

# NATIONAL BARBECUE WEEK



## Pitmaster Symposium SMOKE, FIRE, FLAVOR



## AN EVENING WITH FIVE MID-ATLANTIC BBQ ICONS

Featuring



Andrew "Drew" Darneille is the Owner and Pitmaster of Smokecraft Modern Barbecue in Arlington, VA. His competition team has won over 250 Awards. While known for his Ribs and Pork on the competition circuit, his specialty is "modern" barbecue, which he defines as continuing to push the boundaries of what barbecue is and can be.



Amy Overbey is the driving force behind Team Meat Coma BBQ. She's earned multiple Grand Championships and countless top ten category awards. As a standout female pitmaster, she placed 3rd at Fire & Ice, a national all-women's BBQ competition. Known for her bold, flavor-forward style, Amy brings heart, creativity, and serious heat to every cook.



Luke Darnell of Old Virginia Smoke entered his first BBQ competition in 2013 and never looked back. Since then, he's earned numerous Grand Championships across the Mid-Atlantic and beyond, cooking at events nationwide. The world of competition BBQ has deepened his passion for outdoor cooking and sharing that love with the people who matter most.



Norris Sydnor is the pitmaster of Good Googly Goo BBQ, a top-performing competition team founded in 2018. They've earned numerous 1st Place and Top 10 finishes, multiple Grand and Reserve Grand Championships, were named the 2023 KCBS Chicken Team of the Year, and the 2022 Reserve Grand Champion title at the Jack Daniel's World Invitational.



Andy Majett / Ribs by Andy, first competed in the National Capital Barbecue Battle in 1999, finishing building his first wood-fired smoker the day before! He's competed every year since. Highlights include receiving the Maurice Evans Spirit of Barbecue Award in 2003, and placing first in chicken in 2005. In between Battles, Andy caters events large and small, and has cooked for numerous special events.

**Pre-Registration Required**  
**Attendance includes one free admission to Giant BBQ Battle**

**June 18, 2025 - 6:00PM**



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**Smokecraft Modern Barbecue**  
**1051 N Highland St, Arlington, VA 22201**



SONGBYRD & GIANT BBQ BATTLE PRESENT

THE TERRIFYING WORDS MONTANA & THE SCARF  
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# GIANT BATTLE OF THE BANDS

WINNER WILL PERFORM AT GIANT BBQ BATTLE! [BBQDC.COM](http://BBQDC.COM)

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**SONGBYRD** JUNE 16, 2025 7:00 PM

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## **THE CULTURE OF BBQ IN AMERICA.**

AS PART OF NATIONAL BBQ WEEK – WASHINGTON, D. C.

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**BUSBOYS AND POETS • 2021 14TH STREET, NW**

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### **A POWERFUL PANEL DISCUSSION FEATURING:**

#### **VIRGINIA ALI**

Co-Founder of Ben's Chili Bowl,  
Motivational Speaker

#### **ANDY SHALLAL**

Social Activist, Author  
& Founder of Busboys and Poets

#### **CHEF HUDA**

Award-Winning Professional Chef,  
TV Personality & Author

#### **MELVIN HINES**

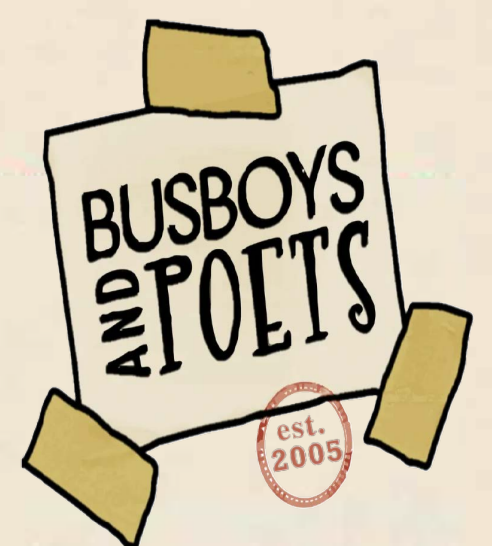
Professional Pitmaster  
& Owner, DCity Smokehouse

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### **OPENING PERFORMANCE:**

#### **SPOKEN WORD TO GO-GO**

by Sir Harvey Fitz, Award-Winning  
Author & Poet



**ENJOY:** • Special National BBQ Week Menu Offerings  
• Signature Drink Specials • **Book Signings**

**FREE ADMISSION!**

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**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FLAVOR, STORIES,  
CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY.**

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# Juneteenth Cookouts & Conversations



Come celebrate Juneteenth with free food,  
live music, and powerful dialogue on our  
shared Passage to Progress

Thursday, June 19th, 3-6:30pm  
1234 Marion Barry Avenue SE

Register [bit.ly/2025-JUNETEENTH-ANACOSTIA](https://bit.ly/2025-JUNETEENTH-ANACOSTIA)





# DC CITYWIDE FIRST RESPONDER COOK-OFF

*A Battle of the 'Queue Like No Other!*

## JUNE 21-22

33RD ANNUAL GIANT NATIONAL CAPITAL BBQ BATTLE  
PENNSYLVANIA AVE., WASHINGTON, D.C.

