



2026 BBQ AUSTIN TEAM SCHEDULE

March 3 - March 8, 2026

Tuesday - 3/3/2026

9:00 AM- 8:00 PM

- BBQ Teams and Team Vendors arrive on-site for setup. * Gate 2 access only*

1:00 PM- 6:00 PM

- Ice Pickup available at BBQ Bank (bring a cart or carry - Ice ticket needed)

Wednesday - 3/4/2026

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

- BBQ Teams and Team Vendors setup continues. *Gate 2 access only*

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

- BBQ Bank open to purchase ice tickets, admission & parking (ice available for pickup, bring a cart or carry - Ice ticket needed.)

Thursday - 3/5/2026

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

- BBQ Teams and Team Vendors setup continues. *Gate 2 access only*

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

- BBQ Bank open to purchase ice tickets, admission & parking (ice available for pickup as well)

5:00 PM

- **CHIEF COOKS MANDATORY MEETING** ^{NEW!}
 - *Pickup containers & get assigned CBA QR codes, you will also pick up aprons, space # required by the Fire Marshal, and fundraising QR codes.*

9:00 PM

- All teams have to be checked in and items/vehicles not in team space must be removed from contest area.

Friday - 3/6/2026

8:00 AM

- City of Austin Health Department & Travis County Fire Marshal to complete onsite compliance inspection.

10:00 AM

- BBQ Austin Committee to deliver donation buckets to team spaces -This is a fundraiser!

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

- BBQ Bank open to purchase ice tickets, admission & parking (ice available for pick up, bring a cart or carry- ice tickets needed.

12:00 PM

- BBQ Austin public parking gates **OPEN**

4:00 PM

- Carnival, Petting Zoo & Pony Rides **OPEN**.

5:00 PM

- **BBQ SAUCE TURN-IN - Must be in line 10 minutes before turn-in time.**

7:00 PM

- **DAVID KITCHEN'S JACKPOT TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**

11:00 PM

- BBQ Austin ticket gates **CLOSE**.

12:00 AM

- BBQ Austin Carnival **CLOSE**.

Saturday - 3/7/2026

8:00 AM-12:00 AM

- BBQ Bank open to purchase ice tickets, admission & parking (ice available for pick up, bring a cart or carry.)

9:30 AM

- **BLOODY MARY TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**

11:00 AM

- BBQ Austin parking, ticket gates, and carnival open to public.

11:30 AM

- **BEAN TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**

12:30 PM

- **Jr. Pit Master Turn-In, Judging & Awards**

1:00PM - 3:00 PM

- Most Elaborate Rig & Hardest Working Pit judging.

1:30 PM

- **CHICKEN TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**

3:30 PM

- **RIBS TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**

5:30 PM

- **BRISKET TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**

11:00 PM

- BBQ Austin ticket gates **CLOSE**.

12:00 AM

- BBQ Austin Carnival **CLOSE**.

Sunday - 3/8/2026

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

- BBQ Committee to pick up donation buckets. Teams may begin to tear down team space but nothing including vehicles and RVs will be allowed to enter or leave the event area until after the awards ceremony.

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Awards Ceremony - **MONETARY WINNERS WILL NEED TO COMPLETE W9 before receiving check!**

12:00 PM

- Event is over - gates will open and teams will be able to begin moving out of the event space.

6:00 PM

- **ALL TEAMS AND ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED FROM EVENT GROUNDS**