

- \$125 Entry Fee per Team
- Grand Prize \$500 + Trophy
- Reserve Grand Prize \$300 + Trophy
- Prizes awarded for 1st (\$150,) 2nd (\$100) & 3rd (\$50) in each category
- People's Choice Award: Smoked Dessert \$100 + Trophy

Turn-ins begin at 10:00am
People's Choice from 12:00pm – 1:30pm

BBQ Competition Entry Form
Fall Festival – Saturday, October 4, 2025
Please complete the following:

- Team Name: _____
- Team Captain: _____
- Address: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Email Address: _____

Categories Entering:
☐ Chicken ☐ Ribs ☐ Pork Butt ☐ Smoked Dessert

Electricity Needed:
Voltage _____ Amps _____

Space/Trailer Dimensions:

2025 Fall Festival T-Shirts (\$15 Each):

S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ 2XL ____

Mail entry forms & checks to:
Wellington Area Chamber of
Commerce / CVB
208 N Washington Ave.
PO Box 686
Wellington, KS 67152

Make checks payable to:
Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce

Entry deadline:
Friday, September 19, 2025

Contact:
Valerie Earl, Executive Director
director@wellingtonkschamber.com
620-326-7466

Entry fee includes:

- Entry into all 4 categories
- Entry into the People's Choice Smoked Dessert contest

BBQ Cook-off Sponsors:



WELLINGTON FALL FESTIVAL



October 4th, 2025

Heritage Park
Downtown
Wellington



BBQ COOK-OFF

Mandatory Cook's Meeting

Friday, October 3 at 5:00 PM – Stage
in Heritage Park

- Finalize entries
- Review rules
- Answer questions

Turn-In Requirements:

- 5 pieces per category
- Styrofoam boxes provided
- No garnish, foreign items, or extra sauce allowed
- Smoked Dessert must be able to be picked up or in a 3 oz. container

Judging Turn-In Times

- Chicken – 10:00am
- Ribs – 10:30am
- Pork Butt – 11:00am
- Smoked Dessert – 11:30am

Judging Criteria:

Scored 1-10 on Appearance, Taste, and
Tenderness

Must be entered into all 4 categories
to be eligible for the Grand Prize or
Reserve Grand Prize.



Meat & Food Safety

- Pre-trimmed meat must be vacuum sealed
- No pre-seasonings or injections
- Meat cannot leave once inspected
- Keep uncooked meat on ice; cooked meat at 140°F+
- Gloves required when handling food
- All fuel sources allowed (wood, pellet, charcoal)

Disqualification for:

- Undercooked meat
- Incorrect number of pieces
- Not using gloves
- Unsafe or unclean workspace
- Sculpting meat
- Garnish or foreign objects in box

Site Requirements:

- Can begin arriving as early as 1pm on Friday, October 3rd.
- No smoking/tobacco in cooking areas
- Fire extinguisher required
- Electricity available by request (if generators – quiet ones only)

People's Choice Contest

(Smoked Dessert Only)

- Runs from 12:00 – 1:30pm
- Not required, but encouraged
- Team container provided for white bean voting
- Winner determined by most beans collected

Competitor Agreement & Liability Waiver:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to all items of this application, including the rules, guidelines, responsibilities, and liabilities. I agree to abide by decisions of judges and event organizers. I hereby waive all claims and release the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB, the Fall Festival, and the City of Wellington, and all associated agents, volunteers and staff from liability for injury, death, or loss of equipment prior to, during, or after the 2025 Fall Festival BBQ Competition.

Signature: _____

Date: _____