



# **2024**

## **Otter River BBQ Cook-off**

**A NEBS Backyard Contest**  
Otter River Sportsman's Club  
250 Lord Rd  
Templeton MA 01436

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

Presented by:

**The Otter River Sportsman's Club**

[www.otterriversportsmansclub.org](http://www.otterriversportsmansclub.org)

Along with:

**The Northeast Barbecue Society**

[www.nebs.org](http://www.nebs.org)

***It's a great day for barbecue!***

## Official Entry Form – Otter River BBQ Cookoff, - Sept. 8, 2024

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Categories for Grand Champion:

Chicken Wings and Pork Ribs: \$80.00\_\_\_\_\_ After August 18, 2024: \$100.00\_\_\_\_\_

10 Amp electricity is available for \$15.00: Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Full Bastey Boys BBQ Dinner Saturday: \$20.00 each: QTY\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Total amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

### Liability Waiver

The Otter River Sportsmen Club (Herein after known as event sponsor) and the Northeast Barbecue Society, including its members, officers, sponsors, and/or associates, and the contestants, including parents, and or legal representatives, agree that the event sponsor, event host, and NEBS will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage or employee's regardless of how much loss, damage, or injury is occasioned, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the event sponsor, event host, and NEBS from any and all claims, suits or judgments including the cost of defense of any claim arising from such action against the event sponsor, event host and NEBS. Furthermore, I hereby grant full permission to the event sponsor, event host, and NEBS and/or their agents to use any photographs, videotape, or any other record of this event for legitimate purposes.

I have read and understand and agree to abide by all NEBS rules governing the Otter River BBQ Cookoff presented by the event sponsor and NEBS.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **The Otter River Sportsman's Club**

Please mail this application, along with a check or money order to:

**John Henshaw P.O. Box 129 Templeton, MA 01468**

Questions: Andy King [basteyboy@comcast.net](mailto:basteyboy@comcast.net)

\*\$10 from each team's entry fees will be donated to the Otter River Sportsman's Club. The rest of the entry fees will go back to the teams as prizes.

**COOKS PACKET 2024**  
**Otter River BBQ Cookoff**  
**a NEBS Backyard Contest**

Please reference **NEBS Contest Rules** on [www.nebs.org](http://www.nebs.org) for additional contest information. In cases where this Cooks Packet and the Contest Rules differ, this Cooks Packet takes precedence.

**CATEGORIES ARE:**

- **Chicken Wings** are described by the Otter River Barbecue Contest as any part of the wing of a chicken served whole or in sections as the cook sees fit. Turkey wings, duck wings, or the wings of any other fowl will not be allowed.
- **Pork Ribs** are any style of pork rib may be submitted, including Loin Back Ribs, Baby Back Ribs, Spareribs, St. Louis Ribs. Country-Style Ribs, Southern Style Ribs, Beef Ribs, or the ribs of any animal besides pork will NOT be allowed.

**FOOD / MEAT INSPECTION AT ARRIVAL:**

- All category items must be raw and cooked on-site, and no pre-seasoning, pre-stuffing, pre-marinating, brining, or any other type of pre-flavoring of the contest meats will be allowed until the meat has been inspected after arrival at the cook-off site; unless otherwise noted in the individual category.
- Meats may be trimmed and/or prepped before arrival at the cook-off site, but no flavors may be added to the contest meats until they are inspected.
- Once the meats are inspected, they may be rubbed, injected, marinated or otherwise flavored and cooked, as the cook sees fit.
- Once cooked, all entries may be presented for judging dry, basted, sauced, or otherwise flavored as the cook sees fit.
- Each cooking team must provide their own meats, seasonings, sauces, garnishes, and all tools and utensils necessary to cook and serve their entries.

