Pickin' & Piggins' Barbecue Cook-off (butts only) will be held at Saluda Shoals Park in Columbia, South Carolina on Saturday, May 2, 2026.
- Prize money and trophies will be awarded with judging by Certified South Carolina Barbecue Association judges.
- **Entry Fee: \$215 per team.** Includes an approximate 30 x 30 spot with 20 amps of electricity. Additional amps are available for a fee.
- Space is limited to the first 20 cooking teams.

Team Name: _____

Team Member Names (*All correspondence will be with the chief cook*):

Chief Cook: _____

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address _____ Additional Amps: \$215/20 amps \$225/30 amps \$235/50 amps

Special Requests _____

Total Due: _____ Payment Type: Check Credit Card (*3.5% merchant fee applies*)

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ CVV number _____

Cardholder Name _____ Cardholder Signature _____

COMPLETED ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT CAN BE MAILED TO (please make all checks payable to ICRC):
Pickin' and Piggins' at Saluda Shoals Park c/o Sarah Soltau
5605 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC, 29212

Entry fee and application must be received no later than Friday, April 10, 2026. Credit card payments can be made over the phone by calling Sarah Soltau (803-213-2062). You will be emailed a letter of approval upon receipt of payment 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. In the event of cancellation by Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission, entry fees will be refunded.

Waiver of Liability: Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold Saluda Shoals Park, the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission and its committee, volunteers, sponsors, and staff from any and all claims made against same, including without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, 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

For any questions regarding the Pickin' & Piggins' Barbecue Competition, please contact Sarah Soltau at ssoltau@icrc.net.

