



2023 Judge Application

“Kings of Q”

BBQ Cook-off and Festival

North Carolina State Championship and KCBS Sanctioned Contest
May 19 & 20th, 2023 in downtown Ayden, North Carolina



Thank you for your interest in being a Judge for the 6th 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. 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 5:00-6:30pm. 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

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, 2023. 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 20, 2023, 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. 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 47th year (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 throughout the downtown area.

Local Food and Drink:

Downtown Ayden

Bums Restaurant

566 3rd Street
BBQ and County Cooking at its finest.

Andy's Grill and Pool Hall

4264 Lee Street
Family friendly, pool tables and video games
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Breakfast sandwiches.

Domino's Pizza

4201 Lee Street
Pizza, sandwiches
252-746-4042

Cindrene's Tavern

559 3rd Street
Family friendly, craft beer and wine shop.
On and off premises permits.
Free live local music.

Gwendy's Goodies

514 2nd Street
Made from scratch bakery items

Marvels

495 2nd Street
Burgers/Sandwiches/Salads/Wraps

Fryday Nite Fish

521 1st Street
Seafood and Soul food takeout

The Doghouse Tavern

506 2nd Street
Bar/Pub

0.8 Miles South

Skylight Inn

4618 Lee Street
Whole Hog BBQ

0.7 Miles west on Third Street (NC 102)

Little J's Pizza and Subs

249 3rd Street
Subs, pizza, Chinese Food

ABC Store

246 3rd Street

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

Edwards Pharmacy and Grill

131 3rd Street
Drug store with food counter, sandwiches

Mi Cabana

156 3rd Street
Mexican food

Fast Food

Hardees
McDonalds inside the Handy Mart
BoJangles
No.1 Chinese Restaurant
Subway
Pizza Hut

5 Miles North

Sam Jones BBQ,

715 W. Fire Tower Road, Winterville, NC.
Pork BBQ, Ribs, Smoked Turkey, beer and wine.

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 Moye Blvd. – Greenville, NC