



# 2018 Judge Application “Kings of Q” BBQ Cook-off and Festival

North Carolina State Championship and KCBS Sanctioned Contest  
May 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in downtown Ayden, North Carolina



Thank you for your interest in being a Judge for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “Kings of Q” BBQ Cook-off and Festival. Having an experienced panel of KCBS Judges is crucial to our success. We are working hard to make the “Kings of Q” a lot of fun for everyone.

**Please fill out a separate application for each person. Email completed applications to [fghubbell@gmail.com](mailto:fghubbell@gmail.com). See contact information below if you need to mail your application.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ KCBS CBJ # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Communications about the contest will be emailed to this address)

Are you coming with a family member who is also applying (on a separate application) to judge? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, their name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Total number of KCBS contests you have judged to date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a KCBS Certified Master Judge? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a KCBS Certified Table Captain? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to serve as a Table Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your T-shirt Size: Sizes: S\_\_\_\_, M\_\_\_\_, L\_\_\_\_, XL\_\_\_\_, XXL\_\_\_\_, XXXL \_\_\_\_\_

If you will be arriving on Friday please join us and the cook teams for dinner and a tour of the pits at the Skylight Inn from 6:00-8:00pm. Transportation will be available from the BBQ Village. The Skylight Inn is located about 0.8 miles south.

Yes, I'm be there on Friday Night\_\_\_\_\_, and my spouse or partner is too! \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any questions please contact Gordon Hubbell, “Kings of Q” Judge Coordinator, at 704-732-8815, and email your completed application to: [fghubbell@gmail.com](mailto:fghubbell@gmail.com)**

An e-mail response will follow once we receive your application. Judges will be selected to provide the best mix of experience at each table. Selected and alternate judges will be notified via email by April 30, 2018. Please notify us if something comes up and you are no longer able to attend.



# “Kings of Q” BBQ Cook-off and Festival North Carolina State Championship



## The Contest:

The “Kings of Q” BBQ Cook-off is a North Carolina State Championship sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS). KCBS representatives will be onsite. Judging starts at noon on Saturday, May 19, 2018, using the blind judging system. The contest consists of four categories (chicken, pork ribs, pork, and beef brisket). All four categories are required for Grand Champion and the Reserve Champion.

The contest is named in honor of the two local “Kings of Q”, Latham “Bum” Dennis and the late Pete Jones. Both families run a successful BBQ restaurant and share family history as being decedents of Skilton Dennis. The Dennis family history stakes claim to the nation’s first commercial barbecue establishment. In 1830, Skilton Dennis is said to have started selling pit cooked hog meat and cornbread out of a wagon in a community named Otter Town, the present town of Ayden. The Dennis clan is said to pass “that ‘gift’ with barbecue” from generation to generation.

**Bum’s Restaurant**, 566 Third Street, serves country-style food including fried chicken, whole hog BBQ, and a buffet table of freshly prepared vegetable sides like: cabbage, stewed rutabaga, black eyed peas, boiled potatoes, and collards—grown in Bum’s own garden, and the best banana pudding around. Bum’s is located one block to the east of the BBQ Village.

**The Skylight Inn**, 4618 South Lee Street, is a recipient of a James Beard Award and known for their pit cooked whole hog BBQ. They have received a lot of media coverage over the past decade becoming one of the “Must Visit” BBQ Joints in the country. The Skylight Inn is located about 0.8 miles south of the BBQ Village.

## Festival Location:

The contest and festival will be in the downtown area of the Town of Ayden, North Carolina [www.Ayden.com](http://www.Ayden.com). Ayden is a small town of about 5,000 people located about 8 miles south of Greenville. Ayden is best known for its long history in whole hog “Eastern Style” BBQ and home of “The Official Collard Festival of North Carolina” held every year the week after Labor Day, now in its 42<sup>nd</sup> year ([www.AydenCollardFestival.com](http://www.AydenCollardFestival.com)). The BBQ Cook-off will be held in the BBQ Village centered around Ayden Christian Church (DOC), 462 Second Street. The festival will be held 2 blocks east along West Avenue. The festival will include amusement rides, Arts and Crafts, food vendors, shows by local enthusiasts, and live music on Friday and Saturday nights until 11:00pm. Visit our website for updates on the events at the festival.

## Competition Host Location:

**Check-in, Cooks Meeting, Judging, and People’s Choice** will be held at Ayden Christian Church (DOC), 462 Second Street, located in the center of the **BBQ Village**. The Village encompasses an area dedicated to the contest located within a 2 block radius of the church. The festival and awards stage are located 2 blocks to the east on West Avenue, along the railroad tracks. Awards will be on Saturday afternoon at 5:00PM at the main stage on West Avenue. If there is inclement weather, the awards will be held in the Family Life Center of Ayden Christian Church.

## Vehicle Parking:

Judges and volunteer parking is located approximately 1 block west of the judging location.

## Local Food and Drink:

\*Denotes closed on Sundays.

### Downtown Ayden

#### Bums Restaurant

566 3rd Street

6:00am – 7:00pm\*

BBQ and County Cooking at its finest.

#### Andy's Grill and Pool Hall

221 S. Lee Street

6:00am- 8:00pm\*

Family friendly, pool tables and video games

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Breakfast sandwiches.

#### Domino's Pizza

4201 Lee Street

10:30am-1:00am

Pizza, sandwiches

252-746-4042

#### Cindrene's Southern Emporium

559 3rd Street

3:00pm – 10:00PM\*

Family friendly, craft beer and wine shop.

On and off premises permits.

Live music by local musicians on Wednesday and Friday nights.

#### Gwendy's Goodies

514 2nd Street

8:00am -6:00pm\*

Made from scratch bakery items

#### Kash and Karry

Convenient Store

494 3rd Street

Beer/Wine/ice

### 0.8 Miles South

#### Skylight Inn

4618 Lee Street

10:00am-7:00pm\*

Whole Hog BBQ

### 0.7 Miles west on Third Street (NC 102)

#### Little J's Pizza and Subs

247 3rd Street

11:00am-9:00PM

Subs, pizza, Chinese Food

#### ABC Store

246 3rd Street

10:00am-7:00PM\*

### 1 Mile west on Third Street (NC 102) at Hwy 11

#### Edwards Pharmacy and Grill

566 3rd Street

Drug store with food counter, sandwiches

#### Fast Food

Dunkin' Donuts inside the Speedway

Hardees

McDonalds inside the HandyMart

BoJangles

No.1 Chinese Restaurant

Subway

#### Wizards in Ayden

6250 NC 11 S. (near Winners Chevrolet)

3:00pm-11:00PM

Bar/Pub

### 5 Miles North

#### Sam Jones BBQ,

715 W. Fire Tower Road, Winterville, NC.

Pork BBQ, Ribs, Smoked Turkey, beer and wine.

If you arrive on Thursday consider a trip to Sam Jones BBQ. Sam is the grandson of the late Pete Jones and opened his own restaurant along with his partner Michael Letchworth last November. Sam is still active in the operations of the Skylight Inn which is owned by his father and uncle.

## **Hotels:**

The closest hotels are located in Greenville about 8-10 miles north. This is a partial list of the nearest to the competition.

### **Quality Inn**

821 Memorial Drive – Greenville, NC

### **Wingate by Windham**

3212 S. Memorial Drive – Greenville NC

### **Holiday Inn**

203 Greenville Blvd. SW – Greenville, NC

### **Hilton Inn**

207 Greenville Blvd. SW – Greenville, NC

### **Hampton Inn**

305 Greenville Blvd. SW – Greenville, NC

### **Holiday Inn Express**

909 Moyer Blvd. – Greenville, NC