

2022 Press Release

Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce Best of the Butts BBQ Cook Off



What: 2nd Annual Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce Best of the Butts BBQ Cook Off
When: Saturday, March 19th, 10am to 4pm
Where: Bell Buckle, Tennessee

Ah, the smell of spring! Fresh grass being cut. Trees budding out. The warm, fresh scent of the earth coming back to life after winter. The smell of barbeque on the smoker. Wait, you didn't know that was a spring smell???? Oh yeah, it's a thing in Bell Buckle for sure! Especially on Saturday, March 19th where BBQ aficionados will be smoking up a storm on the Captain Rodney stage grounds to see who will be crowned the 2022 champion!

The Cook-off grounds will be open to the public at no charge beginning Saturday, March 19th at 9:00 a.m. Onsite official judging on the BBQ will be determining tenderness/texture, taste, and appearance. Winners will be announced on the stage at 4:00 PM and over \$1100 in cash prizes will be awarded. There will be official judging, a People's Choice Award, and a Best Decorated Pit competition. There is no bragging right bigger than the one that says you have the best butt in Bell Buckle!

For a small charge of \$10.00, BBQ aficionados can taste all the entries and vote for their favorite. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold the day of the event so be sure to get there early as it sells out FAST! Live music from the Captain Rodney stage will be performed throughout the day.

For competitors, check in will be Friday, March 18th from 3pm – 6pm. A mandatory chef's meeting will be held at 6:30pm. Each team will submit one turn-in container to be judged for the overall winner and will need enough pulled meat to fill 200-300 2 oz sample cups for the People's Choice. BBQ entries will be judged on appearance, taste, and tenderness/texture. Registration and entry fees of \$75 per team are due on or before March 10th.

For more information and a copy of the competition rules and regulations, you can visit our website at www.bellbucklechamber.com. Or if you would like to enter the competition, email Laura Simmons at bellbuckleevents@bellbuckle.com.

Bell Buckle, Tennessee – Close to home, but a world away!

For more information, please visit the Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce website at www.BellBuckleChamber.com.

Best of the Butts BBQ Cook-Off Categories and Awards

Pulled Pork Division

Best Overall Pulled Pork	\$500 + Trophy
2 nd Place Pulled Pork	\$250 + Trophy
3 rd Place Pulled Pork	\$175 + Trophy

Ribs Division

Best Overall Ribs	\$100 + Trophy
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Peoples' Choice Award

1 st Place Pulled Pork Only	Trophy
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Chicken Category (\$25 additional charge to enter)

1 st Place Only	\$50 + Ribbon
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Captain Rodney "Anything Butt" Category (\$25 additional charge to enter)

1 st Place Only	\$50 + Ribbon
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Best Decorated Pit

1 st Place Only	1 st Place Ribbon
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