

Backyard BBQ Bash



Registration Form and Rules

May 7-8, 2021

Friday, 12 PM - Saturday, 3:00 PM

Ridge Ferry Park, Rome, GA 30165





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Team Name: _____ **Contact Name:** _____

of Team Members: _____ **(Limit 4) Company/Organization:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone (Best #): _____ **Email:** _____

Division (check one): Backyard ____ Business ____ Non-Profits and Government Agencies ____

Item (Please check ALL appropriate boxes for your entry)	Fee	Subtotal
Team Entry: Includes: 2 Categories: Chicken & Pork; (1) 20' x 20' Cook Site	\$250	
Cook Site (Provided Space): (1) 20' x 20' If you are not able to fit in this space, please contact Lindsey Jones at JonesL@floydcountyga.org for special arrangements. Not all requests will be able to be accommodated due to space limitations on site. Additional fees may apply.	\$0	
T-Shirts: Sizes and quantity of each. S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL(+ \$5) ____ XXXL(+ \$5) ____	4 t-shirts are included with registration costs. Pre-order additional shirts \$10 , XXL/XXXL additional \$5 . Shirts at event will be \$15 .	
Will you need a space for a camper or RV? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Registration is not complete until fees are paid in full.	Total Amount Due:	

Waiver of Liability: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against officials, sponsors, Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority, the City of Rome, Floyd County, and volunteers associated with this event from liability. Further, I hereby grant full permission to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Backyard BBQ Bash.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail to: Backyard BBQ Bash, 1 Shorter Ave, Rome, GA 30165.

Email to: jonesl@floydcountyga.org

Payment Method (Check One): ☐ Check payable to RFPRD or ☐ Credit Card (Once your application is received a staff member will contact you for card information)



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General:

1. The interpretation of the rules and guidelines are those of the contest organizer, in this case Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation also referred to as RFPR, and his or her decisions are final.
2. Registration:
 - a. Costs include four t-shirts, four concert tickets to Saturday night's concert at Ridge Ferry and competition meat.
 - b. \$250 per team.
 - c. Registration ends April 16, 2021.
3. This is an amateurs only event. No professional cook teams allowed.
4. Event is rain or shine. There will be no refund of entry fee or concert tickets.
5. Check-in and registration will begin Friday, May 7 at 12:00 PM lasting until 6:00 PM at Ridge Ferry Park.
6. There will be a mandatory team meeting at 7:00 PM. Cooking may begin following the meeting but no prior cooking will be allowed. Cooking will be allowed overnight Friday night. There will be security overnight.
 - a. Only the four designated team members are allowed to stay overnight. Anyone else outside of the team members must leave by 11:00 PM. Security will be patrolling.
7. You will be given an aluminum container in which you will turn in your entries.
8. There will be three divisions for entry: Backyard (family and friends), Businesses, and Non-Profits or Government Agencies. In order to maintain a fair playing field, teams could potentially move divisions.
9. Contest Winners:
 - i. First place in each division in both categories will receive prize money. Meaning there will be 12 first place winners total.
 1. First place winners for both pork and chicken: \$300
 2. Second place winners will receive recognition and trophies.
 - ii. First place winner for overall. One (1) overall winner will be chosen based on the total number of points for both pork and chicken combined: \$500 prize money.
10. There will be a competition for best booth set up and best team name. One winner for each will receive recognition and a trophy.
11. Each team shall consist of a team leader and up to an additional 3 team members. No more than 4 members on a team, including the team leader. Team names are encouraged but must be approved. No vulgar or inappropriate team names are allowed.
12. In the event that a team member is positive or has been exposed to COVID-19 within two weeks of the competition date, that team member may be replaced and the team may still compete so long as the remaining team members were not exposed.
13. Each team will be assigned a cooking space size of 20'x20'. Pits, cookers, grills, props, tables, tents, or any other equipment (including generators) shall not exceed the boundaries of the team's assigned cooking space. Teams shall not share an assigned cooking space or cooking device.
14. Teams shall provide all needed equipment, supplies and electricity.
15. Teams must adhere to all fire, electrical, health department, and other codes. Contestants shall sign a form accepting responsibility for adhering to these codes.



