

Special Information for Cook Teams
Covered Bridge 'Que - June 2-4, 2016
Euharlee, GA

Contest Location

The event will be held in Frankie Harris Park at 175 Covered Bridge Road, Euharlee, Georgia 30120. While the public entrance to the park is off Covered Bridge Road, cook teams will enter via the service road off Euharlee Five Forks Road, just past the intersection with Covered Bridge Road. Please be mindful of your speed in the City of Euharlee, as limits are strictly enforced, especially in school zones.

Team Check-In

Teams who wish to set up early can arrive at Frankie Harris Park on Thursday between 5-8PM. If you will not be able to reach Euharlee until later on Thursday evening, please **call Gowan Fenley at 678-231-5064** to make other arrangements. Utilities will be turned on Thursday by 5PM.

Regular team check-in will begin at 8AM on Friday. To make the best use of our limited space in the park, all sites will be assigned based on the size of your rig. Please be patient and wait until you are guided to your assigned cook site by our staff. Any team that sets up in the wrong cook site may be asked to move.

Meat Inspection

Meat inspection begins at 8AM Friday and continues until the last team is checked in. When you are ready to have your meat checked, flag down one of the marked meat inspectors in the park or call 678-231-5064.

People's Choice

Once again the festival will feature a blind tasting People's Choice event. We greatly appreciate your help by participating as this gives the public that attends the event the chance to taste competition BBQ, and keeping a high attendance of happy festival-goers is key to the longevity of Covered Bridge 'Que. Two pork butts will be supplied to each team participating for you to prepare. You may choose to bring pre-cooked butts to turn in for People's Choice as long as safe food storage and reheating procedures are followed.

Your People's Choice entry should be either chopped or pulled to allow for easy portioning and may be seasoned/sauced as you see fit. We will provide each team with an aluminum pan for your People's Choice turn-in which should be delivered to the Sampling Tent at 11am Saturday.

Turn-In Times

Standard KCBS turn-in times will be used (5 minutes before and after the following times):

- 11:00 – People's Choice Pork
- 12:00 – Chicken
- 12:30 – Ribs
- 1:00 – Pork
- 1:30 – Brisket
- 2:00 – Dessert

Ancillary Categories

There will be one ancillary category this year – *Any Dessert but Cheesecake*. It will be judged at 2PM on Saturday following the four main meats. Desserts need not be prepared onsite and can be presented either in the provided 9x9 container or on dishes of your choosing as long as your entry can be carried by a single person.

Lodging

The summertime demand for lodging has exploded in Bartow County since the opening of the Lakepoint Sporting Complex in Emerson. As a result, most hotels are fully booked well in advance on weekends. We strongly recommend that you secure reservations immediately if you will be visiting from out of town. A handful of rooms are available at our sponsor, Etowah Heritage Bed & Breakfast for a special rate of \$109 per night. Call Toni at **770-757-9152** and request the **BBQ Festival rate**, or you may visit their website at www.CartersvilleBedandBreakfast.com.

Alternately, a full list of accommodations in the area can be found at the Visitors Bureau website here: <http://www.visitcartersvillega.org/Stay/Hotels.aspx>

Trash

Please bag all your trash and leave it at the front of your site for pickup. Trash collection will be done by young volunteers so please be try to keep the weight of each bag manageable. If you need trash bags, ask a volunteer and we will provide some to you. We ask that you refrain from putting cook team trash in the trash cans stationed around the park for public use since it causes them to fill up faster than we can empty them.

Ash and Grease

Steel barrels for ash and grease will be located both behind the pavilion and near the bathrooms. Please use them and don't dump these hazardous materials on the ground! We often have a problem with fires in the barrels – they will be clearly marked as to which is which so please be mindful of what you are dumping in the interest of safety.

Ice

An ice cooler will be located at the restroom building. Your goodie bag will contain a coupon for one free bag of ice, after that you can purchase additional ten pound bags for \$2 each.

Late-Night Coffee

Late night coffee and pastry will be available at the pavilion at 1 AM Saturday.

Breakfast

Breakfast biscuits, coffee and juice for cook teams will be served at the pavilion at 7:30 AM Saturday morning.

T-Shirts

Each cook team goodie bag will contain a coupon for one free T-shirt. You can claim your shirt at the Information booth. Additional shirts may also be purchased for \$10 each.

Goodie Bags and Judge Interaction

At Covered Bridge 'Que we encourage teams and judges to interact! One way we do this is by distributing the judges goodie bags to the teams. At the cook's meeting Friday afternoon, every team will be issued two goodie bags: one for your team and one for a judge. After judging is completed on Saturday, each judge will randomly draw a cook team name. Sometime between the last turn-in and the awards presentation you should expect your assigned judge to stop by your camp, at which time you should give them their bag. (If your judge fails to report, just keep the bag as a bonus)

This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet the people who just scored your entries! Please be respectful and don't show them pictures of your boxes or ask them what scores they gave. The purpose here is to give you the opportunity to give judges more information about what cooks go through to prepare their entries as well as give you as cooks a chance to get a better understanding of what judges are looking for.

The second procedure is that judges will not be allowed to take any food home from the Judging Tent. We know this is an area where cooks and judges disagree, so we are offering this compromise: none of your entries will end

up in coolers or zipper bags. However, some judges truly enjoy taking some food home to share with their family. If your visiting judge asks and you have extra meat, we ask that *you please consider sharing some of your leftovers with your judge*. It's the fair thing to do, and it gives you a chance to get feedback from a CBJ on your product.

