

2016 COOKER'S PACKET



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The 21st Annual Uniquely Union Festival Barbeque Cook-Off is presented by the Uniquely Union Festival Board, in partnership with the Union County Development Board, The Union County Arts Council and The Union County Tourism Commission.

This year's festival will be held **Friday, September 9th and Saturday, September 10th, 2016 in Downtown Union**. The Uniquely Union Festival Barbeque Cook-Off is an SBN sanctioned event. You can find the SBN Guidelines enclosed in your packet.

Awards will include Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and "Mayor's Best in Town" Trophy (for Union County teams only with highest combined score over all).

Awards

Grand Champion

\$2,500 and trophy

Reserve Grand Champion

\$1,000 and trophy

Chicken, Pork & Rib Categories

1st Place -\$400 and trophy

2nd Place- \$300 and trophy

3rd Place -\$200 and trophy

4th Place -\$150 and trophy

5th Place- \$100 and trophy

6th Place- trophy and honorable mention

7th Place- trophy and honorable mention

8th Place- trophy and honorable mention

9th Place- trophy and honorable mention

10th Place- trophy and honorable mention



Templar Temptations

2015 Uniquely Union BBQ
Cook Off Grand Champion

Non-Sanctioned Categories

Anything Butt

This portion of the cook off, as the name would imply, is anything but chopped pork. These entries can be presented in any unique and attractive fashion. There is **NO ENTRY FEE** for this portion of the contest. There needs to be enough submitted of each category for eight individual servings. 1st place winners in Sweet and Savory categories will be presented with \$200 cash prizes and trophies. Judging will be Friday night using the “**Blind Judging**” technique. This is a unique opportunity for sponsors and local dignitaries to participate in the Barbeque Cook-off, as they are the official Anything Butt judges. Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony on Saturday.

Kidz Que

There will also be opportunities to get the kids in on the cooking action in our Kidz Que cooking competition. Awards are given in two categories, beef and chicken. There will be trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places as well as a Grand Champion. Contestants must submit beef and chicken as scores are combined to determine Grand Champion award.

Taster’s Choice Sampling Session

As a special treat for the public, a Taster’s Choice sampling is a popular portion of the Uniquely Union Festival. All items needed for this event will be provided for teams. The Taster’s Choice winner will receive \$200. Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony on Saturday. *This contest is the general public’s only opportunity to actually participate in the contest and is intended to create excitement, enthusiasm, and support, not only for this contest, but for future contests.*



Time Line

Friday, September 9th, 2016

Teams will be allowed to begin setting up at 8 a.m. Friday morning September, 9th. If you plan on coming in on Thursday night, **THAT’S OKAY!** Just let us know.

The Cooker's Meeting will be held at **4:00 p.m.**

The turn in time for the Anything Butt competition will be **Friday at 6:30 PM. for Savory and 7:30 p.m. for Sweet.**

Opening Ceremony will take place on the Main Stage at **8:00 p.m. Please make every effort to be present for this as all teams will be recognized.**

Saturday, September 12th, 2016

The Taster's Choice Competition will begin at Noon.

Turn In Times

11:00 AM - Pork

11:30 AM – Chicken

12:00 PM – Ribs

12:30 PM – Kidz Que

Awards- 4:00 PM on the Main Stage

Deadline for cook off registration is **August 15, 2016. Please return the official BBQ Cook Off entry form with a check for your entry fee(s) made out to “Uniquely Union Festival”. There will be no refunds, as payout is based on 30 teams.**

Uniquely Union Festival Board

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In the event of an emergency, please dial 911.

FOR COOK-OFF QUESTIONS

CALL DAVID OWENS, 864-426-2174