**COOKING / GRILLING / SMOKING:**

- Any type of fuel source the cook wishes to use will be allowed, including, but not limited to: charcoal, wood, propane and electricity. Any type of cooking method, including deep frying, is legal for all entries.
- Each cooking team must provide their own cookers, grills or smokers, and no team may share their grills, cookers or smokers with any other cooking team.
- All cooking must be done in the grills, cookers or smokers provided by the team, and no cooking will be allowed on the ground or in the ground.
- Teams must provide their own power if they need it, or purchase a 10 amp connection as described in the entry form above.

### **FOOD SAFETY:**

- Each cooking team must provide a three-stage washing station, consisting of a tub or pan of soapy water, a tub or pan of rinsing water, and a tub or pan of disinfecting water. Disinfecting water consists of 1 Tablespoon of bleach per gallon of water.
- Each cooking team must have an approved ABC fire extinguisher (minimum weight 5 lbs) on their site at all times during the event.
- Each cooking team must have a meat thermometer on their site at all times for food safety.
- Each cooking team is expected to adhere to the highest food-safety procedures, food safe gloves are recommended when preparing and handling meats.
- Proper storage of meat is required. It must be maintained below 40F before cooking and above 140F after cooking.

### **COOKING SITE INFORMATION:**

- Each cooking team is expected to leave their cooking site in equal or better condition than it was when they arrived, and each team's cooking site will be inspected when they leave the event.
- Each cooking site will be approximately 20' x 20' and all tents, tables, grills, cookers or smokers should fit within each team's assigned space.
- Electricity will be available for a fee.
- Water will be available at the contest.
- Trash disposal will be available at the contest.
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- Restroom facilities will be available at the contest.
- Site assignments will be made as you show up
- Any team who leaves their site in an unacceptable condition will not be invited back to future contests and will not be allowed to compete in a Northeast Barbecue Society sanctioned event for one (1) year.
- All alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the Otter River Sportsman's Club bar, and consumed responsibly.
- \*IMPORTANT: ANYONE CAUGHT BRINGING THEIR OWN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ONTO THE GROUNDS OF THE OTTER RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB WILL BE IMMEDIATELY EJECTED
- NO DOGS ALLOWED

## **PRESENTATION:**

- NEBS Standard garnish rules will apply to all categories.
- NEBS\_STANDARD GARNISH - Only green leaf or romaine lettuce, Italian or flat leaf parsley, curly parsley, or green kale. Sauces, if used, shall be on the entry. No sauce containers are allowed. Chunks in any sauce must be finely diced. For NEBS purposes, "finely diced" is defined as less than 1/8 inch in size. Non-edible objects are NOT allowed in the entry box.
- Cooks should remember the judges will be instructed to evaluate how well the cook has represented the contest category. Excessive garnish or additional ingredients that cover or hide the appearance and/or taste of the defined category may result in a lower score.
- A 9" x 9" Styrofoam container will be provided to each cooking team for each entry.
- You must enter at least six (6) identifiable, separate portions. The container must be closed when it is submitted for judging.

## **JUDGING:**

- Once cooked, all entries may be presented for judging.
- Each entry will be judged by six (6) different judges.
- Anything in or on your container that hints at or gives away your team or team name will be grounds for disqualification.
- The double-blind judging system will be used - judges will not know which team's they are judging, and teams will not know which judges judged them.
- You MUST enter at least six (6) identifiable, separate portions.
- Container must be closed when it is submitted for judging.
- All entries and categories will be judged on the following three criteria:
  - Appearance - Appearance is based on the visual presentation of the category entry itself. The appearance score should not take into account the condition of the box itself or the garnish.
  - Taste - Taste is based on the flavor and experience of the sample.
  - Texture - Texture is based on the correct preparation of the sample with regards to tenderness or toughness.

**AWARDS NEBS Backyard:**

- Medallions and/or trophies along with cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each category.
- A trophy and cash will be awarded to the Grand Champion, which will be determined by combining the total points of the two categories.

**NEBS Team of the Year:**

The scores from these contests will count towards NEBS 2024 Team of the Year points.

