



**Application:** Apply at [www.claytonharvestfestival.com/squealin](http://www.claytonharvestfestival.com/squealin). The deadline for applications is September 30, 2019. Applications postmarked after September 30, 2019 will not be accepted. Entry fees are \$150 and are **non-refundable**. If you have trouble using the online registration form, you can come by our office (address above) with your payment and we will fill it out for you. Should you have any questions, please contact the Clayton Chamber of Commerce at (919) 553-6352. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Funds raised by the Clayton Harvest Festival are reinvested into the community.

1. All cook teams will be assigned cooking spaces upon arrival. No changes will be allowed.
2. An Event official will direct you to your site. Each team is required to be checked in no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 1, 2019. No team is to arrive prior to 3:00 p.m.
3. Teams will be permitted to begin setting up their equipment any time after 3:00 p.m., November 1, 2019. Each cooking space will be limited to a 10 x 20 tent per pig.
4. At 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 1, 2019, there will be an introduction of Teams and Sponsors followed by the Chief Cook's briefing. This will be held at United Community Bank's parking lot, 102 E. Main Street, Clayton, NC. Attendance is mandatory.
5. Each cooking team shall have one person designated as Chief Cook. The Chief Cook shall be the only person permitted to present the pig during the judging process. Chief Cook must be at least 15 years old.
6. The event will provide a 100 -120 lb. pig. Pigs will be distributed on Friday, November 1, 2019 immediately following the Chief Cook's briefing, and the contest will officially begin at that time.
7. All pigs must be cooked in an above ground cooker.
8. The USE OF GASOLINE FOR ANY REASON IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
9. Drip pans must be used to catch grease.



10. Each gas cooker must meet safety standards such as:

- Proper regulator
- Tanks secured to prevent accidental tripping of contestants and the general public.
- Other requirements as site committee deems necessary for the safety of contestants and general public.

11. Each Chief Cook is to have the following utensils on hand for judging:

- Three sharp knives
- Three cups of water
- Towels (paper or cloth)
- Small container of your sauce

12. Cooking teams are requested to keep their cooking area free of trash. Please use the trash containers provided at various locations. Each team is responsible for site cleanup at the end of the contest.

13. Any pig judged and determined undercooked will be disqualified. In such case, cook teams are required to continue cooking their pig until, in the opinion of the Judges, the pig is fully cooked.

14. Any pig will be disqualified if any part of the pig is removed or intentionally disturbed.

15. Pigs may NOT be sauced inside or out. Those that have been sauced will be disqualified.

16. NO external heat source may be used other than the grill. Some examples might include but are not limited to heat guns and torches. Those using external heat sources will be disqualified.

17. Injecting pigs will NOT be allowed. Some examples might include (but are not limited to): sauce and product drippings. Those using injections will be disqualified.

18. Beer vendors will be operating Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at The Shindig. Each team will receive 4 complimentary drink tickets. Alcoholic beverages are not to be distributed (given away or sold) to the general public by contestants and must be consumed in designated areas. Law Enforcement Officers will be present.



19. All cooking teams are requested to respect the rights of others in attendance for the event, with special emphasis from each team member relating to loud music, loud or profane language or infringement on adjoining sites with any equipment, cookers, cars, campers, vans, pickups, etc. Security will be provided throughout the event.
20. Use of the provided basin of water and soap is mandatory for sanitary purposes. Gloves are not mandatory.
21. Judging will begin no later than 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 2, 2019. During the judging process, any item that displays the logo or information concerning the identity of the cook team **MUST BE REMOVED**. During the On Site Judging, no trophies or pictures of trophies are allowed to be displayed.
22. An event staff person will be assigned to accompany the judges while the pigs are being judged. The staff person will collect score sheets. The score sheets will contain no information that will in any manner identify the cooks or sponsors. The Event staff, not the judges, will total and grand total the score sheets.
23. Following the on-site judging, all pigs shall be removed of bones and fat and the meat kept warm until picked up by the event staff. Exception is made for the ribs, which may be removed and kept by the Cook Teams with permission of the staff. You will be given a heavy-duty trash bag for disposal of parts; you may leave it at your cook site for our trash team to collect after the event.
24. Each team will receive four complementary BBQ plate tickets.
25. In the event of a tie, an event staff member will refer back to the judging sheets and the winner will be awarded by the highest points in meat taste. If a winner is still not determined based on this category, the judging will continue based on skin crispiness and finally, if no winner is determined, on the category of moisture.
26. The completed score sheets will be distributed to the Chief Cook of each team after the award ceremony.
27. Contest winners will be announced at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2019.



Please note that this contest is a NC Pork Council sanctioned event.

Please read the rules carefully so that there are no misunderstandings.

**RELEASE:** The Clayton Chamber of Commerce, the Clayton Harvest Festival Committee, the Squealin' on the Square Task Force, the Latin American Festival Task Force, the Town of Clayton, The Shindig, and any official volunteer for the Clayton Harvest Festival are not liable for damages, injury or loss to any person or goods from any cause whatsoever. The Clayton Chamber of Commerce, the Clayton Harvest Festival Committee, the Squealin' on the Square Task Force, the Latin American Festival Task Force, the Town of Clayton, The Shindig, and any official volunteer for the Clayton Harvest Festival cannot be held responsible for any claims of damage, injury or loss arising out of or in connection with use of space or grounds in the festival. The Clayton Chamber of Commerce, the Clayton Harvest Festival Committee, and the Latin American Festival Task Force reserve the right to approve all products and materials and will limit the number of types of vendor offerings at the festival. All decisions will be final.

**My initials on the cook team application verifies that I have read and understand this agreement of participation:** I understand that my fees are non-refundable. (Make a copy of this signed document for your records).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_