

# Murphysboro Barbecue Cook-Off Sept. 24-26, 2026 • OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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Official Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Head Cook \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Over \$30,000 in cash prizes & trophies; paying down five places in both MBN & KCBS contests  
Teams may cook in one or both contests, each fee required, ribs & pork may be used for both contests.

**Dual Cook Contest \$595– a \$70 savings!** Ribs & pork may be used for both contests.  
**Includes KCBS + your choice of any or all of these MBN categories:**

I will cook these MBN categories: {please select} Whole Hog  Pulled Pork  Pork Rib

**MBN Entry Fee:** 1-3 categories \$385 (Includes a \$15 MBN administrative fee)

I will cook in these categories {please select} Whole Hog  Pulled Pork  Pork Rib

**KCBS Entry Fee:** \$280 **KCBS #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Electrical & Water \$40 (1) 20 amp circuit**

**EXTRAS for all teams -- Fish & Wings contest on Thursday night. NO FEE!**

Fish {no fee; 5 lbs fish furnished}  Wings {no fee; 5 lbs wings furnished} -- **THURSDAY NIGHT**

I have enclosed \$110 for a Porta-John; \$150 for handicap-accessible

Electricity is limited. **NO rv/trailer hook-ups, please.**

Bring your own extension cords, water hoses, and generators necessary to run your equipment

### Payment Method:

\_\_\_\_ Shirt size {**One included in hospitality basket**} \_\_\_\_\_ additional shirts at \$25 each. List sizes \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed {**payable to Murphysboro Barbecue Cook-off**}

Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ American Express Billing ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCID \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• A check for the appropriate fee must be received with every application no later than August 1, 2025.

• Contest is closed when we've reached maximum capacity, regardless of date.

• The Barbecue Cook-off Committee reserves the right to reject any application.

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN THE CONTEST.**

• Cooking sites are approximately 30 x 30 -- MY RIG SIZE IS \_\_\_\_\_

• NO motorized vehicles such as golf carts, gators, 4-wheelers, rangers!

Please return this form along with a signed TEAM AGREEMENT to complete your application.





# Agreement & Waiver of Liability between Team & Murphysboro Barbecue Cook-off



In signing this agreement I understand that no money will be refunded and my team agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of MBN, KCBS, Murphysboro Barbecue Cook-off Committee and 17th Street BBQ.

Any team with a sponsor must be approved prior to acceptance (product or association). I understand that if I have sponsors who directly compete with M'boro Barbecue Cook-off sponsors I may be asked to display my sponsor materials inside my booth and not outside as a courtesy to the people who make the contest possible.

I grant permission to use any photos, videotapes, motion pictures or record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

I understand that I am responsible for my team's conduct. We agree to behave in a courteous and professional manner that upholds the spirit of barbecue. I understand that failure to comply with this rule may mean ejection from the contest or disqualification. **I understand that QUIET TIME starts at 12 midnight Friday; I will turn my music DOWN.**

**Waiver of Liability:** In consideration of accepting this entry, I the undersigned, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Memphis Barbecue Network, Kansas City Barbecue Society, City of Murphysboro, 17th Street Bar & Grill and Faye and its employees, Amy Mills, the Murphysboro Barbecue Cook-off and committee and all sponsors including Budweiser–Donnewald Distributing Co., City of Murphysboro, Republic Services, Murphysboro Businesses, Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce, The Kroger Co., Hensen Sanitation, 17th Street Bar & Grill, Pepsi, Ole Hickory Pits, Silkworm, and Schwebel Printing. Including Officers, Directors, Servants, Agents and /or Employees. The Cook-off will in NO CASE be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to the person, animals, or property of Exhibitor, or Exhibitor's Agents, Servants, Family, and/or Employees, regardless of how much loss damage or injury is occasioned and by whom. Chamber and Exhibitor further agree that Exhibitor will protect, indemnify and save harmless the "Cook-Off" from any/all claims, suits, and/or judgments (including the cost of defense of any loss, damage or injury to any person, animals or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Exhibitor either solely or in conjunction with the "Cook-Off" or anyone else).

I agree that I will be responsible for my own insurance and under this hold harmless clause that is made a part of this contract. I have carefully read and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability, hold harmless agreement and assumption of risk agreement and that it is a legally binding contract. I further understand that this release is binding on my heirs or anyone making a claim. I sign of my own free will.

This Agreement is executed for intended use in The State of Illinois, and the laws of that state shall govern the interpretation and effect. The parties agree Jackson County, Illinois shall be the appropriate forum for any action relating to this agreement. Parties hereto understand the legal effect of this Agreement and have sought or had opportunity to seek legal counsel prior to executing said agreement.

Signature of Head Cook \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_