



# BBQ CONTEST APPLICATION

**Saturday, June 17, 2023 @ Hillsdale County Fairgrounds**

**WCSR WILL PROVIDE:**

20'x10' space, 15-20 lbs. of raw pork butt, 1 table, and 2 oz. tasting portion cups. We will give each patron their own tasting utensil. Electrical access is available at the fairgrounds.

**BRING YOUR OWN:**

Cooking device(s), chairs, extension cord(s), bowls/dishes, seasonings, ingredients, utensils, canopy/tent, cleaning supplies, garbage bag, water jug (for rinsing), extra table(s), decorations, etc. COOKING & SERVING MUST BE DONE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A CANOPY/AWNING/TENT. ANY COVERING YOU USE MUST BE WEIGHTED FOR SAFETY REASONS.

**COOKING TIME: SEE PAGE 2**

**SERVING TIME: 4:00 p.m. til the food runs out**

**FOOD REQUIRED: 15-20 lbs. of shredded pork butt (meat provided) with your own sauce/seasonings**

Patrons will be charged \$5.00 for a BBQ tasting wristband. Fill your 2-oz. tasting portion cups **halfway** and provide 1 tasting cup to each wristband-wearing patron who visits your booth.

BUSINESS/CONTESTANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSIBLE PARTY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

COOKING METHOD: \_\_\_\_\_ ELECTRICAL \_\_\_\_\_ PROPANE/GAS \_\_\_\_\_ CHARCOAL

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## ***\$50.00 TO PARTICIPATE***

**COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH \$50.00 TO:  
 McKIBBIN MEDIA GROUP, ATTN. SHELLY OTT, P.O. Box 273, HILLSDALE, MI 49242  
 Or drop off in-person at: 170 N West St in Hillsdale, M-F 8:30a-5p  
 Make checks payable to McKibbin Media Group. Application deadline: May 31, 2023**

## **ABOUT THE EVENT - Saturday, June 17, 2023**

Welcome to WCSR's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Smoke Show** at the Hillsdale County Fairgrounds! At this FREE event, patrons can enjoy BBQ tasting as well as live music, kids' activities, beer garden, and more. BBQ Tasting wristbands will be sold for \$5.00 each. Some additional food and activities may incur nominal fees.

### **Friday, June 16 - 4pm-6pm**

#### **MANDATORY HEALTH DEPARTMENT INSPECTION FOR ALL BBQ CONTESTANTS – must be ready for inspection by 4pm Friday**

Once you have received an approval from the health department, you may begin cooking/smoking your meat at any time. Tasting begins at 4pm Saturday.

### **Saturday, June 17**

8am	Setup begins
1pm	Gates open to the public
1pm-10pm	Beer garden, vendors, kids' zone
2pm-10pm	Live Bands
4pm-5:30pm	BBQ Tasting & Judging

*Subject to change. Tune in to WCSR 92.1 FM or visit [RadioHillsdale.com](http://RadioHillsdale.com) for latest details.*

### **BBQ CONTEST**

All contestants are required to prepare 15-20 lbs. of pork butt with their own sauce and seasonings. **Your meat will be provided to you at no cost. All cooking and preparation must be done onsite. You are welcome to bring additional pork, but it must be the same cut and must come in commercial packaging.** The Health Department must perform an inspection of all cooking stations and ingredients before cooking and serving to the public may commence. To pass inspection, any pre-made ingredients that you plan to use (spices, sauces etc.) must be brought in the store packaging. You may make your own BBQ sauce, but it must be done from scratch onsite.

### **HEALTH INSPECTION**

**Cooking/smoking may commence once you have received the all-clear from the Health Department.** You will be sent a video made by the health department prior to this event which will review all guidelines competitors must comply with. **ALL COMPETITORS** must pass the health inspection in order for serving to the public to commence. **\*NEW THIS YEAR\*** You may smoke your meat overnight at the Hillsdale County Fairgrounds if you have received the go-ahead from the Health Department Friday, June 16. Serving to the public will begin at 4pm Saturday.

### **JUDGING & AWARDS**

Celebrity judges will be determined by WCSR. There will also be a People's Choice voting option. Cash prizes courtesy of County National bank will be given for 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place BBQ contest winners.

*WCSR Smoke Show is presented by McKibbin Media Group in cooperation with the Hillsdale County Fairgrounds and The Hillsdale Business Association.*