



# Grillin' in the Breeze Cook-Off

April 25, 2026

Benefitting:



## Event Rules

Location: Shoreline Park / Gulf Breeze, FL Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

### 1. ENTRY FEE: None

Grillin' team entry forms can be accessed online at [www.grillininthebreeze.com](http://www.grillininthebreeze.com) or by contacting Santa Rosa Education Foundation. Please complete the form and mail it to 6032 Highway 90, Milton, FL, 32570.

### 2. FOOD: Grillin' teams can prepare anything they would like on their grills (steak, BBQ, burgers, ribs, fish, shrimp, chicken, pizza, vegetables, fruit, desserts, whatever they can think of and/or any combination of the above).

All perishable ingredients must be kept on ice or refrigerated before being cooked. Teams must provide their own ice and cooler. Holding temperature must be at 40 degrees (F) or below. Teams must have a thermometer and plenty of ice.

Teams may partially or fully cook their food offsite but must follow guidelines for perishables and cooked meat. Food must be served at the proper temperature.

Cooked meat must be maintained at 140 degrees (F) or above. All cooked food must be stored in covered containers. Use disposable aluminum pans for storing and serving samples. Keep your samples small. It is a "tasting" not an All You Can Eat.

### 3. SITE SETUP: Grillin' teams may begin setting up their booths and cooking areas on Friday, April 24th starting at 12 p.m. Booth setup must be complete by 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026. Our Grillin' Team organizers will be onsite on Friday, April 24th, from 12:00-5 p.m. on site to greet teams and answer questions.

### 4. GEAR: Each team is responsible for everything needed for cooking, including the smoker/grill, wood/propane, power, generator (must be quiet, please check generator box on Grillin' team application), water, sauce, seasoning, garnishes, coolers, etc. Water is available at several locations nearby the site. We will provide paper products for sampling, paper towels, serving gloves, people's choice container for collecting money, and some great entertainment.

### 5. TEAM SIZE: Your team can consist of up to 5 people. Each team will be given at least two parking spaces to use for smokers/grills, tables, tents, chairs, coolers, etc. You will NOT be able to park your vehicle in these spaces. You will be able to unload your gear and then you must move your vehicle. You may decorate your space as you like, as long as nothing is offensive. We recommend you bring a sign with your team name/company logo, etc. so patrons will be able to spread the word about your great tasting samples. No vehicles will be allowed in the area after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

#### 6. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Judges' Awards: First, second, and third place as determined by our judges.
- People's Choice Awards: First, second, and third place based on the number of Golden Grillin' coins collected.
- Big Pig Awards: First, second, and third place based on the total donations collected by each Grillin' team during the event.
- Spirit of the Pig Award: Given to the team that best embodies the event's spirit.

*Please note: No cash prizes will be offered.*

#### Judge's Category Details:

- **Timing:** Judge's Tasting will begin at 11:30. You will receive a specified time to report to the Judge's Table.
- **Preparation:** You'll receive 4 to-go containers to prepare your "Best Bite" for the judges.
- -Your "Best Bite" isn't restricted to the samples you're serving; it's your chance to showcase your grilling skills.
- **Presentation:** Choose one representative to present your Best Bite to the judges at the specified time.
- -The representative will provide any relevant information about your Bite to the judges.
- **Tasting:** Judges will have 5 minutes to taste-test your Best Bite and offer feedback.
- -Scores won't be revealed during this process.
- **Announcement:** Winners will be announced at 2 pm on the main stage.

#### People's Choice Category Details:

- **Voting:** Each attendee with a paid admission will receive one golden coin token to vote for their favorite food/team.
- **Voting Method:** Votes will be cast by attendees placing the coins into the designated People's Choice/Big Pig buckets.
- **Collection & Announcing Winners:** Someone from our Grillin' team will pick up your People's Choice/Big Pig Bucket at 1:30 pm. Votes will be counted by our team and the top 3 winners will be announced on the stage at 2 pm.

#### Big Pig Category Details:

- **Voting:** Attendees decide the winners through donations.
- **Fundraising:** You can collect money however you like, as long as it's not offensive or illegal.
- **Voting Method:** Each dollar donated counts as a vote.
- **Donations:** All funds raised for Big Pig, including raffles or sales, will be donated to the Santa Rosa Education Foundation and Take Stock in Children.
- **QR Code:** A team specific QR code will be available for credit card donations.
- **Collection & Announcing Winners:** Someone from our Grillin' team will pick up your People's Choice/Big Pig Bucket at 1:30 pm. Donations will be counted by our team and the top 3 winners will be announced on the stage at 2 pm.

All money collected for Big Pig, through 50/50 or any other raffles/sales will be donated to Santa Rosa Education Foundation and Take Stock in Children.

8. **PATRON SAMPLING:** This event is open to the public and patrons have paid money to come taste your fare. While we expect you to provide samples, a sampling is not an "all you can eat" buffet. Please cut your samples in small portions. 2 oz cups or paper trays will be provided to each team. Last year's event was attended by over 1000 people. Please plan for at least 800 2-ounce samples.

9. CLEAN UP: Remove all cooking equipment, paper, food and waste. Leave nothing behind. Leave the area as you found it or in better condition than it was given to you. Take special care and precautions to prevent spilling any grease or charcoal on the parking surfaces. Trash receptacles will be provided around the site.

10. COOLERS: Each team is allowed to bring a cooler with their own drinks. However, please remember that this is a family event and moderation is appreciated.

11. SIGNAGE & DISTRIBUTION: This is a great way to promote your business. Koozies, swag, and coupons/gift cards are all allowed. We ask that all signage and distribution items be family friendly. Due to our 501(c)(3) status, we ask that all teams refrain from displaying political campaign signage, or distributing campaign related materials.

11. THANK YOU! Be safe, have fun, and keep in mind that this event supports teachers and students in Santa Rosa County. Productive, friendly competition is the goal. Thank you for participating and helping make this event the best it can be!