## Fire it up, D.C.

Winner will take home bragging rights—  
and their share of \$40,000 in cash and more

Cheer on your guardians as  
D.C.'s bravest serve up  
mouthwatering ribs, pulled  
pork, brisket, and more in  
a showdown that  
celebrates community,  
service, and smoky flavor.



**DON'T MISS THE FLAME, THE SMOKE, AND THE FLAVOR!**



## Dance Party Stage



**Saturday, June 21**

11:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
West Coaster DJ  
Monster Energy Sampling Team  
West Coasters Dance Team  
Monster Breakers Dance

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Coyaba Dance Theater

**Sunday, June 22**

11:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
West Coaster DJ  
Monster Energy Sampling Team  
West Coasters Dance Team  
Monster Breakers Dance



## Giant Fresh Idea Stage

**Sat June 21**

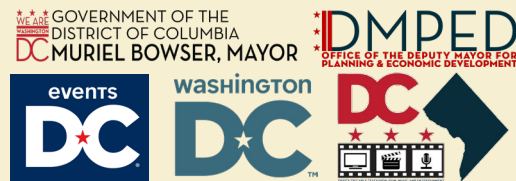
12:00-12:30 PM	Crossover Meats
12:45-1:15 PM	Capital City Mambo Sauce
1:30-2:00 PM	Grill'n McMillian/Master Chef Shular
2:15-2:45 PM	Tajin
3:00-3:30 PM	Grace
3:45-4:15 PM	Naturas
4:30-5:00 PM	Mingle
5:30-6:00 PM	World Central Kitchen with Laura Hayes
6:15-6:45 PM	Good Googly Goo

**Sun June 22**

12:00-12:30 PM	Dyvine BBQ
12:45-1:15 PM	PAN
1:30-2:00 PM	Grill'n McMillian/Master Chef Shular
2:15-2:45 PM	Crossover Meats
3:00-3:30 PM	Walkerswood
3:45-4:15 PM	Mingle
4:30-5:00 PM	USO



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## Art To Go-Go Village

JOIN US FOR DC'S VISUAL, PERFORMING AND CULINARY ARTS. PRESENTED BY:



## DC Sports Zone



## Giant Cork to Caps



## Bike to The Battle

JOIN US FOR A BIKE RIDE THROUGH DC  
FREE BIKE VALET SERVICE AT EVENT



## Free Food & Drink Samples

GIANT WORLD OF FLAVORS TENT  
TASTE OF GIANT SAMPLING PAVILION  
GIANT HEALTH & WELLNESS TENT  
THE ALLIANCE SMOKE SHOW  
PEPSI REFRESHMENT ZONE  
GIANT TREAT STREET



FREE ADMISSION OFFER\*



\*With purchase of 2 Official Giant BBQ Battle Products, see Giant Stores for details.



# Celebrate Summer

Awesome BBQ, Nonstop Music,  
Free Food Samples, & More!

Saturday June 21 & Sunday June 22  
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (3rd to 7th St.)

Visit [WWW.BBQDC.COM](http://WWW.BBQDC.COM) for Info

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Art to  
Go-Go Stage**



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TALENT BAND



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33rd ANNUAL  
**BARBECUE BATTLE®**  
JUNE 21-22  
2025  
www.BBQDC.com

- ★ Giant National BBQ Championship
- ★ USO Military Chef Cook-Off—Presented by National Pork Board
- ★ Impossible Foods BBQ Championship
- ★ Smithfield Rib Contest
- ★ Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest
- ★ Bachan's Chefs' Choice BBQ Contest
- ★ National Turkey Federation Turkey Smoke
- ★ Roseda National Steak Cook-Off
- ★ Giant Corks to Caps Tasting Tent
- ★ Wine & Microbrew Samples
- ★ Giant World of Flavors Tent
- ★ Taste of Giant Sampling Pavilion
- ★ Giant Fresh Ideas Demo Stage
- ★ Giant Health & Wellness Tent
- ★ The Alliance Smoke Show
- ★ Pepsi Refreshment Zone
- ★ Giant Treats Street
- ★ Corona Beach
- ★ Giant Barbecue Boardwalk



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**GIANT NATIONAL CAPITAL BARBECUE BATTLE \* JUNE 21ST & 22ND, 2025**

## **National BBQ Week – Official Schedule of Events**

**Washington, D.C. | June 16–22, 2025**

In celebration of National BBQ Week and the 33rd Annual Giant National Capital BBQ Battle

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### **Monday, June 16 – Opening Day**

#### **Opening Ceremony at Ben's Chili Bowl**

National BBQ Week will officially commence with a celebratory event at the historic Ben's Chili Bowl, featuring music, giveaways, and the unveiling of a special BBQ summer menu.

