

PRAISE THE Lord

2018 MURPHYSBORO
BARBECUE COOK-OFF
SEPTEMBER 20, 21 & 22



We're delighted you'll be joining us for the
31st annual Murphysboro Barbecue Cook-off!

Restaurant: 32 N. 17th Street
The Warehouse 214 N. 17th Street
Office phone: 618-684-8902

As you come down Walnut Street {the main street in town} the side streets are all numbered. It's very easy to find. Pull up in front of The Warehouse and you will be greeted and directed to your space.

We will be AT CAPACITY with over 85 teams. We will have well-defined boundaries for your spot and the number of teams means that we will all have to be courteous and very good neighbors with regards to space and noise. We want everyone to have a great time Friday night and we trust your team's party will **end or be very quiet by midnight** so everyone will be well-rested for Saturday's competition.

Kindly do not have or use any type of golf cart or off-road vehicle on the premises.

Spaces

Cook-off spaces are 25' x 30'. **Please note that there will NOT be room for vehicles or RVs on most sites.**

Electricity

So many people now bring RVs and we do not have enough electricity to accommodate them along with the other electricity needed at each cook site. Kindly do NOT hook up an RV to the site electricity. In the past we have blown several breakers, inconveniencing many teams at crucial times. Please do not plug in roasters, refrigerators, or air conditioners as they use too many amps. Kindly use your generator. Disregarding

this rule will take down the power for you and your neighbors and when it happens in the night, we might not be able to fix it quickly.

Ice can be purchased at the concession stand near the restaurant or near our retail shop in front of The Warehouse.

Don't forget extension cords and a hose. Water will run down the west end of the midway. We'll show you when you arrive.

MBN and KCBS rules

Contest rules may be downloaded from our web site: 17bbq.com and then click on the COOK-OFF link.

Ancillary Contests

Fish Contest 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Each participating team will be given 5 pounds of 5-7 oz. pollack filets. You'll need to feed 6 judges... about 1.5 pounds will fill a hinged styrofoam container. There are NO rules as far as garnish or extras in the box. You can put anything in there... garnish, hush puppies or other sides, sauces, etc. Remember that we're judging FISH... it's all about the FINAL PRODUCT.

Wing Contest 7:30 p.m. Thursday

Each team will be given 5 pounds of wings. The turn-in container is a typical styrofoam hinged box and you'll be feeding 6 judges. There are NO rules as far

as garnish or extras in the box. You can put anything in there... garnish, sauces, etc. Remember that we're judging WINGS... it's all about the FINAL PRODUCT.

Criteria on FISH & WING judging is appearance, tenderness, flavor, and overall impression. Scored on a basis of 5 to 10; each line item weighted according to importance; FLAVOR being most important.

Steak Cook-off – Friday

We'll provide the steaks and a 10 x 10 cooking space; barbecue teams will cook in their own area. You'll need a grill, charcoal, cooking supplies, and seasonings. Mandatory Cook's Meeting at 5:30 p.m. with steak selection. Turn-in time is 7:30 p.m. Awards at 9:00 p.m.

Please join us at these events!

Fish & Fixin's and Grand Champion Buffet

We have TWO events open to the teams, public, and sponsors. These events require tickets {available at the door} and they are our way of incorporating our sponsors and the general public into the event.

There is MUSIC in The Warehouse on Thursday night and LIVE MUSIC on stage Friday night. Music no charge; open to the public.

Fish Fry – THURSDAY night

Our annual Fish & Fixin's buffet for sponsors, judges, and general public. You are welcome to join us; tickets are \$18 each. Bountiful buffet + draft beers from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. **EVERYONE IS INVITED to join us at 8:00 p.m. for music in The Warehouse.**

The Fish & Wing awards will be presented at 9:00 p.m. in The Warehouse.

Grand Champion Buffet – FRIDAY night

Our annual Grand Champion buffet for sponsors, judges, and general public. Again, we'd love to see you. Tickets are \$25 each. Bountiful buffet + free draft beers from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. There will be live music on the stage from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Concessions & Merchandise

We will also have a concession stand, merchandise stand, beer tent, and full bar open Thursday and Friday nights. ALL proceeds go to the cook-off operating budget. You can eat at 17th Street as well. Both of our restaurants are open on Sunday.

Each team will receive one t-shirt, coozie, and

commemorative poster in the hospitality basket. Additional shirts, posters, and coozies will be available for purchase in the merchandise booth. Please shop early as we have sold out quickly in previous years.

