



We're gearing up for the 25th Annual Murphysboro Barbecue Cook-off and we're delighted that you will be joining us! Following is some helpful information for your visit.

The cook-off site is in front of The Warehouse and diagonal from 17th Street Bar & Grill.

Restaurant: 32 N. 17th Street
The Warehouse 214 N. 17th Street
Office phone: 618-684-8902

As you come down Walnut Street {the main street in town} the side streets are all numbered. It's very easy to find. Pull up in front of The Warehouse and you will be greeted and directed to your space.



Mandatory Team Meeting

There will be a mandatory team meeting on Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the KCBS Judging Room {the room at the far north end of the building}. Please send the head cook and ONE team member. We are unable to accommodate all team members.

Meat inspection will be at 8:00 a.m. Friday morning. If you arrive after that, we'll make arrangements for you to be inspected after you're set up.

This is a banner year and we are AT CAPACITY with over 50 teams. We will have well-defined boundaries for your spot and the number of teams means that we will all have to be courteous and very good neighbors with regards to space and noise. We want everyone to have a great time Friday night and we trust your team's party will **end or be very quiet by mid-night** so everyone will be well-rested for Saturday's competition.

Spaces

Cook-off spaces are 25' x 30'. **Please note that there will NOT be room for vehicles or RVs on most sites.**

Electricity

Kindly do NOT hook up an RV to the site electricity. Our system cannot accommodate that type of usage and last year we blew several fuses, inconveniencing many teams at crucial times. Please do not use roasters 13 amp apiece.

MBN and KCBS rules

Contest rules may be downloaded on our web site: 17thstreetbbq.com and then click on the COOK-OFF link.

Judging Times

Best Booth {both KCBS and MBN} 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Blind Box Turn-in

	Drop-dead turn-in time
MBN Whole Hog	9:45 to 10:00 a.m.
KCBS Chicken	10:00 to 10:10 a.m.
MBN Shoulder	11:15 to 11:30 a.m.
KCBS Pork	11:30 to 11:40 a.m.
MBN Ribs	12:45 to 1:00 p.m.
KCBS Ribs	1:00 to 1:10 p.m.
Potato Salad	1:30 to 1:40 p.m.
KCBS Brisket	2:20 to 2:30 p.m.

MBN on-site judging

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Finals	2:30 p.m.

Awards & Ole Hickory UltraQue drawing

6:00 p.m. Saturday After the awards we'll draw the winner for the Ole Hickory UltraQue pit raffle at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or 12 for \$100 and will be sold throughout the weekend.

Ancillary Contests

Fish Contest 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Each participating team will be given 5 pounds of 5-7 oz. pollack filets. You'll need to feed 6 judges... about 1.5 pounds will fill a hinged styrofoam container. There are NO rules as far as garnish or extras in the box. You can put anything in there... garnish, hush puppies or other sides, sauces, etc. Remember that we're judging FISH... it's all about the FINAL PRODUCT.

Wing Contest 7:30 p.m. Thursday

Each team will be given 5 pounds of wings. The turn-in container is a typical styrofoam hinged box and you'll be feeding 6 judges. There are NO rules as far as garnish or extras in the box. You can put anything in there... garnish, sauces, etc. Remember that we're judging WINGS... it's all about the FINAL PRODUCT.

Criteria on FISH & WING judging is appearance, tenderness, flavor, and overall impression. Scored on a basis of 5 to 10; each line item weighted according to importance; FLAVOR being most important.

Reser's Fine Foods American Classics Summer Series

The Reser's American Classics Summer Series is a potato salad contest that will be incorporated into our event as an additional category. Competitive barbecue teams will be competing for \$1,100 in prize money and major bragging rights. The criteria are creativity, taste and appearance.

The potato salad contest entries will be judged using KCBS standards and certified barbecue judges. The winning entry will take home \$700, second place earns \$300 and third place will receive \$100. Entries will be judged in the blind judging room. Entries may be turned in at 1:30 p.m. at The Warehouse entrance. Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony.

Please join us at these events!

Fish Fry and Grand Champion Buffet

We have TWO events open to the teams, public, and sponsors. These events require tickets {available at the door} and they are our way of incorporating our sponsors and the general public into the event. **There is LIVE MUSIC in The Warehouse on Thursday night and LIVE MUSIC on stage Friday night after each event. Music no charge; open to the public.**

Fish Fry – THURSDAY night

Our annual fish fry buffet for sponsors and general public. You are welcome to join us; tickets are \$16 each. All you can eat + draft beers from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. **EVERYONE IS INVITED to join us at 8:00 p.m. for live music in The Warehouse.**

The Fish & Wing awards will be presented at 9:00 p.m. in The Warehouse.