Location: Ben's Chili Bowl, 1213 U Street NW

Time: 5:00 PM

#### **National BBQ Restaurant Week: "Passport to BBQ Greatness"**

An ongoing promotion spotlighting Washington, D.C.'s premier BBQ establishments and signature offerings.

Location: Various venues across Washington, D.C.

Time: All week

Details: [www.BBQDC.com/NationalBBQWeek](http://www.BBQDC.com/NationalBBQWeek)

#### **Giant BBQ Battle of the Bands**

Regional bands will compete for a \$1,000 prize and the opportunity to perform during the Giant National Capital BBQ Battle.

Location: Songbyrd Music House, 540 Penn Street NE

Time: 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

#### **Ledo Pizza's National BBQ Week Promotion**

All Ledo Pizza locations will offer a limited-time BBQ Chicken Pizza and Pepsi Combo.

Location: All 70 Ledo Pizza Locations

Time: All week

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## **Tuesday, June 17**

### **Smoke Sessions: Brisket, Whiskey & Funnel Cakes**

An evening curated for culinary indulgence, featuring specialty barbecue dishes and craft beverages.

Location: DCity Smokehouse, 1301 Marion Barry Avenue SE

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

### **Wine & Microbrew Pairings at Giant Food**

Exclusive tastings of local wine and microbrews in select Giant Food locations.

Location: Participating Giant Food Stores

Time: To Be Determined

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## **Wednesday, June 18**

### **BBQ Symposium: Live Demonstrations & Workshops**

Led by four nationally acclaimed pitmasters, including Andrew Darnell, winner of both the Giant BBQ Battle and the Jack Daniel's Invitational.

Location: Smokecraft Modern BBQ

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Tickets: [National Barbecue Week Pitmaster Symposium Tickets, Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

### **Panel Discussion: “The Culture of BBQ in the Community”**

A dynamic discussion featuring:

- Sr. Harvey, spoken word artist and author of *Kitchen Memories*
- Andy Shallal, founder of Busboys and Poets and author of *A Seat at the Table*
- Virginia Ali, co-founder of Ben's Chili Bowl
- Chef Huda, celebrity chef and media personality

Includes audience Q&A, book signings, and themed dining specials.

Location: Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th Street NW

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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## **Thursday, June 19**



### **Cookouts & Conversations**

A community gathering featuring complimentary barbecue, live music, and local engagement.

Location: Art to Go-Go, 1234 Marion Barry Avenue SE

Time: 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM

### **The Big Chair Panel: “Passage to Progress”**

A civic discussion on cultural heritage and social advancement.

### **Juneteenth Family Celebration**

An afternoon honoring the history, unity, and cultural contributions of the African American community.

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## **Friday, June 20**

### **Smoke Sessions II**

An encore culinary experience celebrating local BBQ excellence.

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

### **Giant BBQ Battle Kick-Off Party (Sold Out)**

A VIP evening of entertainment and cuisine in anticipation of the weekend’s festivities.

Location: Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, New Jersey Avenue NW

Time: 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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## **Saturday, June 21 – Sunday, June 22**

### **33rd Annual Giant National Capital BBQ Battle**

Location: Pennsylvania Avenue NW (between 3rd and 7th Streets)

Time: Saturday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM | Sunday: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

### **Festival Highlights**

- National BBQ Championship: Competitive cook-offs in pork, brisket, ribs, chicken, steak, and plant-based BBQ categories
- Live Music Across Three Stages: More than 30 performances spanning genres including Go-Go, R&B, Funk, Rock, and Country
- Bike to the Battle: Charity bike ride benefiting WABA & Bike Ride DC



- First Responder Cook-Off: D.C. Fire and EMS teams compete for culinary honors
- Taste of Giant Sampling Pavilion: Complimentary tastings, cooking demonstrations, and wellness education
- Spoken Word to Go-Go Finals: Presented by Art to Go-Go
- Art to Go-Go Village: Featuring local artists, vendors, and live cultural programming
- Future Chef Award Ceremony: \$20,000 in scholarships awarded to student chefs from Roosevelt, Ballou, Cordoza High Schools enrolled in RAMW's Pro Start and Educated Eats Programs that competed in the Giant Future Chef Recipe Contest.
- Dance Demonstrations: Showcasing hand, line, and breakdancing styles.
- BBQ Masterclass Panel: Expert discussions in partnership with World Central Kitchen
- Restaurant Row Cook-Off: Local restaurants including Yello and ChiKo compete in support of World Central Kitchen
- Giant Fresh Ideas Stage: Presentations by pitmasters, authors, and culinary personalities
- Giant Health & Wellness Pavilion: Free health screenings, nutritional counseling, dental check-ups, and wellness resources
- Giant Treat Street: A family-friendly zone with complimentary snacks, beverages, and children's activities
- Best of DC Cook-Off: First Responder Edition – Competition among D.C. teams with the highest-scoring unit named BBQ Champion
- Hands on Hearts CPR Training: Free sessions offered by D.C. Fire and EMS throughout the weekend

