



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is the BBQ & Fly-In on the River?

The BBQ & Fly-In on the River is one of the largest festival hosted in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. The event is now in its 19th year and takes place in Downtown Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Each year is a successful contest filled with rugged competition and the aroma of smoked meats filling the air. Activities of the event include 70 competition BBQ teams fighting it out for the Best of the Best in multiple award categories, a beer garden, live bands, vendors, flyovers, fireworks and more!

## How Much is Admission to the Event?

There is a \$5 General Admission fee to the festival area. You will receive a wristband upon arrival. Teams host families, friends and colleagues in their team spaces on Friday night. Entry into these spaces are at the discretion of the team. If you do not have a team space to join, there will be live music, a beer and wine garden, fireworks and other events in the Hall of Waters Circle Drive.

## Can I try BBQ at the event from the teams?

No. Unfortunately due to Clay County Health Department licensing mandates, the BBQ cooked by competition teams can not be given to the general public. We wish this was different too, however, these are the rules we must abide by. Teams/Tents will not provide samples to the general public.

## What are the directions to get to the event?

We encourage all vehicles to park in public parking lots located on Thompson Avenue and the West side of Broadway or locate street side parking. Plug in 201 E. Broadway, Excelsior Springs, Missouri 64024 to your GPS to pull up directions and arrive at the event on time.

## What do I get for the \$5 wristband?

You get access to the festival grounds where you will be able to explore the set up of 70 BBQ Competition teams while smelling the tantalizing aroma of smoked meats. You gain access to the beer garden and the opportunity to enjoy live music all night.

In addition to all of that, you get a front row seat to Excelsior Springs' largest firework show!

## What is the event schedule?

Friday night is all about the party and the fun. Gates open at 4:00 PM. This is the perfect opportunity for meeting and greeting the competition teams. The bands kicks off at 7:00 PM and lasts until 11:00 PM. Fireworks begin at dusk. On Saturday the competition is underway with judges checking in at 10:00 AM. The beer garden opens at NOON and the final announcements of the BEST OF THE BEST happens at 4:00 PM.

## Are there public restrooms at the event?

There will be portable toilets throughout the festival grounds. These can be accessed by all event attendees. Some of our downtown establishments have bathrooms available to their paying customers only.

If you have any other questions about attending the BBQ & Fly-In on the River email us at [exec@visitesprings.com](mailto:exec@visitesprings.com).