In order for scores to count for NEBS Team of the Year, the teams' chief cook must be a paid member of NEBS. Information about becoming a member is available at [www.nebs.org](http://www.nebs.org).

Any questions regarding NEBS TOY should be directed by email to: [toy@nebs.org](mailto:toy@nebs.org)

**It is a requirement of this barbecue contest that all contestants, their friends and family, and anyone they may come across have fun, and enjoy the sport of barbecue!**

# **2024 Otter River Barbecue Cookoff Schedule of Events**

## **Saturday September 7, 2024**

2:00 P.M. - Cooking teams may begin arriving and setting up any time after 2:00 P.M. on Saturday.

Meat inspection continues as cooking teams arrive, and at the convenience of the meat inspectors.

5:00 – 8:00 – Live concert at no charge to the BBQ teams. A full BBQ buffet dinner by the Baste Boys is being offered to BBQ teams for \$20 per person. Kindly fill in the box on the application if desired.

Quiet hours begin at Midnight Saturday night and continue until 7 A.M. on Sunday.

## **Sunday September 8, 2024**

6:00 A.M. - Cooking teams may begin arriving and setting up any time after 6:00 A.M. on Sunday. Meat inspection continues as cooking teams arrive, and at the convenience of the meat inspectors.

7:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. – Free coffee and homemade Finnish coffee bread will be available for the cooking teams, courtesy of The Otter River Sportsman's Club

9:00 A.M. – Kids Q and Backyard Cooks Meeting at the Judging Area to clarify rules, distribute turn-in boxes and answer any questions.

10:30 A.M. – Kids Q Judges Meeting at the Judging Tent

10:55 – 11:05 A.M. – Kids Q turn in at the Judging Tent

12:30 P.M. - Backyard Judges Meeting at the Judging Area

12:55 - 1:05 P.M - Chicken Wings turn in at the Judging Area

1:25 - 1:35 P.M - Pork Ribs turn in at the Judging Area

Approximately 3:30 P.M - Awards

## **Driving Directions From Rte 2 East**

Take Exit 20 for Baldwinville Rd. towards Templeton/Baldwinville  
At the end of the Ramp turn right onto Baldwinville Rd.  
Go .6 mile and turn right onto Baptist Common Rd.  
Go .7 mile and take a sharp left onto Lord Rd.  
The Otter River Sportsman's Club is approximately 1 mile on the left

## **From Rte 2 West**

Take Exit 20 for Baldwinville Rd. towards Templeton/Baldwinville  
At the end of the Ramp turn left onto Baldwinville Rd.  
Go .6 mile and turn right onto Baptist Common Rd.  
Go .7 mile and take a sharp left onto Lord Rd.  
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## **GROCERIES & SUPPLIES:**

Hannaford's, 21 Timpany Blvd. Gardner, Ma.[978-632-6139](tel:978-632-6139)

PriceChopper. 560 Main St. Gardner, Ma.[978-730-1040](tel:978-730-1040)

Cumberland Farms with Gulf Gas & Dunkin Donuts, 163 Patriots Rd. East Templeton, MA 01438, 978-632-5037

Market Basket, 147 Tower Road, Athol, MA 01331, 978-248-9401

## **RESTAURANTS:**

Gardner Ale House (Brewery with full menu)

74 Parker St. Gardner Ma. 01440 [978-669-0122](tel:978-669-0122)  
[www.gardnerale.com](http://www.gardnerale.com)

Yen Yen Chinese Restaurant

42 Pearson Blvd Gardner Ma. 01440 [978-630-1535](tel:978-630-1535)  
[www.yenyenma.com](http://www.yenyenma.com)

Patriots Roast Beef & Pizza

146 Patriots Rd.  
East Templeton, MA 01468  
978-632-9951  
[patriotsroastbeefpizza.com](http://patriotsroastbeefpizza.com)

SAWA Asian Cuisine & Lounge

360 Timpany Blvd.  
Gardner, Ma  
[sawagardner.com](http://sawagardner.com)  
(978) 632-3888