



## Poinsett County Fair Youth BBQ Chicken Cook-Off

Sponsored by Poinsett County Friends of 4-H and Ashmore Livestock Supply

The Poinsett County Fair Youth BBQ Chicken Cook-Off will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at the Poinsett County Fairgrounds in Harrisburg. Participation is open to Poinsett County youth, ages 9-19 as of January 1, 2017.

Participation is free. Pre-registration IS required. Entry forms must be received at the Poinsett County Extension Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18. Entries may be submitted by email to: [lhelms@uaex.edu](mailto:lhelms@uaex.edu) or [ppugh@uaex.edu](mailto:ppugh@uaex.edu).

Check-in will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the competition will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Awards will be given to the top 3 individuals:

Each participant must furnish his/her own grill, charcoal, matches, supplies, meat thermometer, etc. Matchlite Charcoal is not allowed. Contest will follow official Arkansas 4-H Poultry BBQ guidelines. (Please note: This contest will use boneless, skinless filets instead of two, bone-in, broiler halves.)

Contestants will be provided with two (2) boneless, skinless chicken breast filets to grill and must submit the best filet for judging. Cooking must be completed within 1.5 hours from the official start time.

Juniors (ages 9-13), only, will be able to have a HANDS-OFF supervisor during the competition. The helper is not allowed to physically help with the preparation; Verbal assistance is permitted. Seniors (ages 14-19) will have NO supervisor, nor allowed physical or verbal assistance. Parents are not allowed to sit in the participant's work area.

Participants should be prepared for judge's questions regarding ingredients and cooking methods.

Contestants will be judged on the following:

- Time parameters set for cooking –1.5 hours allowed
- Internal temperature of the chicken when finished
- Taste of the chicken
- Taste of the sauce
- Finished product appearance
- Knowledge of the project
- Presentation (how the chicken is presented)

Awards will be announced immediately following the conclusion of the contest.

Top participating Poinsett County 4-H members will qualify to compete at the official 4-H Day at the State Fair BBQ Contest in October.

Contact the Poinsett County Extension Office at 870-578-4490 or email [lhelms@uaex.edu](mailto:lhelms@uaex.edu) for more information.