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Haines City  
**RIBS ON THE RIDGE**  
Competition Entry

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**February 24 & 25, 2017**

For more information call 863 421-3700 or  
visit our website at [www.hainescity.com/ribsontheridge2017](http://www.hainescity.com/ribsontheridge2017)

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

8:00 AM	Arrival - Setup time
12:00 PM	Meat Inspections Begin
5:00 PM	Mandatory BBQ Cooks Team Meeting
6:00 PM	Sauce Competition (Turn in 5:30-5:45)*
6:30 PM	Dessert Competition (Turn in 6:00-6:15)*
7:00PM-9:00 PM	Cash Out at the Community Center

*\* Turn in will be at the red brick Armory building*

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

9:00 AM	Judges Check in at the Community Center
9:30 AM	Mandatory Judges Meeting
10:30 AM	Kids Q Judges - both age division
11:00 AM	Chicken Judging Professional & Backyard
12:00 PM	Ribs Judging Professional & Backyard
1:00 PM	Pork Judging Professional & Backyard
1:30 PM	Corn Hole Tournament Starts
2:00 PM	Brisket Judging Professional & Backyard
3:30 PM	Wing Eating Contest
5:00 PM	Awards
5:00 PM	Cash Out at the Community Center

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## AWARDS

### PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

#### Overall Competition

Grand Champion	Trophy	\$2,000
Reserve Champion	Trophy	\$1,500
3rd Place Overall	Trophy	\$600
4th Place Overall	Trophy	\$300
5th Place Overall	Trophy	\$200
6th Place Overall	Ribbon	\$100
7th Place Overall	Ribbon	\$100
8th Place Overall	Ribbon	\$75
9th Place Overall	Ribbon	\$75
10th Place Overall	Ribbon	\$50

#### Each Category Competition

1st Place	Trophy	\$400
2nd Place	Trophy	\$300
3rd Place	Trophy	\$175
4th Place	Trophy	\$150
5th Place	Trophy	\$125
6th Place	Ribbon	\$100
7th Place	Ribbon	\$75
8th Place	Ribbon	\$75
9th Place	Ribbon	\$50
10th Place	Ribbon	\$50

### BACKYARD DIVISION

Grand Champion – Trophy

Reserve Champion – Trophy

EACH CATEGORY – TROPHY 1<sup>ST</sup>-3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

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## RULES

### CONTEST OVERVIEW & REQUIREMENTS

- (a) All fees MUST accompany application and are non-refundable.
- (b) The entry fee will provide a team with a predetermined space (20' x 40' for PROFESSIONAL TEAMS, 20' x 20' for BACKYARD TEAMS), entry into the selected FBA meat categories and one 10lb bag of ice. Additional space is available at an added charge. All spots will be assigned at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation staff.
- (c) **All teams that are vending must use Rib Bucks ONLY. NO CASH WILL BE PERMITTED.**
- (d) The team/vendor retains 80% and the contest receives 20%.
- (e) Any exchange of currency will result in that team being disqualified for any prize money or awards.
- (f) All vending teams must secure a Temporary Food Service License, per Guide to [Temporary Food Service Events](#)
- (g) Vending is permitted on Friday & Saturday. Any teams wanting to vend must compete in all (4) categories.
- (h) **LOAD-IN TIME:** Load-in times will be allowed from Thursday, February 23rd after 3:00pm until 8:00PM and Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> after 7:00AM. Setup must be completed by 4:00 PM Friday. "Ribs on the Ridge" begins at 5PM on Friday and no traffic will be allowed in and out after 4 PM Friday until Saturday after the awards ceremony.
- (i) **LOAD-OUT TIME:** ALL teams should begin to load-out after awards on Saturday. Generators will be turned off at 9PM so any teams remaining must provide their own source of power. Load-out will only be allowed through designated exit points.
- (j) No open pits or holes are permitted. Fires shall not be built on the ground. No pets allowed.
- (k) **AWARDS:** Awards will be presented to the winners in each category starting at 5PM on Saturday of the event.

### ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

- (a) **Dessert competition** must include the fresh strawberry fruit and may be submitted in either of the two categories: Pies & Other Desserts. Winner receives a trophy & \$25 Rib Bucks. Contact us for forms & guidelines.
- (b) **Sauce competition** will be in the following 3 categories: Tomato, Mustard & Vinegar Sauce. Winner receives a trophy & \$25 Rib Bucks. Contact us for forms & guidelines.
- (c) **Kid's Q Burger Competition.** We provide the burger and grill, you provide the other ingredients. Two divisions: Ages 6-10 & 11-15. Contact us for forms & guidelines.
- (d) **Corn Hole Tournament** will be a Blind Draw. Winner receives \$200.00 cash. Contact us for an additional form & guidelines.

### CONTESTANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Each contestant competing shall purchase ALL of their own meat, cooking ingredients, individual cooking devices (portable stoves, wood or charcoal, etc.), utensils, preparation tables, extension cords, water hoses, etc.
- (b) Ice will also be available for purchase \$3.00 per 10 lb bag.
- (c) All contestants MUST adhere to all local electrical, fire, and other codes.
- (d) Trash and wastewater receptacles will be at select locations throughout the event area, close to each cook team space. Please place your trash in these approved containers. ROTR committee members will be available throughout the event to empty receptacles.
- (e) **CONTESTANT PARKING:** Vehicle parking is available on a first come, first served basis. No motorized vehicles may be parked in your team area after 4 PM on Friday.

