



BACKYARD BBQ COMPETITION APPLICATION FORM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27-28, 2026

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 14 AMATEUR TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS

JUDGES & COOKS MEETING: Feb 27, 2026 4:00PM—5:00PM

OFFICIAL START TIME: Feb 27, 2026 5:00PM

MAIN STREET ZEPHYRHILLS

TEAM ENTRY FEE (3 CATEGORIES + PEOPLE'S CHOICE): \$100.00

COOK SPACE DIMENTIONS: 20x40

Thank you for your interest in competing at the Annual Pigz in Z'Hills BBQ & Blues.

TEAM NAME: _____

HEAD COOK & FBA Member # (Please Print): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Please mark each category you will participate in:

Chicken Ribs Pork People's Choice

Payment:

CHECK ENCLOSED WILL CALL TO PAY BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD AT (813) 782-1913

RULES & REGULATIONS:

The Pigz in Z'Hills Backyard BBQ Competition is open exclusively to amateur backyard teams or individuals. A quiet time is in effect from 11:00pm of the night prior to judging until 6:00am the following morning. Failure to observe this quiet time may subject the offender(s) to removal from the contest site. Alcohol distribution from team spaces is prohibited unless expressly approved by the festival. Pets are not permitted in cooking areas except for service animals. Teams are responsible for the cleanliness and safety of their assigned space. **No power onsite, teams in need of power will need to supply their own generator. FBA rules require all competing teams' head cook to be a member of the Florida BBQ Association. The head cook's member number will be entered next to the head cook's name. Any head cook not currently a member must go to fbabbq.com and sign up for membership in order for the application to be processed. Full list of Florida BBQ Association contest rules can be found at <https://fba39.wildapricot.org/Contest-Rules>** By submitting an application, all team members agree to comply with FBA and festival rules, safety requirements, and the direction of event staff. Judges' decisions are final.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Your signature indicates that you have read and agree to the "Waiver of Liability" (below) and the "Rules and Regulations" as provided by the East Pasco BBQ & Blues Committee and the Florida BBQ Association in vendor information packets and online. By signing and returning this application, YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY all rules, guidelines, and laws established by The City of Zephyrhills Fire Codes and the Florida Dept of Health. Event held rain or shine. Entry Fees are non-refundable. One portable fire extinguisher with a rating of not less than 2-A:10-B:C required if any type of ignition source present at tent. The Greater East Pasco Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to reject any application.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: In consideration of your accepting this entry, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Greater East Pasco Chamber of Commerce and the City of Zephyrhills their agents, sponsors, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in this event. There is always an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By attending an event in a public place, you are assuming all risks, hazards, and dangers arising from or related in anyway to the risk of contracting COVID-19 or any other communicable disease or illness, whether exposure to such risks occurs before, during or after the event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to the Greater East Pasco Chamber of Commerce and the City of Zephyrhills and their agents, sponsors, successors and assigns to use my photograph, name, likeness, recordings, videotapes or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:

EAST PASCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

38550 Fifth Ave., Zephyrhills, FL 33542

(813) 782-1913 for Credit/Debit Payments

Email: events@eastpascochamber.org

For updates about the event, like our page: facebook.com/pigzbbqblues
WE'LL SEE YOU IN FEBRUARY—DOWNTOWN Z'HILLS!
2026 PIGZ IN Z'HILLS BBQ & BLUES FEST

For Office Use Only: Paid: \$ _____ Type/#: _____ Date: _____ Initials: _____

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Prize Structure for Backyard BBQ Competition

Chicken

1st - Trophy
2nd - Trophy
3rd - Trophy

Pork

1st - Trophy
2nd - Trophy
3rd - Trophy

Ribs

1st - Trophy
2nd - Trophy
3rd - Trophy

People's Choice - Pork

1st Place - Trophy
2nd Place - Trophy
3rd Place - Trophy

Host rules:

A "People's Choice" contest starts at 2PM and runs until 4PM or teams are out of meat. This contest consists of BBQ cooked on site. You may prepare your pork in any manner you choose to provide to the public in 2 oz cups. The Chamber will provide all cups and spoons (if necessary) for you to present your pork to the public. The public tasters must have a wristband on to sample from the teams. Each person with a wristband has been given 2 tickets to vote for their favorite pork. If they don't have a wristband on, they cannot vote for you and you are wasting your sample. We expect over 10,000 attendees. We recommend preparing 30lbs to 40lbs of pork or more, with a minimum of 40lbs please (the Chamber will provide all teams with 2 whole pork butts). The pork may be served wet or dry. Prizes for "People's Choice" will be awarded trophies for top three and are not included in point tallying for any FBA scorecards. We would appreciate each team's participation. No additional entry fees are required to participate. This "people's choice" will raise money towards the Chamber's Foundation scholarships.

Overnight stays are allowed. Power is not available in the cook areas. Please notify us if you will be bringing a generator. All teams are provided with a 20 x 40 space to compete in. Additional space is limited, but available for a small charge. There is one water bib onsite for teams to use to clean and keep their booths sanitary. Please bring a hose to hook into water supply if you need water.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the event organizer, Victoria Jefferson at 813-782-1913 ext 103 or victoria@eastpascochamber.org