

# SMOKIN' IN THE GAP

PEOPLE'S



CHOICE

To Benefit:



## PENNWOOD HOME & HEARTH

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Rules and Regulations – Pennwood Home and Hearth - Pleasant Gap, PA

This event is designed for the locals to show off their skills on a grill/smoker, to have fun BBQ-ing and raise money for the local PGFC at the same time. Entry fee is \$75.00 all entry fees will go to the Pleasant Gap Fire Company. The fee covers your spot and Pennwood will supply 7 racks of ribs, 1 pork butt (6-8lbs), 1 brisket, and the mystery meat. All entries must be cooked and prepared on the grounds. You may season or prepare the meat as the cooks see fit. Cooking can only be done on a charcoal, wood fired, pellet or gas grill. Boiled or fried food will not be accepted. **All food to be kept below 40 degrees before cooked.**

**\*\*\* New rules pertaining to scoring and food safety. Please read carefully. \*\*\***

**You are responsible for observing prudent temperature and sanitary requirements.**

- 1) Each team will consist of a chief cook and as many assistants as the chief cook deems necessary. Each team will provide a grill/cooker to be used exclusively by that team within the confines of the team's assigned cooking space. Cooking spaces will be 15' X 20'. The use of a single cooking device by more than one team is not permitted. All seasoning and cooking of the product shall be done within the confines of the team's assigned cooking space. A chief cook or assistants may not enter more than one team.
- 2) Entries are limited to Brisket, Pork Ribs, Pork Butt, and Mystery Meat.
- 3) You have the option to cook 1 – 4 different meat categories. You are not required to cook all four.
- 4) **Contestant spots will be picked by random drawing.**
- 5) Setup of your cooking space will begin Friday June 6th after 5:00 p.m., and Saturday June 7th starting at 6:00 a.m.
- 6) The Pennwood provided meats will be handed out when your cooking space is setup.

- 7) Pennwood will have restrooms open and access to a sink if needed. **Be sure to bring ice with you.**
- 8) All teams will be required to keep the food cooled to proper temperatures before cooking and warmed to proper temperatures after cooking and until consumed. You will be required to serve all food with gloves and sanitized equipment.
- 9) For the safety of competitors, judges, and voters; we will be implementing and inspecting for the following cleanliness/safety rules. Teams that do not follow these rules will NOT be allowed to serve their entries. The following cleanliness and safety rules will apply:
  - a. No use of any tobacco products while handling meat.
  - b. Cleanliness of the cook, assistant cooks, cooking device(s) and the team's assigned cooking space is required.
  - c. Shirt and shoes are required to be worn.
  - d. Sanitizing of work area should be implemented with the use of a bleach/water rinse (one cap/gallon of water). Each contestant will provide a separate container for washing, rinsing and sanitizing of utensils.
  - e. First aid is not required to be provided by the contest, except at the election of the contest organizer.
  - f. Prior to cooking, meat must be maintained at 40° F or less.
  - g. After cooking, all meat: Must be held at 140° F or above OR Cooked meat shall be cooled as follows: Within 2 hours from 140° F to 70° F and within 4 hours from 70° F to 41° F or less.
  - h. Meat that is cooked, properly cooled, and later reheated for hot holding and serving shall be reheated so that all parts of the food reach a temperature of at least 165° F for a minimum of 15 seconds.
  - i. Teams will need to have and use an **instant read thermometer**.
  - j. Cooked meat must be handled with gloves.
- 10) You will be supplied with napkins and paper plates to serve samples to the People's Choice voters.
- 11) **NEW RULES FOR FOOD HANDOUTS: Will only be the meat itself on the table. One flavor of meat and no sauces or sandwiches on the side (nothing but the meat). No option to add sauce to the plate or any other condiments. There will be a 15-point deduction for any team that has condiments on the table for the public. Rule violations will be decided by a group from the PGFC. Teams are required to cook one flavor per category of meat. You can have 1 flavor of loin, ribs, and pulled pork. You need to sauce or not sauce before you put it on the table to hand out. NO options when they come for the handouts.**
- 12) People will get tickets to vote on each category, 1 ticket per person per category. They will place their ticket in a box with a team's number on to vote for that team. The tickets will be free but we are asking for a donation which will also go to the PGFC.
- 13) The People's Choice tasting/judging will run from 11:30am until 2:00pm.
- 14) Each person tasting/judging should only receive 1 sample per category from each team.
- 15) People's Choice voting will be the only judging this year.

\* See next page for prizes



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June 13, 2026  
BBQ Contest Entry Form

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Cook: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

List Additional Team Members:

Name	Address, City, State	Phone #

\*Each team will be provided with one 15' x 20' space. Please check box if electric is needed (must have your own cords):

I am entering:  Ribs;  Brisket;  Pork Butt;  Mystery Meat

- 🔥 \$75 entry fee entitles each team to enter this contest
- 🔥 Includes 1 brisket, 7 racks of ribs, and 1 pork butt (6-8 lbs.), and mystery meat.  
- You may bring additional if you wish but it must be unseasoned.
- 🔥 Teams are responsible for their own spices, rubs, sauces
- 🔥 All food entries **must** be prepared and cooked on site
- 🔥 Entries will be limited to 25 teams on a first come basis
- 🔥 Entry deadline is June 6, 2026

Return signed form and check payable to: *Pennwood Home and Hearth*  
294 W. College Ave  
Pleasant Gap, PA 16823

**WAIVER of LIABILITY:** In consideration of your acceptance of this entry form and fee, I, the undersigned intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the *Smokin' in the Gap, Pennwood Corp*, and their agents, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered to me in this event. I further grant permission to the *Pennwood Corp* and/or agents authorized by them to use any photographs, videotapes or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

**\*\* Any alcohol consumed ("Red Cup" rule applies) must be done responsibly and within the confines of your site. -- Any inappropriate behavior is grounds for dismissal from the contest. -**

By signing below acknowledge that you read and agree to obey the rules of the competition.

Signature of Chief Cook \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_