



## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom RV BBQ Throwdown – February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017



Hello all, our **Annual Freedom RV BBQ Throwdown** is just weeks away. As the longest running BBQ Competition in Arizona, we are excited for its 6th year including the BBQ Comp and 16<sup>th</sup> year overall and for all of you to be part of it!

We thank Freedom RV for again stepping up to the plate to sponsor this great event. They are famous for their fantastic selection of RV's and quality service. We and several of our members are pleased to have purchased our RV's from Freedom RV.

A few items you should know about.

### EVENT LOCATION:

Freedom RV in Tucson, AZ  
3735 E Irvington Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85714

To map the location, visit:

[www.google.com/maps/place/Freedom+RV+Inc./@32.163866,110.9135369,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x86d67ac9241db82d:0x125d953078de8c99!8m2!3d32.163866!4d-110.9113482](http://www.google.com/maps/place/Freedom+RV+Inc./@32.163866,110.9135369,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x86d67ac9241db82d:0x125d953078de8c99!8m2!3d32.163866!4d-110.9113482)

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### HOTEL INFO:

Comfort Inn - This is the closest Hotel, it's right next door.

<https://www.choicehotels.com/arizona/tucson/comfort-inn-hotels/az388>

Rate when we checked was \$87/night for that weekend.

Red Roof Inn - This is across the street from the event.

<https://www.redroof.com/property/Tucson/AZ/85714/Hotels-close-to-Tuscon-Airport-I-10/RR1225/>

Rate when we checked was \$57.69/night for that weekend.

### JUDGES INFO:

For our Judges, we invite you to come out to the event on Friday and mingle with all the competitors and enjoy a great evening.

For those of you judging, you need to be onsite Saturday and checked in no later than 11:00 am. Once again, this will be at the Judging Tent Located toward the back of the show lot. **We recommend arriving even earlier in case there are traffic problems or busy freeways.** Plus, it will give you time to park, get settled and interact with your fellow judges.

### COOKS MEETING:

**Friday night, the Cooks meeting is at 5 pm.** Please plan to have someone from your team attend this meeting. Preferably the Head Cook. The meeting is currently scheduled to be held at the Judge's Tent.

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### MEATS:

Teams are required to supply their own Meats for this competition. Meats may **NOT** be prepared ahead of time. They may be trimmed, but **NOT** Seasoned, Brined, Injected, Rubbed, etc. Please refer to the BCS Rules for more info on this

<http://www.barbequechampionshipseries.org/rules.php>

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### **ICE:**

Competitors are urged to pick up Ice before arriving. There will NOT be any ice available on site.

### **ELECTRIC:**

There is 110 Volt 15 Amp Plug in available. Please bring several extension cords as these are centrally located. If you have a quiet Generator, we recommend bringing that as well.

### **TRASH, GREASE & ASH:**

We will pick up trash at each booth, but trash needs to be in tied plastic trash bags. Do not overfill them. Please put them out about half full so the team picking them up doesn't have to struggle with them. We will have Grease & Ash containers available, but you will be responsible to transport them to the bins.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT & FIRE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS:**

Teams are required to have an approved and updated Fire Extinguisher as well as a Hand Wash Station and 3-compartment sink or bins. If you wish to hand out food samples to the public, you will need to obtain a \$20 Sample Permit from the Health Department. This has to be done onsite in Tucson or via mail, so plan to do it early. We do encourage you to hand out samples, but we know not all of you will do this. The web site for the form is attached to this e-mail. Let Michael know if you have any questions.

### **TASTE THE FREEDOM (sampling):**

The public will have the opportunity to purchase samples at \$2/taste from each team who would like to do this. They will pay your team directly. We recommend you hand out 2-oz. samples of your meat or 1 rib bone for that price. You are responsible for supplying your own cups/containers. It's also a good idea to have napkins and plastic forks. Teams may serve the four competition meats as well as BBQ Appetizers if you wish (ABT's, Pig Candy, Fatties, etc.). You will be required to have a \$20 Sampling Permit from the Health Dept. Please read the section above regarding this.