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Full schedule and ticketing available at [www.BBQDC.com](http://www.BBQDC.com)





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## National BBQ Week – Recommended Restaurant List

The following restaurants represent a diverse selection of BBQ and grilled food specialties available throughout Washington, DC. They are featured as "**Recommended Restaurants**" on National BBQ Week's "Passport to BBQ Greatness".

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### 2Fifty Texas BBQ

414 K Street NW

(202) 961-1738

[2fiftybbq.com](http://2fiftybbq.com)

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### American Ice Co.

917 V Street NW

(202) 414-7930

[amicodc.com](http://amicodc.com)

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### Ben's Chili Bowl

1213 U Street NW • 📞 (202) 667-0909

1001 H Street NE • 📞 (202) 733-1895

Also available in **Giant Food Stores** throughout DC

[benschilibowl.com](http://benschilibowl.com)

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### Busboys & Poets

2004 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE

2021 14th Street NW

235 Carroll Street NW

450 K Street NW

625 Monroe Street NE

[busboysandpoets.com](http://busboysandpoets.com)

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### Cafe of India

4909 Wisconsin Avenue NW

(202) 244-1395

🌐 [cafeofindiadc.com](http://cafeofindiadc.com)

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### **Chadol Korean BBQ**



 630 Rhode Island Avenue NE, Unit 2B

 (202) 516-5940  [chadolbbq.com/chadol-dc](http://chadolbbq.com/chadol-dc)

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### **Cinder BBQ**


 800 Upshur Street NW

 (202) 450-6795  [cinderbbq.com](http://cinderbbq.com)

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### **DCity Smokehouse**


 1301 Marion Barry Avenue SE

 203 Florida Avenue NW

 (202) 733-1919  [dcitysmokehouse.com](http://dcitysmokehouse.com)

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### **Fat Pete's BBQ**

 3407 Connecticut Avenue NW

 (202) 362-7777  [fatpetesbbq.com](http://fatpetesbbq.com)

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### **Federalist Pig**

 1654 Columbia Road NW

 (202) 827-4400  [federalistpig.com](http://federalistpig.com)

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### **Florida Avenue Grill**

 1100 Florida Avenue NW

 (202) 265-1586  [floridaavenuegrill.com](http://floridaavenuegrill.com)

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### **Fogo de Chão**

 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

 (202) 347-4668  [fogodechao.com/location/washington-dc](http://fogodechao.com/location/washington-dc)

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### **Garden District**


 1801 14th Street NW


 (202) 695-2626  [gardendistrictdc.com](http://gardendistrictdc.com)

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### **Georgia Brown's**


 950 15th Street NW


 (202) 393-4499

 [gbrowns.com](http://gbrowns.com)

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### **HalfSmoke BBQ**


 651 Florida Avenue NW


 (202) 986-2079

 [halfsmokebbq.com](http://halfsmokebbq.com)

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### **Hogs on the Hill**


 2003 Bladensburg Road NE

 (202) 526-2027

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### **Ivy City Smokehouse**

 1356 Okie Street NE


 (202) 529-3300

 [tavern.ivycitysmokehouse.com](http://tavern.ivycitysmokehouse.com)

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### **Kinfolk Southern Kitchen**


 685 Wharf Street SW


 (202) 988-4690

 [kinfolk-de.com](http://kinfolk-de.com)

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### **MGM Roast Beef & Catering**

 905 Brentwood Road NE

 (202) 248-0389


 [mgmroastbeef.com](http://mgmroastbeef.com)

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### **Pitmasters Back Alley BBQ**


 3201 New Mexico Avenue NW


 (202) 350-9791

 [pitmastersbackalleybbq.com](http://pitmastersbackalleybbq.com)

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### **Rocklands BBQ**

 2418 Wisconsin Avenue NW


 (202) 333-2558

 [rocklands.com](http://rocklands.com)

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### **Supreme BBQ**


 2 Florida Avenue NE


 (202) 635-5000

 [supremebarbeque.com](http://supremebarbeque.com)

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### **The Commodore DC**

 1636 17th Street NW


 (202) 525-5309

 [commodoredc.com](http://commodoredc.com)

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### **The Smoking Pig BBQ Joint**

 1208 H Street NE

 (202) 204-1933

(No website listed)