



# OFFICIAL BACKYARD TEAM ENTRY FORM

February 28 – March 1, 2025

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pitmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any special requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to arrive to the competition? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the categories in which you will compete. Teams may enter any or all categories. **Fees include a 20'x40' area, electricity (30 AMP) and water. ADDITIONAL SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE but is very limited.**

**Backyard Registration Fees: \$300 by February 1 (Earlybird)/\$350 after February 1**

\_\_\_ PULLED PORK      \_\_\_ RIBS      \_\_\_ PORK LOIN

\_\_\_ Additional 20' of Space (\$50) (cannot be purchased to be used for an additional RV)

\_\_\_ Ancillary Competition (optional) \$25 EACH (please circle)    Steak      Bloody Mary      Taco

*(You can enter ANY KIND of taco that you like. More details will be sent at a later date.)*

\_\_\_ People's Choice (optional) (**FREE ENTRY (meat will be provided) - \$150 Prize Money**) (Fundraiser for the Exchange Club of Tifton, whose primary mission is the prevention of child abuse)

\_\_\_ Personal Porta Potty (\$100)

What are you bringing (please be specific in trailer size, etc.) (Note: please do not bring an additional RV. One per team is allowed, plus cook trailer, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL Entry Fee Enclosed**

**\*\*NOTE: Entry fees must be RECEIVED by February 1 for Earlybird Discount to Apply.\*\***

**\*\*Payment can be made by Check, Money Order, Cashier's Check or Credit Card\*\***

Please make checks payable to:

Outreach Marketing Group  
P.O. Box 273, Tifton, GA 31793

**Additional Info:**

Angela Elder, 229.382.8700

**Note: ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS! RAIN OR SHINE!**

[spearmanagency@friendlycity.net](mailto:spearmanagency@friendlycity.net)

Credit Card Authorization

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for receipt): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE BACKYARD AREA.**

**Payouts for the 2025 Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival Backyard Categories**

**Grand Champion: \$1,500 & Trophy, Reserve Champion: \$750 & Trophy**

**Ancillary Competition Winners: \$100 CASH per category**

**People's Choice Award: \$150 Cash Prize & Special Trophy**

First (per category): \$500 & Trophy

Fourth (per category): \$200

Second (per category): \$400 & Trophy

Fifth (per category): \$100

Third (per category): \$300 & Trophy

6-10<sup>th</sup> will receive acknowledgement of participation.

**Backyard Turn-In Times**

**Ancillary Competition categories should be turned in between 9:15 – 9:30 am Saturday, March 1.**

**People's Choice Meat Turn In: by 9:30 am on Saturday, March 1.**

**Preliminaries:**

**Pork Loin ..... 10:30-10:45 am**

**Ribs .....11-11:15 am**

**Pulled Pork ..... 11:30-11:45 am**

**FINALS**

**Pork Loin ..... 1:20-1:30 pm**

**Ribs .....1:40-1:50 pm**

**Pulled Pork ..... 2-2:10 pm**

**AWARD CEREMONY: 4:00 p.m. (tentative)**

**BACKYARD RULES**

- There will be a MANDATORY backyard team meeting on Friday evening at 5:30 pm to review rules and judging guidelines. At least one team member should be present. You will receive your competition boxes at this time.
- Pulled pork can come from any cut of meat
- Ribs: Loin back, baby back or spare ribs only. No country style ribs.
- There must be a minimum of six (6) separate and identifiable pieces of meat in your box.
- All meats must be USDA inspected/passed. No pre-seasoning, injecting, marinating or cooking of any entry is to be done off-site.
- There will NOT be an official meat inspection.
- Do NOT use any kind of garnish or decoration in your box.
- The only approved cooking fuels are wood, charcoal or wood pellets. Gas is not allowed (except to start initial fire).
- All Ancillary competition categories MUST be cooked/made on site.

**VENDING: Teams will be allowed to vend food to the public if desired.** First come, first served. Teams that choose to vend must pay the **\$400** Food Vendor Fee. Please specify if you will be competing and vending from the same spot. **\*\*Food Vendors are REQUIRED to use Coca-Cola as the exclusive provider of non-alcoholic beverage products. We will connect you with our local distributor, who you must purchase from and he will deliver products on-site.\*\***

**\_\_\_ YES, I would like to vend food to the public at the Festival.**

**\_\_\_ \$400 Enclosed** Will you serve from competition booth or need separate location? \_\_\_\_\_

**Tentative SET-UP Schedule**

**Wednesday, February 26 through Friday, February 28, 2025**

**8 am – 5 pm Set-Up at Fulwood Park BY APPOINTMENT**

**Friday, February 28, 2025**

**5:30 pm Team Meeting (BY)**

**11 pm – 7 am Mandatory Quiet Time**

**COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT IN FULL MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE APPLICATION IS APPROVED.**

**RELEASE AGREEMENT** (please sign, date and return with registration and payment; keep a copy for yourself)

➔**RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:** In consideration of the granting of the right to participate, entrants, participants and spectators, by execution of this form, I release the Tifton-Tift County Tourism Association, Rhythm & Ribs Festival Committee, City of Tifton and their officers, directors, and any representative or workers, or property owners, or occupiers, or sponsors connected with the presentation of the Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival of and from any claims, injuries, losses, damages or judgments that may be suffered by the entrant, participant, or spectator to his person or property and agree to indemnify the aforesaid parties any loss, liability, expenses, or payment resulting from any such injury to person or property.

➔I agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the 2025 Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival. I also agree to encourage my team members and other visitors to my cooking area to abide by the contest rules to the best of my ability.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_