

CBC National Bank brings on the barbecue for Habitat



We're only weeks away from some of the best cooked BBQ in the Lowcountry, as LowCountry Habitat for Humanity prepares for its 3rd Annual CBC National Bank High on the Hog BBQ Festival to be held June 6 and 7 at Whitehall Plantation on Lady's Island. This is Habitat's main fundraising event for the year and promises to satisfy appetites big and small.

The event has been spearheaded since its beginning by Board member, Bob Albon, who reports, "This festival continues to grow each year, with more food, bigger entertainment and lots of fun."

This is a South Carolina Barbeque Association-sanctioned event, with cookers competing on Saturday for top prizes and points that accumulate during the year at competitions throughout the state. Since the meat cooks overnight to reach perfection, Friday night is the cookers' opportunity to be creative in preparing non-BBQ, Lowcountry favorites while festival goers get to vote for the evening's best samples. And, this year, local high schools will get in on the competition. They'll compete against each other in a fundraiser for their respective Booster Clubs.

Get High on the Hog

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Habitat Executive Director Brenda Dooley is grateful to the Beaufort community for their support in this endeavor. "We're so appreciative of the support of CBC National Bank, CenturyLink, Sea Eagle Market, Pepsi and all our sponsors, as well as the community that comes out to enjoy this great event that helps us build houses and hope. Our goal is to build three houses in northern Beaufort County in the coming year and proceeds from this festival will go toward making that happen."

Gates open on Friday, June 6, from 6 to 10 pm. 94.5 The Coast will broadcast live from the site until Deas Guyz take the stage at 7:30 pm. Wristbands are \$20; active military, \$18; and kids under 12, free, for unlimited samples while they last. New this year, on Friday, is a VIP tent, sponsored by The Island News. Tickets are \$50 per person and include seating in the tent, unlimited samples while they last, two drink tickets and a Lowcountry dessert. Tables of ten are available for \$450.

Saturday, June 7, gates will open at noon. Entertainment will be provided by Broke Locals. Wristbands for unlimited samples, while they last, are \$15, active military, \$14; kids under 12 are free.

A Hog Wild Zone for kids will be staffed by the Beaufort County YMCA and will include face painting, clowns, games, bounce houses and more.

According to Albion, "We have purchased more than 3,000 pounds of butts, and over 350 pounds of ribs for this year's event. We expect about 30 of the top competitive teams in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia to compete. There will be plenty of food."

Pre-orders for fully cooked butts are available through June 3 at the festival website. The butts will be cooked by 5-time winner in 2013, Palmetto Smokehouse. Orders can be picked up at the festival on Friday night.

For more information, visit www.HighOnTheHogBeaufort.com For more information on sponsorships, volunteer opportunities at the festival or build partnerships, call Habitat at 843-522-3500.

About LowCountry Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all.

For more information about LowCountry Habitat for Humanity, please call the Habitat office at (843) 522-3500.