



Dear Cook,

You are invited to participate in the 26th Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ Festival sponsored by the Washington Noon Rotary and Smithfield Foods on October 18th & 19th, 2024. We are happy to announce some changes to the format of Smoke on the Water. We will be hosting the STATE FINALS for the TRADITIONAL (wood and charcoal) competition, and the NC Pork Council will hold the 2024 WHOLE HOG BARBECUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP at this year's Smoke on the Water festival. There will be no separate contests per cooking source, so everyone is on the same playing field for Smoke on the Water based prize money. The NC Pork Council will award the 2024 Whole Hog Barbecue State Championship winners. See the new payout breakdown below. Potentially one person could win all three top place prizes.

Prize money for Smoke on the Water will be as follows:

Smoke on the Water 1st Place	Trophy & \$2,500
Smoke on the Water 2nd Place	Trophy & \$750
Smoke on the Water 3rd Place	Trophy & \$500
Smoke on the Water Traditional Champion	Trophy & \$2,500
Smoke on the Water Showmanship	Trophy & \$300**

****Awarded to the ONE site voted Best in Show and is not competition specific**

For those competing in the 2024 WHOLE HOG BARBECUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP*, there will also be a blind taste category, and an award for crispy skin.

Prize money for the 2024 Whole Hog Barbecue State Championship will be as follows:

WHB State Championship 1st Place	Trophy & \$2,500
WHB State Championship 2nd Place	Trophy & \$1,000
WHB State Championship 3rd Place	Trophy & \$500
WHB Blind Taste 1st Place	Trophy & \$1,000
WHB Blind Taste 2nd Place	Trophy & \$500
WHB Blind Taste 3rd Place	Trophy & \$300

For further information or to request an entry form please contact Pam Anderson at 252-944-6136 or pamsue.anderson@gmail.com. You can also download an entry form and the SOTW rules and guidelines at <https://washingtonnoonrotary.org/smoke-on-the-water/>.

Deadline for entries is OCTOBER 4, 2024. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE.

*To view the official rules for cooking in a sanctioned whole hog barbecue contests, go to <https://wholehogbarbecue.com/contest-resources/>. If you have questions regarding sanctioned contests, please contact Terri Smith at 919-781-0361 or terri@ncpork.org.

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