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**FIRE REGULATIONS:** (a) Ash receptacles will be picked up from your space by designated ROTR committee members during the event. Please do not place trash in the ash or grease receptacles.  
(b) Do not place coals or grease into rolling garbage containers or trash dumpsters.  
(c) Each space may be subject to fire inspection at any time during the event. The Haines City Fire Department will be requiring that all teams be required to have a minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum size of 2A10BC at each team cook/vending space.

**TEAM CONDUCT AND PUBLIC SAFETY:**

(a) Team contact and head cooks will be held responsible for the conduct of their team and guests. We want each team to have a good time, and want a good atmosphere for all who attend. Inappropriate conduct by team members or visitors to a team's area shall be avoided. All team members and their guests are expected to cooperate with all event staff and volunteers.  
(b) Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be sold to the public.  
(c) All teams are required to have a bucket of water with bleach or other effective sterilizing agent located in their team cooking area as indicated in Competition Rules.  
(d) No live bands will be allowed in individual team areas at any time during the event.  
(e) There shall be NO amplified music or loud noise after 11:00pm.  
(f) Any team playing excessively loud music or other sounds will be requested to turn down the volume. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

**Ribs on the Ridge BBQ REGULATIONS:**

(a) The sale, distribution or promotion of any goods, services, barbecue equipment or products, promotional items, souvenirs, t-shirts is not permitted.  
(b) No fundraising activities of any kind are allowed in the designated "Ribs on the Ridge" event zone.  
(c) In the event of bad weather conditions, the event will proceed as planned and no refunds will be given. Be prepared if standing water in your area from rainstorms will cause a problem, please plan accordingly.  
(d) Not all sites will be perfectly level. Try to plan for this by bringing an appropriate amount of leveling blocks and materials to properly secure your cooking rig in place.  
(e) Overnight security has been coordinated through the Ribs on the Ridge Organizing Committee in conjunction with the Haines City Police Department.

**UTILITY AVAILABILITY:**

(a) Water will be available in each space. Please bring a 100ft water hose and a splitter. You will be required to have in your area a bucket of chlorinated water for sterilization. Please bring your own bleach for this.  
(b) Electricity: 20 amps will be made available to every space. No extension cords will be provided.  
(c) Power strips and heavy-duty extension cords are encouraged but you may be asked to limit the amount of items you have plugged into one circuit.

*If you have any questions, please contact us via e-mail at [ldonley@hainescity.com](mailto:ldonley@hainescity.com).*

**A QUIET TIME IS IN EFFECT FROM 11:00PM FRIDAY UNTIL 6:00 AM SATURDAY.  
FAILURE TO OBSERVE THIS MANDATORY TIME MAY SUBJECT OFFENDER TO REMOVAL  
FROM THE CONTEST SITE.**

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## AGREEMENT

**APPLICANT AGREEMENT:** BY RETURNING THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM, I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE HAINES CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S RIBS ON THE RIDGE BBQ COMPETITION, and all rules, guidelines and laws established by the Haines City Parks and Recreation Department, City of Haines City, and the Florida BBQ Association.

**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 City of Haines City, the Haines City Parks and Recreation Department, the Florida BBQ Association and their agents, sponsors, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in this event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to the City of Haines City and the Haines City Parks and Recreation Department 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.



This event is sanctioned by the **FLORIDA BBQ ASSOCIATION**.

Visit their website at [www.FBABBQ.com](http://www.FBABBQ.com) for a complete list of rules governing this event.

**Ribs on the Ridge is a qualifier for:**



Jack Daniels World Championship



American Royal Invitational



Sonny's Smokin' Showdown

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## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM BELOW AND MAIL WITH APPROPRIATE FEES TO:

Ribs on the Ridge | 555 Ledwith Avenue | Haines City, FL 33844

**EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 3, 2017**

SELECT CATEGORY:  Professional  Backyard

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ FBA Team Member?  Yes  No

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Height, Width, & Electrical Requirements of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your trailer's activity out of your Driver's side or Passenger side? \_\_\_\_\_

### Categories with Competition Turn-in Times:

Chicken 11:00AM  Ribs 12:00PM  Pork 1:00PM  Brisket 2:00PM

**Professional Division** - \$70 per category prior to Feb 3, 2017 at 5:00PM | \$80 per category after Feb 3, 2017

- You must compete in all four categories to be eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion titles.
- A completed W-9 must be submitted with your application.
- **Each team will receive (1) 20'x40' space and (1) 20 amp electric connection and water.**

**Backyard Division** - \$25 per category prior to Feb 3, 2017 at 5:00PM | \$30 per category after Feb 3, 2017

- You must compete in all four categories to be eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion titles.
- **Each team will receive (1) 20'x20' space and (1) 20-amp electric connection and water.**
- No professionals allowed to compete in this division.

### Please complete the following information:

<input type="checkbox"/> Team Entry Fee	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional 20' x 20' space	\$ 75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Private port-a-let	\$ 80.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sauce Competition	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Dessert Competition	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Kid's Q Competition	\$ 15.00
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	\$ _____

### Arrival Day (Check which day you plan to arrive):

Thursday (between 3pm-8pm)  
 Friday (after 7:00am)

### Vending:

YES  
 NO

### T-Shirt Size:

S  M  
 L  XL  
 2x  3XL

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name) (Signature) (Date)