

# Cooks Information Packet

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2017 Riverside Blues, Brews, & BBQ Festival  
Greenfield, MA  
October 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2017



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NEBS Grilling/ BBQ Contest Contest & KCBS BBQ Contest  
Massachusetts State Championship

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the Seventh Annual Riverside Blues, Brews, & BBQ Festival. We have made many changes this year including relocation to the Franklin County Fairgrounds! We are excited about the changes we have put in place and hope this year's event will be the best yet! We are once again offering two days of competition: a NEBS Grilling/ BBQ Contest on Saturday along with a KCBS BBQ Contest on Sunday. We welcome those teams who are returning, and those who are new to our event.

### Directions and Local Area Information

#### **Event Location:**

Franklin County Fairgrounds  
87 Wisdom Way  
Greenfield, MA 01301

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#### **Directions:**

**From the I-91 traffic circle (exit 26):** Follow Route 2A through two sets of lights At the second set take a right (at Dunkin Donuts) onto River Street. From River Street, take your third right onto Wisdom Way. It is a sharp right. It brings you to the front entrance of the fairgrounds.

**From Route 2 (east):** Follow Route 2 to I-91 South and follow the directions above.

**From Route 2 (west):** Go around the traffic circle and pick up Route 2A. Follow the traffic circle directions from above.

#### **Local Lodging:**

Hampton Inn & Suites  
184 Shelburne Road  
Greenfield, MA 01301  
(413)773-0057

#### **Grocery Stores:**

Fosters Supermarket  
70 Allen Street  
Greenfield, MA 01301  
(413)773-1100

Big Y  
237 Mohawk Trail  
Greenfield, MA 01301  
(413) 772-0435

Stop & Shop  
89 French King Highway  
Greenfield, MA 01301  
(413)774-6096

## Check-In

All BBQ teams must check in during specified Check-In times listed below.

**Friday Check-In: 12:00PM-7:00PM** Please enter via the Main Gate and check in.

Overnight camping for competitors only. You may arrive after this time if prior arrangements are made.

**Saturday Check-In: 7:00AM-10:00AM** Please enter via the Main Gate and check in.

The festival begins at 12:00pm, and the main gate will be closed to all vehicle entry.

If you are unable to check in at these times, please contact the Recreation Department Staff so we can make alternative arrangements.

## Site Information

- Sites will be approximately 20'x30' marked out abutting one another unless extra space was requested. Make sure your work area and equipment can fit within these parameters. All vehicles should be parked in the separate designated parking areas adjacent to the cooking sites except during set-up and break-down periods. Spaces will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.
- Each site is limited to 20 amps of power to plug in small lighting and appliances. You must bring your own extension cord at least 100ft in length. If you do not need any power or have your own generator, please let us know.
- Water hook-ups are available. Please bring your own hoses and splitters.

## General Information

- Trash will be removed on a regular basis.
- A bathhouse with showers will be available for competitor use. Additional sani-cans will be located in the beer area available for use.
- Please bring separate containers for grease and ash. Disposal areas will be available on site.
- Fire extinguishers will be inspected at the time of meat inspection
- Sanitation (wash, rinse, disinfect) will be checked at meat inspection
- Proper storage of meat is required. Must be maintained below 40° F or above 140° F
- Proper handling of food is required. Vinyl or latex gloves should be used.
- Ice will be available on site for \$5.00 per 20lb bag
- Please keep all alcoholic beverages concealed.

## Contest Details & Schedule

### Friday, October 6, 2017

**Quiet Hours: 11:00PM-7:00AM** Quiet time is strictly enforced. Please be respectful of your fellow competitors and keep noise to a minimum.

### Saturday, October 7, 2017

**People's Choice Contest -Chicken Wings: 11:30AM Turn-In:** Please consider participating in our people's choice contest. Our festival attendees are eager to sample some of the best barbecue in the country! Chicken wings which will be provided (10 lbs). Wings shall be turned in at the Sampling Pit at 11:30am in a contest provided "half pan". A contest representative will mark each pan with an anonymous ID # to track the voting. The team with the most votes will receive \$50 and a trophy.

**Festival Hours: 12:00PM-5:00PM** The Festival will be open to the public from 12:00pm until on 5:00pm on Saturday only. The festival will include live blues music, beer from Lefty's Brewing Company, and fun and exciting competitions.

