



Frequently Asked Questions

- **Where will the National Bar-B-Que Derby be held?**
 - High Park in Derby, Kansas, just east of Rock Road, on James. Please see the main page and use the “directions to Derby” tab to get details. We have also installed wayfinding signs throughout the community so look for those that read High School or High Park to find your way.
- **On what day will the public activities take place?**
 - Our spelling bee and judges training will take place on Friday but the run and all cooking competitions will be held on Saturday.
- **What categories are offered at this event?**
 - National Bar-B-Que Competition (winner goes to the Best of the Best Invitational in Georgia; competitors pick three of the four categories)
 - Chicken
 - Ribs
 - Brisket
 - Pulled Pork
 - Back Yard BBQ Competition (bragging rights are important but other awards will also be given)
 - Apple Pie and Cherry Pie Baking Contests (if you don't Bar-B-Que but can make a delicious pie, this is your chance to show Derby your skills)
 - City Wide Spelling Bee (bringing back an old Derby tradition, this winner will go on to compete in the county competition)
 - 5k and Fun Run (for participants who are serious and for those who just want to have a good time)

- **Can I be a judge?**
 - Yes, just sign up for the judging class on Friday, September 7th or if you are already a certified judge with any barbeque sanctioning organization, simply fill out the Judges Form under the “judges” tab on the right side of the main page.
- **How do I participate in the People’s Choice event?**
 - Special tickets will be sold for this event. For just \$5.00 you can sample five vendor’s BBQ then vote on your favorite one. It’s a great way to sample the amazing food for a small fee.
- **How can I be a sponsor?**
 - Yes but these are on a first come, first served basis so please call us quickly. Some sponsorships will get your word out to thousands locally and some will even reach more through national coverage. Please see the “sponsorship opportunities” tab on the right side of the main page.
- **How can I volunteer for the event?**
 - Please see the “volunteer” tab on the right side of the main page to join us for this fun event.
- **How can I vend at the event?**
 - Vending will fall into two categories: BBQ vendors and non-BBQ vendors who will be in a separate location. Please see the middle of the main page under registration to fill out the appropriate forms and even pay online.
- **Will you have space for campers at this event?**
 - Yes. While Derby does not have a RV park, we have dedicated space at High Park for this purpose. It will be dedicated to event participants who have self-contained units. Generators are encouraged.
- **What are my hotel options?**
 - We would love for you to stay right here in Derby. Our hotel sponsor, Hampton Inn, is located at 1701 Cambridge. This hotel can be seen from Rock Road and is just a few miles from the event location. Additionally, discounts have been arranged through Wichita hotels. To find out more, click the “hotels” link on the right side of the main page.