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### **COMPETITION BBQ TEAMS:**

We are full again this year, so space is extremely limited. Space sizes are 20 X 20 unless otherwise agreed upon. Plan to be cozy with as condensed a setup as you can. We look forward to seeing you and travel safely!

### **ARRIVAL TIME - Competitors:**

Arrive no earlier than 8 am on Friday. Freedom RV does not open until 7 am and they need a preparation hour before teams start to arrive, so please be respectful of this. Michael Reimann will be on site starting at 8 am to get each team set.

Some teams have asked to set up on Thursday. Michael will be onsite after 2 pm, so if you want to set up on Thursday, please message him first so he knows you are coming. When you arrive, ask for Michael Reimann. He or one of his volunteers will check you in and direct you to your location. **PLEASE DO NOT JUST PARK AND START SETTING UP.**

### **SANCTIONING BODIES & RULES:**

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This is a BCS and AZBarbeque sanctioned contest.

If you have never competed in a BCS event, please take some time and read through the BCS Rules located at <http://www.barbequechampionshipseries.org/rules.php>

Our BCS Sanctioning Directors for this great event are Jim Strickler and Mark Motta. We are excited and happy to have them out here for this event. They have great reputations throughout the BBQ community and have been Certified BBQ Judges for many years.

### **PARKING:**

Freedom RV has is parking available in their overflow parking lot. Please follow the parking lot setup.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT APPETIZER PARTY**

Our famous Appetizer & Dessert Party begins at 8 pm in the Eating Tent. This Party is once again sponsored by BBQ Island, Swimming in Smoke and Anthony Spices. We will have some great prizes, so be creative and get your entire team involved. This is open to everyone; BBQ Teams, Judges, Sponsors and Club Members, so come join us for this tasty event. We have Awards this year for two categories: Appetizers & Desserts. You are more than welcome to bring a dish for each if you wish.





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### **SATURDAY INFO**

Saturday will be a fun day. We will have the Four Meats and Best Booth Competition going on, so make sure you are all set and ready to go no later than 11:00 am.

#### **TURN IN TIMES**

**IMPORTANT! Read and post at your site.**

12:00 pm – Chicken

12:45 pm – Ribs

1:30 pm – Pork

2:15 pm – Brisket

4:00 pm – Awards

All teams must be off site by 8 am on Sunday and your area **MUST** be clean and put back to the condition in which you found it. The reason is that Freedom RV is open for business on Sunday and they expect a lot of public through the gates. It is their biggest sales weekend of the year.

#### **\$3,000 PRIZE FUND PAYOUT**

Not to mention some terrific trophies!

**Grand Champion - \$800**

**Reserve Grand Champion - \$400**

**Chicken, Ribs, Pork & Brisket (per category)**

1st Place: \$200

2nd Place: \$100

3rd Place: \$50

4th Place: \$25

5th Place: \$25

#### **Best Booth**

Show pride in your setup and get a chance to win some money!

1st Place: \$100

2nd Place: \$75

3rd Place: \$25

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We look forward to seeing you all out at Freedom RV for a successful and fun event. If you have any questions, please contact me immediately. Remember, this event is supporting Freedom RV, so please come out, have a good time and help us help them. We want to continue this yearly event and show other potential Tucson sponsors that we can support events in southern Arizona. And if you are looking to trade in or buy an RV, please give Freedom RV a chance to earn your business.

We greatly appreciate your support in promoting this event via your networks, social media, web sites, word of mouth, etc. It's our goal to have lots of attendance to continue making this event a huge success for everyone involved.

Here is the link to our Facebook Event post if you can share it

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1667113653615829/>

For more info on this event, please visit [www.azbarbeque.com/forums/freedom-rv-2017](http://www.azbarbeque.com/forums/freedom-rv-2017)  
Have a great new year and we'll see you all on the 17th & 18th of February.

Regards,

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