Grand Champion Buffet – FRIDAY night

Our annual Grand Champion buffet for sponsors and general public. Again, we'd love to see you... tickets are \$22 each. All you can eat + free draft beers from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. There will be live music on the stage from 8 to 12 midnight.

Saturday Night After-Party at the Old Rome

803 N. 9th Street 619-565-1522

Concessions & Merchandise

We will also have a concession stand, merchandise stand, beer tent, and full bar open Thursday and Friday nights. ALL proceeds go to the cook-off operating budget. You can eat at 17th Street as well. Please note the restaurant is closed on Sunday; but our Marion, O'Fallon, and Sparta locations are OPEN on Sunday.

Each team will receive one t-shirt, apron, coozie, and commemorative poster in the hospitality box. Additional shirts, posters, coozies, and aprons will be available for purchase in the merchandise booth. Please shop early as we have sold out quickly in previous years.

Please support our local sponsors who help make this event possible!

Ice can be purchased at the concession stand near the restaurant or near our retail shop in front of The Warehouse.

Don't forget extension cords and a hose. Water will run down the west end of the midway. We'll show you when you arrive.

Load up on wood! Sarah Lipe from Lipe Orchards can supply Southern Illinois peach, apple, plum and cherry logs and peach and apple chips. Please call 618-549-1263 to place your advance order.. She'll also be on-site.

Great down-home breakfast places

Tippey's 1603 Walnut Street 618-687-9531
Cindy B's 1110 Locust Street 618-684-2776
Annie Mae's 1802 Elm Street 618-684-5599

Famous & delicious Southern Illinois peaches and apples to take home... also a nice selection of fresh vegetables and herbs

Mileur Orchards 172 Mileur Orchard Road
618-687-3663
Rendleman's Orchards Farm Market, Alto Pass
618-893-2771
Lipe Orchards 3925 S. Illinois Avenue 618-351-8161

Liquor Store

Southern Illinois Liquor Mart 113 N. 12th Street

Local grocery & convenience stores

Kroger 500 E. Industrial Park Road 618-687-3481
Farm Fresh 1904 Walnut Street 618-687-1281
Huck's 1937 Walnut Street 618-687-2920
Casey's 2136 Walnut Street 618-687-9218
Walgreens 503 Walnut Street 618-565-2329

If you need a hardware store or charcoal, tables, extension cords, water hoses, etc.

Wright Do-It Center 208 S. Williams Street
618-687-1702
Associated Lumber 600 N. 19th Street 618-684-3181
Rural King 500 E. Industrial Road 618-684-3123
Wal-Mart 6495 Country Club Road

Gorgeous mums and plants

Lightfoot Farms Greenhouse
2 miles north on Route 127 {just outside M'boro}
618-687-3234

Yummy treats

Dairy Queen 1700 Walnut Street
{adjacent to the cook-off site}

Larry's House of Cake's
Murdale Shopping Center
1807 W. Main Street
Carbondale, IL
618-519-9378

Agenda

Thursday

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Fish Fry** at The Warehouse ...
Everyone is welcome ... tickets are \$16 per person at the door.

6:30 p.m. **Fish Contest turn-in** in the small banquet room

7:30 p.m. **Wing Contest turn-in** in the small banquet room

8:00 – 12 midnight **Live music in The Warehouse**
... all are welcome ... no charge

9:00 p.m. **Fish & Wing Contest winners announced** in The Warehouse

Be sure to visit the **merchandise booth** for t-shirts, posters, aprons, coozies, drinks, and other items!

Friday

8:00 a.m. **Meat inspection upon arrival**

4:00 p.m. **Team Meeting** in the KCBS Blind Judging Room {the door at the far north of The Warehouse}. Please send the head cook and one team member only. We are unable to accommodate the entire team.

5:00 p.m. the **Crimson Express Marching Band** will play and parade through the midway

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Grand Champion Buffet** at The Warehouse ... everyone is welcome ... tickets are \$22 per person and available at the door.

8:00 p.m. **Live music on stage** ... Cache River Band

Be sure to visit the **merchandise booth** for t-shirts, posters, aprons, coozies, drinks, Jello shots, and other items!

Saturday

9:22 a.m. **Blessing and Gentleman Jack shot** by the Rev. Randy Twyford

1:30 p.m. turn in **Potato Salad** entries in The Warehouse. Please enter!

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After party at the Old Rome

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