



COOK TEAM OVERVIEW

Team registration and more info at www.cahabaque.com

Event Timeline

DAY BEFORE EVENT

- **5:00pm - Cook Team Pick-Up Begins**
Teams will receive:
 - Butts
 - Beer
 - Cook team packets
 - Wristbands (be sure to get enough for your entire team)
 - Turn in time and details about Saturday judging
- **8:00pm - Cook Team Pick Up Ends**
- **11:00pm - Brewery Taproom Access Ends (Only Restrooms Will Remain Open)**

EVENT DAY

- **12:00pm - Judging Begins**
- **12:00pm - VIP Entry Open (Begin Serving Samples)**
- **1:00pm - General Admission Entry Open; Judging Ends**
- **4:00pm - People's Choice Winners Calculated (Votes Counted)**
- **4:15pm - Award Ceremony / Event Ends**

Information and Rules

Butts & Provided Supplies

Cook teams will be provided:

- **Butts.** The number of butts will be determined by your team's answers to the cook team questionnaire sent to all teams after registration ends.
- **2 oz. sample cups and cardboard "boats"** for CahaBUTT samples and People's Choice items.
- **Serving Tent**
- **Forks, napkins,** and special **boxes for judging**
- Access to **water** and **handwashing** station
- **Tent signage** featuring your team name.
- **Cahaba Beer** on event day and night before. There can be no transferring beer to anyone outside the competition. Absolutely no customers should have your canned beer, beer tickets, etc. Beer tickets will only be able to be used at the bars on Sunday if you have a cook team wristband. In accordance with state laws, absolutely no outside alcohol is permitted.

People's Choice Side Item

In addition to the CahaBUTT, cook teams are responsible for providing a People's Choice side item. In the past teams have done anything from chicken wings, banana pudding, fried mac and cheese balls to tacos. Be creative! Plan for 1,000 guests, but have at least 500 bites prepared. If the provided 2oz sample cups (ramekins) don't work for serving your People's Choice item, you will need to provide your own serving vessels.

What is NOT Provided

Power is not provided. Cook teams are welcome to bring generators. We do not have enough power to supply all cook teams and don't believe it's fair to supply power to some teams and not others. Other than what is listed above under Provided Supplies, cook teams are responsible for supplying everything they need to safely cook, including additional tents, chairs, coolers, flashlights, and any other comforts of home you'd like to bring. **You may also want to bring signage with info on your People's Choice item.**

Beyond cooking equipment, cook teams will also need to provide their own tables and tablecloths. Cahaba can supply folding tables through the rental company we are using for serving tents for an extra fee if requested.

There will be no storage for teams and equipment in the brewery. There is plenty of space in the back of the complex for those wanting to bring RVs, Sleepers, Trailers, etc. Don't leave anything behind.

Other Rules

Do not leave your smoker unattended at any time. Plan ahead and make sure you always have someone from your team on grill duty.

Be respectful to other cook teams and guests and keep your space clean. All cook teams will be sharing an ASH ONLY metal can as well as trash cans. We'll have volunteers helping on Sunday to empty trash cans. Please have your cook team trash cans emptied by the start of the event on Sunday. There will be a roll off dumpster located at the back of the building.

Judging and Award Details

CahaBUTT Judging

- There is only one category that our appointed judges will vote on: Best CahaBUTT! The People's Choice winners are based on the number of votes from guests.
- **Judging will occur before general admission guests enter on event day.**
- Each team will receive the appropriate amount of judging boxes to fill with BBQ samples. Teams will be given a turn in time and instructions including exactly how much meat to supply at check-in on Friday.
- Judging will be based only on **taste, flavor, texture, and tenderness of meat.** Appearance or presentation are not including in the judging criteria. **As of Spring 2023, teams will not be allowed to include sauce or garnishes (e.g. pickles, bread, etc.) with their meat samples.**

Awards *(Updated Spring 2023)*

- **Best CahaBUTT:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place – Based on judges' scoring
- **People's Choice Side Item:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place – Based on guest votes
- **People's Choice Butt:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place – Based on guest votes
- **Most Creative Team Name** – Best on guest votes

Cook teams will receive judges' comments, scores, and full team rankings via email in the weeks following the event. Please understand that judges are community leaders and business owners, not professional BBQ judges.



The Why: Funding Research, Saving Lives

All proceeds from CahabaQue support the **Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama**.

Founded in 1996, the **Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama (BCRFA)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to help find a cure for breast cancer by funding promising breast cancer research in Alabama and raising community awareness and funding for that research. BCRFA funds promote a comprehensive approach to battling breast cancer by promoting collaborative and innovative research to help diagnose, treat, prevent, and eradicate the disease.

With community support, **BCRFA has invested nearly \$14 million in life-saving breast cancer research** and treatments across Alabama since its founding in 1996. Most recently, in December 2021, we announced an annual investment of \$1.225 million to our grantee partners, including the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Auburn University, CerFlux, the Mitchell Cancer Institute at the University of South Alabama, the University of Alabama, Southern Research, and HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology. **All funding stays in Alabama, but the impact is worldwide.**

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