



Youth Mentors
of the Pee Dee

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Dear Barbeque Enthusiast:

Post Office Box 12147
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You are cordially invited to be a participant in our Annual Youth Mentors of the Pee Dee Barbeque Cook-off Festival to be held in Florence, S.C., on April 10-11, 2026. We will have a new venue for our event this year. **Our new location is located at 5226 East Palmetto St. (Florence City/County Fairgrounds), roughly one mile east of Francis Marion University.**

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For our event in Florence, we are limiting our size to twenty-five (25) cookers and our product is butts only. We will present prize money and trophies to the top five (5) winners selected by the South Carolina Barbeque Association Judges on Saturday, April 11th at 2:00 PM.

Cash prizes are as follows:	First Place -	\$ 2,000.00
	Second Place -	\$ 1000.00
	Third Place -	\$ 750.00
	Fourth Place -	\$ 500.00
	Fifth Place -	\$ 350.00

There will be a Friday night “Anything Butt” contest featuring the favorite dish of each contestant. We are asking all contestants to provide two hundred (200) 2-oz. servings of their dish. There will be two divisions, Sweet and Savory. The winner in each division, selected by a team of local judges, will be presented a check for \$250.00 and a trophy.

The twenty-five (25) cookers selected will be determined on a “first come first served” method. (Refer to Contract)

We look forward to seeing you April 10th in Florence.

Joey Edwards, Executive Director
Youth Mentors of the Pee Dee
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THE YOUTH MENTORS OF THE PEE DEE BARBEQUE COOK-OFF FESTIVAL

Official Entry Form

The Youth Mentors of the Pee Dee Barbeque Cook-off Festival will be held in Florence, South Carolina, April 10-11, 2026. The application to compete in this fun event is limited to the first twenty-five (25) teams who apply and are accepted. It is first come, first served. Each team is expected to participate in both "Anything Butt" on Friday night and also BBQ Cook off on Saturday, failure to do so could lead to cooker being disqualified. Experienced, trained and Certified SCBA Judges will handle the judging in this contest. The top five winners will receive trophies and cash prizes.

All correspondence will be with the Chief Cook.

Chief Cook _____

Team Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (H) (____) _____ (W) (____) _____

E-Mail _____

Each team may provide their own shelter. Each team will be allocated one twenty (20) by twenty (20) foot outside space. If you require a larger cooking area, please describe your reasons, including the sizes of grills, props and any other items used in your cooking set-up. You can use the back of this form or attach additional sheets if necessary. We value our barbeque cookers and we want to help you be successful.

A **\$200.00** fee must be received with each application form no later than the day of the event. The cook-off committee reserves the right to reject any entry. If your entry is not accepted, the **\$200.00** entry fee will be fully refunded. However, no refunds of the entry fee will be made once you have been officially accepted as a contestant.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Please make check payable to **Youth Mentors of the Pee Dee.**

Waiver of Liability: Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold the Youth Mentors Barbeque Cook-off Festival, the Festival Committee, its employees, agents and volunteers harmless 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 (1) any structures erected by the contestant(s), (2) any apparatus, equipment, or personal property used by the contestant(s), (3) any act or omission to act of contestant(s), its agents, invitees, participants, representatives, employees, servants, and assigns, and (4) any claims made on account of or resulting from contestant's participation in the contest.

I agree to abide by all the Rules and Regulations of the **Youth Mentors of the Pee Dee** contained in the Invitation Letter, Official Entry Form and the Team Instructions mailed to all accepted applicants. I further agree to notify all members of the team I represent about these rules.

Signature of Team Contact is **required:** _____

Please mail this completed application to:

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P. O. Box 12147
Florence, South Carolina 29504

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On receipt of your check and acceptance of your Entry Form, a letter of approval will be mailed to you along with a copy of the rules and regulations and other contest information.