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16. Each team is responsible for the maintenance and cleanup of its cooking area. The head cook will be responsible for the conduct and behavior of team members and guests. Any team leaving its space in such a condition that the space requires additional clean-up will be disqualified from participation at future events.
17. The excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. Under NO circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be sold or offered in any form to the general public.
18. Contest meat may not be sold to the general public.
19. Fires shall be of wood, wood pellets, or charcoal. Gas and electric grills permitted but you must provide your own propane and source of power (generators, etc). Propane is permitted as a fire starter, provided that the competition meat is not in/on the cooking device. Electrical accessories like spits, augers, or forced draft are permitted. Open pits or holes in the ground for fires are not permitted.
20. Masks must be worn when around anyone outside of your team. (Ex: person walking up to booth, judges, check-in, etc)
21. Gloves must be worn while cooking. Hand sanitizer must be available at the booth. No more than six people allowed at your booth at one time - this includes team members.
22. Because of COVID-19, sampling is not allowed due to the safety and well-being of the general public.
23. There will be an enforcement team roaming during the contest to ensure the above rules are being followed.
24. Temperature: The temperature of the meat should be held to a minimum of 145°F after cooking.
25. Dip/Sauce:
 - a. During Preparation: You may cook with sauce/dip.
 - b. Turn in for Judges: Do not add sauce, dip, marinade, sop or juice to meat or container once the meat is prepared for turn in. Do not add any additional spices, dip or sauce to meats once prepared for turn in. Aluminum trays will be provided when cooks register for their team meat trays. Use this tray ONLY. Meat is to be placed in the tray for turn-in. Do not fold foil over meat or mark the foil in any manner. No garnishing or markers allowed.
26. Competition Categories:
 - a. Meat:
 - i. Pulled Pork: Pork is defined as Boston Butt, Picnic and/or Whole Shoulder weighing a minimum of 5 pounds. Present this category chopped/pulled/sliced/diced as the cook sees fit.
 - ii. Chicken: 1/2 chicken

Judging:

27. All decisions of the judges will be final.
28. All teams should be ready for judging at noon on Saturday.
29. Only the entry to be judged is allowed in the container. Each entry will be judged on appearance, taste/flavor, tenderness and texture.
30. Each entry will be scored by five (5) judges in the areas of appearance, taste/flavor, tenderness and texture. Scoring ranges from a low of 1 to a high of 10 in increments of 1 point for each category. Any entry that is disqualified will receive a score of zero for all four categories from all judges at the table.



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31. An entry can be disqualified by the event organizer only. An entry can be disqualified for any of the following reasons:
 - a. There is anything foreign other than meat/sauce in the container submitted for judging.
 - b. The entry is turned in after the officially designated time.
 - c. Gloves are not used while handling food products.
 - d. Not cooking the meat that was inspected.
 - e. There is evidence of blood such that the meat is uncooked.
32. The event organizer brings all approved containers to the table. He/She announces the number of containers to be judged, opens each container and checks for rule violations as stated above. The containers will be passed around to the judges for sampling. The judge will then score each entry for appearance, taste/flavor, tenderness and texture. The event organizer makes sure that all scores for the containers are recorded in the proper place. This procedure is repeated for all containers. After each container has been scored the event organizer will return the container(s) to the designated area. The event organizer will then collect the judging slips. The points from each category will be combined and the team with the highest total points will win.
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34. All team entries require a signed COVID waiver
35. Teams set up in locations to allow social distancing
36. Teams required to wear disposable gloves while cooking, provide disinfectant wipes, use hand sanitizer and wear masks while cooking
37. Signage throughout Ridge Ferry encouraging social distancing and mask wearing as well as advising anyone who is sick or has COVID symptoms not to attend
38. All entries will be collected by Parks and Recreation Staff wearing gloves and masks
39. No tasting of BBQ entries other than by the judges
40. Judges will be supplied with wipes, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer, and multiple plastic utensils to allow a new utensil to sample each entry.

Saturday Night Concert

41. Each team is guaranteed four (4) \$35 tickets to the concert at Ridge Ferry Park Saturday night.
42. The way the concert is set up:
 - a. Pods of FOUR
43. After awards have been handed out, the park will need to clear out to prepare for the concert.
 - a. If you plan to use your tickets, you must head to the main parking lot and wait for gates to open along with the other concert attendees.
44. The tickets guaranteed to your team may not be resold or transferred. They are strictly for your team members.



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Event Schedule

Friday, May 7

- 12:00 PM - BBQ Teams Begin Arriving
- 7:00 PM - BBQ Team Meeting, Meat Distribution
- 7:00 PM - Cooking begins after team meeting is over
- 11:00 PM - Quiet time starts

Saturday, May 8

- 7:00 AM - Vendors begin arriving
- 12:00 PM - Gather Chicken Entries
- 12:30 PM - Gather Pork Entries
- 1:30 PM - Winners Announced
- 3:00 PM - Ridge Ferry Park Closed & Cleared
- 3:30 PM - Vendors move from BBQ Area to Concert Area



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Waiver of Liability

Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation, also referred to as RFPRA, including its officers, sponsors and/or associates and the contestants, including parents, and/or legal representatives, agree that RFPRA will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury regardless of how much loss, damage, or injury is occasioned, and indemnify and save harmless RFPRA from any and all claims, suits, and/or judgments including the cost for defense of and such claim and/or suit by RFPRA brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property, occasioned by any action or inaction of contestant, either solely or in conjunction with RFPRA. Further, I hereby grant full permission to RFPRA and/or agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of the event for any legitimate purpose. I have read and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines governing the BBQ cook-off.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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