** BBQ Vendor &**

**BBQ Competition Information and Official Entry Form**

**Still Have Questions or Special** Requests??????

City Hall at 423-337-6979 or email smpoatn@gmail.com

***DATES : May 2-3, 2025***

***FREE ENTRY FOR COMPETITORS ONLY! Competitors only (No vending and no space) are not required to remain onsite, but must be present for the awards ceremony at 4 pm.***

***Competition Entry must include:
9 two-oz servings of meat of your choice***

***9 two-oz servings of side dish of your choice***

***If you are not vending to the public and are a turn-in competitor only, you will turn both items in at the Train Car at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 3rd. All competitors who will be on-site vending to the public will have your submissions collected by one of our BBQ representatives. All judges will be E.A.T. certified. Judging criteria is as follows: Presentation, taste, texture, tenderness and appearance. Judges will use a scorecard to mark the corresponding score for each category. Once all cards are completed, they will be tallied to determine the winner.***

***OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM:***

***Team Name: Chief Cook:***

***Contact Person:***

***Phone: Email:***

***Address:***

***City: State: Zip:***

***Do you wish to vend to the public?*** ***\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_No.***

***If Yes, you must include a $75 vendor fee with your application***

 ***TEAM REGULATIONS:***

Earlier setup by permission. Contestants who wish to vend to the public must vend Friday from 12 pm to 8 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 8 pm and must be prepared for a health department inspection. All vendors with BBQ items will be placed in the same vending area.

Utilities will be available (contestants must furnish water hose and/or extension cords). In case of unforeseen interruptions to power supply, contestants are encouraged to bring available generators.

***For the $75 fee, you receive a 15 ft x 15 ft Vendor Space with power and water access. There is a 3-hole sink wash station and bathroom onsite at the Main Street Marketplace for use.***

***Please mark your preferred power access here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 110 (Standard plug) or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 30-amp plug***

***Or \_\_\_\_\_ 50 amp Plug***

***Please mark your preference for ground:***

 ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gravel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ concrete/asphalt \_\_\_\_\_\_ No preference***

*\*\*\*This is a fundraising event for:* ***Sweetwater Merchants and Property Owners Association (SMPOA)***

 *Make checks payable to:* ***SMPOA***

 *Send entry form and check to:* ***SMPOA, P.O. Box 123, Sweetwater, TN 37874***

The competition committee reserves the right to approve or reject any application. If your application is not accepted, your money will be refunded. However, no refund of the application fee will be made once you have been accepted into the competition. Any photo taken of your team onsite become the property of SMPOA and may be used for promotional purposes. Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold SMPOA, the City of Sweetwater, property owner, its volunteers and event sponsors, harmless from any and all claims made against the barbecue competition, including, without limitation, all cost liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages or reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in connection with (1) any structure erected by contestant, (2) any apparatus, equipment or personal property used by contestant, (3) an act or omission to act of agents, and (4) any claims made on account or resulting from contestant's participation in the contest.

I agree to abide by the City of Sweetwater, SMPOA and the BBQ Competition Rules and Regulations.

TEAM CAPTAIN/CHIEF COOK (PRINT NAME) TEAM CAPTAIN/CHIEF COOK SIGNATURE DATE