

**Cook Team Application**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ Cook-Off Benefiting Scouting America**

Sumter American Legion Fair Grounds  
700 West Liberty St. Sumter, SC 29154  
March 20 – 21, 2026

**Event Chairman:** Glenn Button 803-983-9934

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

Chief Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

How many butts maximum is your team willing to cook? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your team participate in the additional Rib Competition? \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

The Cook Team expressly releases the BSA & BBQ Benefit for Scouts, BSA from any and all liability for damage, injury, or loss that may arise or occur to the Team, its employees, family or goods (or customers while in or about their booth) on the Premises during the duration of this contract. Scouts, BSA will provide no insurance for any reason except its own liability.

I, the undersigned, agree to the rules and regulations attached to the application.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**COST OF ENTRY \$250.00 per TEAM (\$200.00 if you attended the 2025 event)**

**Make Checks payable to:** Indian Waters Council  
715 Betsy Dr. #B6  
Columbia, SC 29210

*Payment can be made online at <https://scoutingevent.com/553-bbqcookoff26>*

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1ST, 2026**

The 14th Annual Barbecue Cook-Off Benefiting Scouts, BSA event will begin on Friday, March 20, 2026 at the Sumter County Fairgrounds Agricultural Building located at 700 West Liberty Street. BBQ Contestants may check in with Glenn Button (803) 983-9934 between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. To check in earlier contact Glenn Button to arrange.

Contestants will be provided wings at the time of check in. All Cook Teams must prepare wings for the public to be eligible for Pork Prizes. The winner of the 2026 Best Wings Award will receive a \$250.00 cash prize during the Award Ceremony on Saturday, March 21, 2026.

Cook teams will need to have wings ready to serve when the gates open to the public at 5:30 PM Friday, March 20 2026 Patrons will roam from station to station choosing wings to consume. Patrons will pay \$10 to attend and receive 10 tickets. The patron will visit the different booths and present a ticket in exchange for either a flat or a drum. Additional tickets can be purchased at the rate of \$1 per ticket. The Friday Night Wing Ding will end at 9:00 PM.

Only registered contestants, South Carolina Barbecue Association Officials, and event committee members will be permitted to remain on the Sumter County Fairground premises after 9:30 PM. BBQ Contestants may pick up their butts after noon on Friday March 20, 2026. The cook team meeting to be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, March 20, 2026. Each team will be responsible for preparing a minimum of six (6), and depending on the number of teams entered, may be asked to cook more. The contestants will present their boxed sample to the SCBA Judges in accordance with association rules, but all butts received from Henry Shelor District will be prepared and ready for public consumption no later than 11:00 AM Saturday, March 21, 2026. Any team that fails to provide the number of butts received as prepared barbecue will be disqualified from receiving any awards. SCBA Judges will determine the winner of the 2026. Barbecue Cook-off benefiting the Boy Scouts. Prizes will be distributed at 2:30 PM Saturday, March 21, 2026.

Prizes for the Fourteenth Annual Barbecue Cook-Off benefiting the Boy Scouts will be as follows:

- \$1,000 BBQ First Place
- \$750 BBQ Second Place
- \$500 BBQ Third Place
- \$250 BBQ Fourth Place
- \$100 BBQ Fifth Place
- \$250 Wings First Place
- \$100 Wings Second Place

Gates will open to the public at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 21, 2026. Patrons with a wristband will be allowed to roam from station to station to sample BBQ. Each patron will receive a 2-ounce serving of barbecue. Each time, the patron will present their wristband to the Boy Scout assigned to each station. A patron may visit a station multiple times if they wish, but only one 2-ounce serving of BBQ will be given out at a time. Tickets for Saturday are only \$10.00. Patrons must have their wristbands on them to receive BBQ. Presentation of the barbecue is at the discretion of the individual competitors, but serving cups will be provided by Henry Shelor District for distribution to patrons. Patrons may roam from station to station on Saturday until closing or when the BBQ runs out. Patrons will not be permitted to enter the fairgrounds after 1:30 PM. Around 1:00pm the decision might be made to sell BBQ in small containers. This, however, is not guaranteed to happen.

In addition, the event will sponsor an optional Ribs Competition. Contestants that wish to enter the optional Ribs Competition will be responsible for providing their own ribs. Management of the rib competition will be done by the cook teams, with one representative collecting the buy-in, determining pay-out amounts, and paying the winners. No funds from the rib competition will be retained by the event. After judging, participants in the rib event will be free to do with the ribs as they choose. Contestants in the Rib Competition will be permitted to sell their ribs on premises to patrons that wish to purchase them. If you are found selling ribs and not participating in the rib's competition, your team will be disqualified from the entire event. Prices, presentation, and sales of ribs will be at the discretion of the individual competitor. Proceeds will belong to the competitors in appreciation of their participation in the 2026 Annual Barbecue Cook-Off, benefiting Scouts, BSA.