

**Fire Ant Festival Phoenix Wood BBQ Bash
March 27-28, 2026**



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GBA Sanctioned Event

Sponsored by Phoenix Woods and the [Fire Ant Festival](http://www.fireantfestival.com)

Limit of 40 BBQ Cook Teams!

GBA Membership: The person designated as Pitmaster in the GBA competition **must be a GBA member to compete.** Information about GBA membership can be found at www.bbqga.org. The competition will be conducted following the rules of the Georgia Barbecue Association. To obtain a complete set of GBA rules, go to www.bbqga.org.

Standard cook sites measure 20' x 40'. If additional space is required, please indicate on the application. A 20-amp or 30 amp power connection and water access are included with the fee, and each site is equipped with its own breaker.

Application Link: <https://forms.gle/EZGwQgHBDTwgMpuY8>

Standard GBA Turn in Times will Apply

Friday, March 27, 2026

Cook's Briefing - 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 28, 2026

- 9:45 am - 10:00 am - Loin Turn In
- 10:45 am - 11:00 am - Pork Turn In
- 11:45 am - 12:00 pm - Ribs Turn In
- 12:45 pm - 1:00 pm - Chicken Turn In
- 1:25 pm - 1:30 pm - Loin Finals Turn In
- 1:55 pm - 2:00 pm - Pork Final Turn In
- 2:25 pm - 2:30 pm - Ribs Finals Turn In
- 5:00 pm (approx.) - Awards Ceremony

Fire Ant Festival BBQ Bash Prizes:

Grand Champion - \$2000 + trophy

Reserve Champion - \$2000 + trophy

Loin, Pulled Pork, & Ribs:

- 1st place: \$500 + trophy
- 2nd place: \$400 + trophy
- 3rd place: \$300 + trophy
- 4th place: \$250 + trophy
- 5th place: \$150 + trophy
- 6th place: \$125 + trophy
- 7th place: \$100 + trophy
- 8th place: \$75 + trophy
- 9th-10th place: \$50 + trophy

Chicken Ancillary

- 1st place: \$400 + trophy
- 2nd place: \$300 + trophy
- 3rd place: \$200 + trophy
- 4th place: \$125 + trophy
- 5th place: \$75 + trophy

Fees:

- **BBQ Competition: \$375** (Entry Fee includes all 3 GBA Meats. Cook teams are not required to enter all categories. Please check the categories you will enter.)
- **Chicken: \$50**

Team set up starts Thursday evening, March 26, 2026, after 1 pm, and must be completed by 4 pm on March 27, 2026. Teams must be out of the festival area by Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 12 p.m.

For BBQ-related questions or info, contact: Robby Royal @ 229-222-1070.

All other questions, please reach out to the Fire Ant Festival Committee at info@fireantfestival.com.

Please note that by providing your email, you agree to be added to our [Fire Ant Festival](#) newsletter. You may unsubscribe at any time. We may also use it to process digital payments and to contact you regarding any important updates or issues related to the Fire Ant Festival BBQ Bash contest.

Interested in the Fire Ant Festival Kids Burger Challenge? It's free to enter for children ages 4-15, and there's a \$500 payout! Click this link to complete the application:

<https://forms.gle/N1GFyP8s1Gj2Dhyt8>