**NEBS Grilling/ BBQ Contest:** The Northeast Barbecue Society Rules will apply for this contest with no exceptions. Contestants will be competing in the following categories: **Chicken Wings** (9"x9" Box Provided, Deep Frying is Permitted using NEBS approved fuel sources: wood, wood pellets, or charcoal), **Bacon Wrapped** (9"x9" Box Provided), **Steak Tips** (9"x9" Box Provided), & **Dessert** (Open Container Maximum of 18" by 12"). **All categories will have OPEN GARNISH.**

See the NEBS Rules & Regulations for detailed information governing this competition:  
<https://www.nebs.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/nebs-grilling-rules.pdf>

In order for a competition team to have their scores count towards NEBS Team of the Year honors, the chief cook that signed the contest application for the team must be a paid member of NEBS when the contest takes place and must be present at the competition. Any scores accumulated after the listed chief cook is no longer a member, by a vote of the Board of Directors for non-payment of dues or any other reason, will not count towards NEBS Team of the Year.

<b>10:00AM</b>	NEBS Cook's Meeting
<b>11:00AM</b>	NEBS Judge's Meeting
<b>12:00PM</b>	Chicken Wings Turn-In
<b>12:30PM</b>	Bacon Wrapped Turn-In
<b>1:00PM</b>	Steak Tips Turn-In
<b>1:30PM</b>	Dessert Turn-In- Open Container no larger than 18"x12"

**Awards Ceremony: 5:15PM-** Winners and prizes will be announced for the NEBS Grilling/ BBQ Contest and People's Choice Contest.

**KCBS Cook's Meeting: 7:00PM:** Meeting will be held at the judges tent.

**Quiet Hours: 11:00PM-7:00AM** Quiet time is strictly enforced. Please be respectful of your fellow competitors and keep noise to a minimum.

## **Sunday, October 8, 2017**

**KCBS BBQ Contest:** The contest is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society and abides by all KCBS rules & regulations. Contestants will be competing in the following categories: Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork, and Brisket. Awards and prize money will be presented for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion, as well as from First through Fifth place in each individual category.

See the KCBS Rules & Regulations for detailed information governing this competition:

[https://www.kcbs.us/downloads/rules\\_kosher\\_2017\\_0.pdf](https://www.kcbs.us/downloads/rules_kosher_2017_0.pdf)

<b>11:00AM</b>	KCBS Judge's Meeting
<b>12:00PM</b>	Chicken Category Turn-In
<b>12:30PM</b>	Pork Ribs Category Turn-In
<b>1:00PM</b>	Pork Category Turn-In
<b>1:30PM</b>	Brisket Category Turn-In

**Awards Ceremony: 3:30PM-** Winners and prizes will be announced for the KCBS BBQ Contest.

## **Teams wanted to Host VIP Experiences and Cooking Demos!**

In order to make our event more successful and better integrate the BBQ portion of the festival into the event, we need your help! We are looking for teams who are willing to host 8 VIPs for a 45 minute in the pit cooking experience or who are willing to lead a cooking demonstration. If this is something of interest to you, please contact the Recreation Department. We would also be happy to discuss further details with you if you would like to know more. All teams participating in the VIP Experience will receive a \$50 registration discount and will be supplied with meat for the VIPs. All those who lead a Cooking Demonstration will receive a \$25 registration discount.

## Awards and Prize Money

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

### **NEBS Categories**

*Chicken Wings, Bacon Wrapped, Steak Tips, and Dessert categories as follows:*

**Grand Champion:** \$300

**Reserve Champion:** \$100

**1st Place:** \$50

**2nd Place:** \$40

**3rd Place:** \$30

**4th Place:** \$20

**5th Place:** \$10

**Total Cash Amount:** \$1,000

### **KCBS Categories**

*Chicken, Ribs, Pork, and Brisket categories as follows:*

**Grand Champion:** \$1,000 and Trophy

**Reserve Champion:** \$500 and Trophy

**1st Place:** \$300 and Trophy

**2nd Place:** \$200 and Trophy

**3rd Place:** \$100 and Trophy

**4th Place:** \$75 and Plaque

**5th Place:** \$50 and Plaque

**Total Cash Amount:** \$4,400

### **People's Choice Awards**

**Chicken Wings:** \$50 & Trophy