**Commissioner’s Cup BBQ Cook-off  
Kids’ Que Application**

Cook’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Cook Team Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Entry Fee:

* $15.00 per contestant
* Junior Grand Champion and Junior Reserve Champion will be awarded cash prizes of $60 and $40, respectively, and a trophy.

Contest Information:

Encourage the love of BBQ in your kids! Children 6-12 are invited to compete in the inaugural Kids’ Que at the Commissioner’s Cup BBQ Cook-off. Your children will have the opportunity to grill hamburgers. We will supply the meat, but you will have to use your own grill and bring seasonings, garnishes, and anything else they would like to use to enhance their presentation and creativity. See attached rules and regulations.

Payment and other information:

Make checks payable to the SC Department of Agriculture and mail to Elizabeth Shuler Wood, P.O. Box 11280, Columbia, SC 29211**.** Completed applications and entry fee are due March 10, 2017. Kids will check in on Friday between 12- 3 with their parent/guardian.

***Waiver of Liability:*** *As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any actions taken by the above named minor. In consideration of South Carolina Department of Agriculture (“SCDA”) allowing my above named child to participate in the Commissioner’s Cup BBQ Cook-Off & Festival (the “Event”), I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my above named child, our my heirs, our executors, and our administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my child may have against SCDA, its agents, benefactors, representatives, successors, sponsors, volunteers, and assigns, for all injuries suffered by me or by my child in connection with the Event.*

*I understand, appreciate, and acknowledge the risks associated with the Event, including, without limitation: property damage, burns, cuts, and smoke-related injuries. I agree, hereby for myself, and for my above named child, to abide by the Event rules and regulations and to follow all South Carolina DHEC rules and regulations. I acknowledge that neither I nor my child may serve raw or undercooked food.*

*I hereby grant full permission to SCDA and its agents to use my and my child’s name and image for legitimate purposes.*

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**Kids’ Que Competition Rules and Regulations**

**Commissioner’s Cup BBQ Cook-off**

Rules:

1. The entry fee to participate in the Kids’ Que is $15 per contestant.
2. No refunds will be made once the entry form and entry fee have been accepted.
3. The deadline is March 10, 2017.
4. The contest is open to children ages 6-12.
5. A parent or guardian must be present at all times to assist with the grill. Please let the children take lead on how they want to cook and prepare their hamburgers.
6. Each contestant and their parent or guardian must be present for a meeting at 4:00 pm.

Meat:

1. Each contestant will receive 2 pounds of ground beef following their 4:00 meeting.
2. Meat must be cooked to an internal temperature of 130°.
3. Contestants can use any component, dressing, lettuce, tomato, ketchup, mustard, etc. Garnishing is permitted, but the meat must be the focus.
4. No foreign matter (foil, plastic, toothpicks, etc.). Skewers will be allowed. All items submitted must be edible, except for the skewers.
5. Contestants may use the product in any manner, but must be turned in complete. Judges should not be expected to cut or assemble the entry after turn in.

Servings:

1. One full size sample will be turned in to be judged for appearance.
2. Eight additional individual (smaller) samples will be turned in for taste. (i.e. 2 additional hamburgers cut into 4 samples each) **All samples must be the same**.
3. The official turn-in time is 6 pm on Friday, March 24 with a 10-minutes window (5 minutes before, and 5 minutes after). Not late entries will be accepted.
4. Entries will be served on a 9 x 13 inch, pre-numbered metal tray. Parchment paper will accompany the tray. Both will be provided for you.
5. Teams are responsible for the clean-up of their assigned cooking area. Trash, ash, and grease must be placed in appropriate designated disposal areas.
6. Team members are responsible for abiding by all Rules and Regulations. Failure to do so will be cause for disqualification.

Judging:

1. Judging will be based on the following criteria: Appearance, Aroma/Taste, and Texture/Tenderness
2. Scoring will be on the same scale as the BBQ judging, 1 – 10 with 10 being the highest.
3. Awards will be presented during the awards ceremony on Saturday at 3 pm.

Any questions, please contact event coordinator Elizabeth Shuler Wood at ewood@scda.sc.gov.