

2025 COOKER'S PACKET



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September 5th & 6th, 2025

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The 25th Annual Uniquely Union Festival Barbeque Cook-Off is presented by the Uniquely Union Festival Board.

This years festival will be held Friday, September 5th and Saturday, September 6th, 2025 in Downtown Union.

The Uniquely Union Festival BBQ Cook Off is an Official a Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) sanctioned contest. ALL sanctioned events are governed by KCBS Rules & Regulations. The most recent version of KCBS Rules can be obtained by visiting www.kcbs.us.

Prize money will be awarded in the four standard KCBS categories; Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork & Beef Brisket. Awards will include Grand Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion. Participants will also be able to participate in the Anything Butt Sweet & Anything Butt Savory portions of the contest as well as Kidz Que should they choose to.



Awards

Grand Champion- \$2,000 and trophy

Reserve Grand Champion- \$1,000 and trophy

KCBS MAIN 4 CATEGORIES:

Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork & Beef Brisket

1st Place -\$300 and trophy

2nd Place \$200 and trophy

3rd Place \$100 and trophy

4th Place -\$50 and trophy

5th place- ribbon and honorable mention

6th Place- ribbon and honorable mention

7th Place- ribbon and honorable mention

8th Place- ribbon and honorable mention

9th Place- ribbon and honorable mention

10th Place ribbon and honorable mention

Non-Sanctioned Categories

Anything Butt Sweet & Savory

This portion of the cook off, as the name would imply, is anything but 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. The fee to participate is \$30.00. 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 except the meat. You will need to provide a member of your team to serve your product.

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. **Cookers participation in this portion of the contest is required.**



Time Line

Friday, September 5th, 2025

Teams will be allowed to begin setting up at 8 a.m. Friday morning September, 5th. The Cooker's Meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. in Main Street Junction, 107 East Main Street, Union, SC.

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 6th, 2025

Turn In Times

CHICKEN: NOON

PORK RIBS: 12:30 pm

PORK: 1:00 pm

BEEF BRISKET: 1:30 pm

Kidz Que: 2:00 pm

The Taster's Choice Competition will be from Noon to 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 6th, 2025.

Awards- 4:00 PM on the Main Stage





Deadline for cook off registration is August 4th , 2025 – NO EXCEPTIONS!!! If we receive beyond this date we will return you funds to you. Please return the official BBQ Cook Off entry form with a check for your entry fee(s) made out to “Uniquely Union Festival”. **OR Complete the online application located at uniquelyunion.com.**

- Please Note- We will only be accepting 25 Cookers!! Your space is reserved once you pay in full!!**

Uniquely Union Festival Board Contact Information:

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In the event of an emergency, please dial 911