Please support our local sponsors who help make this event possible!

Load up on wood! Sarah Lipe from Lipe Orchards can supply Southern Illinois peach, apple, plum and cherry logs and peach and apple chips. Please call 618-549-1263 to place your advance order. She'll also be on-site.

Down-home breakfast

Cindy B's 1110 Locust Street 618-684-2776

Delicious Southern Illinois peaches and apples to take home, plus amazing pies and cobblers.

Mileur Orchards 172 Mileur Orchard Road
618-687-3663

Lipe Orchards 3925 S. Illinois Avenue 618-351-8161

Local grocery & convenience stores

Kroger 500 E. Industrial Park Road 618-687-3481
Farm Fresh 1904 Walnut Street 618-687-1281
Casey's 2136 Walnut Street 618-687-9218
Southern Illinois Liquor Mart 113 N. 12th Street
618-684-4727

If you need a hardware store or charcoal, tables, extension cords, water hoses, etc.

Wright Do-It Center

208 S. Williams Street 618-687-1702

Rural King

500 E. Industrial Road 618-684-3123

Wal-Mart

6495 Country Club Road 618-684-5041

Gorgeous mums and plants

McNitt's Greenhouse

78 Oak Ridge Lane
Carbondale, IL 62903 618-687-3563

Yummy treats

Dairy Queen 1700 Walnut Street

Meetings & Turn-in times

Thursday September 20, 2018

Fish turn-in 6:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Wing turn-in 7:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Friday September 21, 2018

BBQ Team Meeting 4:00 p.m.

Steak Cook-off team meeting 5:30 p.m.

Steak Cook-off turn-in 7:30 p.m.

Saturday September 22, 2018

Blind Box Turn-in:

MBN Whole Hog	9:15 – 9:30 a.m.
MBN Pork	10:15 – 10:30 a.m.
MBN Ribs	11:15 – 11:30 p.m.

KCBS Chicken	12:00 p.m.
KCBS Ribs	12:30 p.m.
KCBS Pork	1:00 p.m.
KCBS Brisket	1:30 p.m.

MBN On-Site Finals	1:30 p.m.
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Bloody Mary contest turn-in 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. (tent by restaurant)

Kid's Que meeting 1:00 p.m. (by stage)

Agenda

Thursday

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Fish & Fixin's** at The Warehouse ... Everyone is welcome ... tickets are \$18 per person at the door.

6:30 p.m. **Fish Contest turn-in** in the small banquet room

7:30 p.m. **Wing Contest turn-in** in the small banquet room

8:00 – 11:00 p.m. **DJ in The Warehouse** ... all are welcome ... no charge

9:00 p.m. **Fish & Wing Contest winners announced** in The Warehouse

Be sure to visit the **merchandise booth** for t-shirts, posters, coozies, and other items!

Friday

8:00 a.m. **Meat inspection upon arrival**

4:00 p.m. **Mandatory Team Meeting** in the KCBS Blind Judging Room {the door at the far north of The Warehouse}. Please send the head cook and one team member only. We are unable to accommodate the entire team.

4:30 p.m. Teams **pick up hospitality baskets** in the MBN judging room

5:00 p.m. the **Crimson Express Marching Band** will play and parade through the midway

5:30 p.m. – **Steak Cook-off (SCA) Team Meeting** with steak selection in the MBN judging room

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Corey Evitts**

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Grand Champion Buffet** at The Warehouse ... everyone is welcome ... tickets are \$25 per person and available at the door.

6:30 p.m. – **Steak Cook-off (SCA) Judge's Meeting** in the MBN judging room

7:30 p.m. – **Steak Cook-off (SCA) Turn-In** in the MBN judging room

8:00 p.m. – Midnight **The Hollerboys on the main stage**

9:00 p.m. Steak **Cook-off Awards** on the main stage

Saturday

9:22 a.m. **Blessing and Gentleman Jack shot**

9:45 a.m. Turn-ins begin. See back page for complete turn-in schedule

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Kid's Que check-in**

2:30 p.m. **Kid's Que turn-in** MBN judging room

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Music on the stage**
TBD

6:00 p.m. Awards ceremony

After the awards ... Ole Hickory The Legend Ace MM Pit raffle drawing. Tickets available throughout the weekend; \$10 each or 12 for \$100.

After party at the Old Rome
803 N. 7th Street 618-565-1522
Cash bar. Relax and unwind!