Team Departure

The festival will officially end at 5PM on Saturday. Teams may depart at their leisure after bagging any remaining trash and depositing their grease and ash in the provided barrels. Teams are welcome to stay in the park Saturday night if they wish or leave your rig and spend the night at the Hilton Gardens Hotel. Euharlee PD will provide security in the park Saturday night. All teams must exit the park by Monday morning.

Prize Payouts

Cash prizes will be paid to winners as shown below. All teams will be required to turn in a W-9 form at the Awards Presentation in order to collect cash prizes. Checks will be made out to the Head Cook you specified on your entry form unless you specify otherwise in advance. W9 forms can be downloaded from the Euharlee website or picked up at the Cooks Meeting.

Old School Challenge

Returning by popular demand for the second year is the Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse Old School Challenge. A contest within the contest, special prize money will be paid to the top three overall scoring teams that meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Teams must be entered in the main contest and pay the normal entry fee. There is no additional fee to enter the Old School Challenge.
- Teams must completely prepare and cook all four competition meats on the ground. The use of tents or awnings for protection from the elements is permitted.
- RVs and trailers may be used for transporting equipment, storage, doing dishes, sleeping etc., but cannot be utilized for preparing competition meats or building turn-in boxes.

Eligibility will be verified by the meat inspector and the team's site marked as an Old School Challenge competitor.

Category	Place	Cash Prize
Overall	Grand Champion	1200
	Reserve Champion	800
	3 rd	400
	4 th	300
	5 th	200
	6 th -10 th	100
Chicken, Ribs, Pork, Brisket	1 st	500
	2 nd	300
	3 rd	200
	4 th	100
	5 th	50
Any Dessert but Cheesecake	1 st	100
	2 nd	50
People's Choice Winner		150
Old School Challenge	1 st	300
	2 nd	200
	3 rd	100

Covered Bridge 'Que BBQ Contest, Euharlee, GA
Cook's Schedule June 2-4, 2015

Thursday, 6/2

5PM – 7PM Early team check-in (later arrivals please call 678-231-5064 for your space #)

Friday, 6/3

8:00 AM~ Regular team check-in and meat inspection begins

4:00 PM Cook's meeting at the Pavilion

11:00 PM Quiet Time begins

Saturday, 6/4

1:00 AM Coffee and pastry at the Pavilion

7:00 AM Quiet Time ends

7:30 AM Breakfast at the Pavilion, courtesy of 4 Way Lunch and the City of Euharlee

9:45 AM Venue closed to vehicle traffic. Please move extra cars across the street to Osborne Park.

10:00 AM Festival opens to public

11:00 AM People's Choice Turn-in at the Sampling Tent

11:55 AM-12:05 PM Chicken Turn-in

12:25 PM-12:35 PM Ribs Turn-in

12:55 PM-1:05 PM Pork Turn-in

1:25 PM-1:35 PM Brisket Turn-in

1:55 PM-2:05 PM Dessert Turn-in (no cheesecake!)

2:15 PM~ Judges released to collect goodie bags from their assigned Team

4:00 PM BBQ Awards at the Pavilion

Sunday, 6/5

5 PM Utilities shut off in park

Where do I find....

Ice

Ice will be available onsite for \$2 for a 10 pound bag. Look for the Ice Freezer next to the restroom building. Each team will receive a coupon for one free bag of ice at the Cooks Meeting.

Gas/Diesel

2 miles	Jo-Jo's Market	851 Euharlee Road
2.5 miles	Harris Five Forks Groceries	10 Lowery Road
3.5 miles	T&M BP	2366 Highway 113

Groceries

<1 mile	Covered Bridge Country Store	110 Covered Bridge Road
2 miles	Dollar General	915 Euharlee Road
8 miles	Ingles Market	825 West Avenue (Highway 113) in Cartersville
13 miles	◆ WalMart Supercenter	Highway 113 at Highway 278 in Rockmart

Hardware, charcoal

7.5 miles	Ace Hardware	924 West Avenue (Highway 113) in Cartersville
-----------	--------------	---

Liquor

7 miles	Toad's Beverage Company	481 Old Mill Place (off Highway 113) in Cartersville
---------	-------------------------	--

Restaurant

8 miles	◆ Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse	650 Henderson Drive in Cartersville
9 miles	◆ 4 Way Lunch	Main Street at the tracks in Cartersville

Hotel

12 miles	◆ Etowah Heritage Bed & Breakfast	206 N. Gilmer Street in Cartersville <i>Ask for the special BBQ Festival rate!</i>
----------	-----------------------------------	---

Things to do and see in Euharlee

The City of Euharlee maintains a group of historic buildings just across the footbridge from the judges tent. Stop by the Euharlee History museum for a free tour and learn about our famous Covered Bridge and interesting facts about the varied people who have lived and worked here for hundreds of years.

Other things to do and see while in Bartow County

Bartow County is home to several popular attractions including the Tellus Science Museum, Booth Western Art Museum and Etowah Indian Mounds. For information, see the Convention & Visitors Bureau website at VisitCartersvilleGA.org

◆ Indicates a Covered Bridge 'Que sponsor. Please stop by and let them know you appreciate their support!

Note that the information in this document is subject to change prior to the event. Please see www.Euharlee.com for late-breaking updates.