

THE WING THING FAQ's

1. **So What's THE WING THING All About?**

   Way back in the year 2012 (that seems like a lifetime ago!!) we held a wing competition at our Winter Open House. This way, we could have a fun BQ-related competition, but also have a great way to raise money for charity.

   Since that wing competition in 2012, we've held some different events and Competitions at our Christmas Open House, but we continued to have people request that we host THE HOLIDAY WING THING. Well, we decided to listen (whoever said BBQ Cooks weren't great listeners?!?!?) So for the past FOUR YEARS, we've held the Holiday Hotwing Chicken Wing Competition in conjunction with our Christmas Open House. AND IT'S BEEN A PILE OF FUN!

2. **When and Where Is the Wing Thing?**

   The Holiday Wing Thing takes place at Mason-Dixon BBQ, 1542 Buchanan Trail East, Greencastle, PA 17225, during our Christmas Open House on the first Saturday of December. This year it's on December 5th…and **the theme this year is "A TAILGATE CHRISTMAS!"**

3. **How Much Does It Cost to Enter?**

We actually will have two different cost levels for this event:

1. **Option 1**: $75.00 Registration Fee - we give you 20lbs of Wings (Since when did we start giving stuff away!!?)
   a. Wings can be picked up as early as Thursday of the week of the event for marinating, etc. or can be picked up the morning of the event if cooking on-site.
2. **Option 2**: $50.00 Registration Fee – you get your own 20lbs of Wings (We always believe in a fair wing fight at Mason Dixon BBQ Services).

All proceeds from The Wing Thing will go to charity. We are supporting the Christmas Gift Program by the Greencastle Exchange Club. All money goes to buy Christmas gifts for underprivileged kids in our local area – Greencastle, Waynesboro, Chambersburg, and Hagerstown – who would otherwise not have a Christmas!

4. **Can I Do More Than One Type of Wing?**

Each $50/$75 Entry will cover one "flavor" of wings. If you would like to do multiple "flavors" of wings, you can do as many as you want, but each different flavor will require an additional entry fee. Each $75.00 entry will get you an additional 20lbs of chicken wings – OR you can pay an additional $50.00 and bring an additional 20lbs of wings.

5. **What Are the Prizes??**

Cash Prizes, Trophies, Award Certificates, and Gift Certificates to the store will be as follows:

People's Choice "Wing King" (or Queen)

1st Place: $250.00 cash + Grand Champion Trophy + Free Entry for the Wing Thing 2nd Place: $100.00 cash + Store Gift Certificate + Award Certificate 3rd Place: $75.00 cash + Award Certificate

Showmanship/Best Dressed / Best Booth

1st Place: $100 cash + Trophy + Free Entry for the Wing Thing
2nd Place: $75 cash + Store Gift Certificate + Award Certificate
3rd Place: $50 cash + Award Certificate

6. **Do I Have to Cook the Wings On-Site?**

While we are encouraging participants to come out and cook the wings on-site, that is not required. You can pick up your wings as early as Thursday of the week of the event, and you will be provided with the 20lbs of wings (if paid for) and an aluminum full-size pan with your team number on it. Each entry will be given its own number for the public to vote on.

7. **If I Am Cooking On-Site…?**

We are encouraging everyone to cook on-site. On-site cooking will allow you to control how fresh your wings are and to interact with the folks who are trying your wings while you are cooking them! More interaction normally means more votes!

And you can have fun with it, decorate your booth, and dress up, whatever you want! We are looking for each cook to have wings ready by no later than 10:30a.

Teams can arrive as early as 7:00a to begin setup. Teams are responsible for bringing all supplies needed to cook wings (Cookers, canopies, charcoal/oil, etc.). Any heat/fuel source is allowed for cooking: Charcoal, of course. Fried, yep!! You wanna cook 20lbs of wings in the air fryer? You do you!! When you register, just let us know what kinda space you'll need, and we will make it work!! We'll have electric available on-site for about ½ the teams we are anticipating, so if you need electric, register as early as possible and let us know when you register.

8. **If I Am Not Cooking On-Site…?**

This is 100% for charity, so we are pretty easy! If you choose not to cook on-site, you can pick up your wings early (see #6 above) and then bring your cooked/seasoned/sauced wings to Mason-Dixon BBQ in the provided pans. Off site wings will need to be here by 10:00a, with you and your team ready to serve your hot, cooked, seasoned, and sauced wings by 10:30a. Each team will be provided with an 8'x8' space (or larger), food safety gloves, serving dishes, chafing dishes, and chafing fuel. Teams can arrive as early as 7:00a and chafers will be provided, so if you arrive early, we can keep wings hot.

We encourage all teams to bring their own tables, but tables and table coverings are also available for an additional small fee. All other items/supplies – chairs, serving utensils, coolers, etc. needed to serve your wings are the responsibility of

the team/cook. We are looking for each cook to have wings ready by no later than 10:30a.

9. **How Does the Judging Work?**

Via email, Social Media, radio, and newspaper advertising, we will invite the public to come out to The Wing Thing and sample your wings. This is a free event, so there is no charge for families/attendees to come to the event, only a charge to taste the wings. Each attendee will purchase tickets to taste wings and will also be provided with a gold coin. Attendees will present cooks with a ticket in exchange for a wing. Each ticket counts as a vote. Attendees will decide on which wing they tasted was the best and will present that cook/team with the gold coin. The gold coin counts as 2 votes! All serving dishes will be marked with the wing number so attendees will know which wing they are tasting and can present gold coins accordingly. It's getting the coin for the best-tasting wing, which makes all the difference in voting!!

Not only will the general public have tickets and golden coins, but as a fun twist to this year's competition, there will be five Secret Judges amongst the crowd judging the overall "wing experience". Included in the judging will be: Best Presentation/ Showmanship, Best Wing Appearance, and Best Flavor. Taking these three factors into account, each Secret Judge will give out ONE special coin that will count as 15 votes!! So dress to impress and make sure you have the wings that can't be dinged (that kinda rhymed, right?)!

10. **What Else Is Going on at the Wing Thing?**

Because the Wing Thing is part of our Christmas Open House, we will have a lot going on that day. What does that mean? That means...

- BBQ samples and demonstrations all day long
- Discounts on grills, smokers, spices, sauces, and all things BBQ!
- Vendors setting up to sell other products
- Door prizes
- Pizza demonstrations
- And BEER/WINE VENDORS WOOHOO!!!

Other vendors and events will be announced as they sign up!!

11. **How Do I Register As a Cook/Team for The Wing Thing?**

You can register online through the Wing Thing event listing on our website. Register here.

12. **I have additional questions, who do I need to contact?**
    For the best answers we can give, please email us or give us a call at 717-643-0039 and we'll help as best we can!!

13. **What Is the Greencastle Exchange Club?**
    Our Greencastle Exchange Club is a group of men and women working together to make our community a better place to live through programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, and Youth Activities. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Greencastle Exchange Club, which provides Christmas gifts to underprivileged children in the area.

REMEMBER, THIS IS ALL FOR CHARITY! ALL PROCEEDS FROM WING SALES AT THE WING THING EVENT GO DIRECTLY TO THE GREENCASTLE EXCHANGE CLUB! EVEN IF YOU AREN'T INTERESTED IN COOKING WINGS, PLEASE COME OUT AND EAT SOME!!!