

Greater Omaha Barbeque Society 24th Annual Arena-Que Barbeque Championship Presented by Omaha Steaks at Ralston Arena

Outdoor event with award-winning barbeque, live music, and family fun



Come see what's smoking on the grounds of the Ralston Arena on August 5 and 6. Omaha Steaks is proud to present the Greater Omaha Barbeque Society (GOBS) 24th Annual Arena-Que Barbeque Championship. This two day outdoor event is free and open to the public with live entertainment, a kids play area, food trucks, a beer garden, and some of the greatest barbeque competitors from across the country.

Friday, the grills ignite at 4 p.m. when the kids compete to see who can prepare the best Omaha Steaks Burger for a \$1,000 prize. Competitors from across the country will also compete for \$5,000 in the inaugural Omaha Steaks World Championship of Grilling. The public will get a chance to cast their vote in the People's Choice competition. For \$5 participants will get to sample Omaha Steaks Ribs and vote for the team they think prepared them the best, all proceeds will benefit the Heartland Hope Mission.

"We are proud to sponsor the Arena-Que Barbeque Championship and look forward to sharing the great taste of Omaha Steaks with judges and People's Choice participants," said Todd Simon, Senior Vice President and Family Owner of Omaha Steaks. "To make barbequing effortless, we just launched a brand new line of products made especially for smoking. The new line includes both pre-cooked and raw smoked meats made for competition, with guaranteed great results every time."

In addition to great barbeque, attendees will enjoy live music on Friday from Daddy Mack and the Flak from 8 to 11 p.m. The night concludes with an awards ceremony at 9 p.m.

Saturday the competition heats up as the BBQ enthusiasts compete for a prize purse of \$35,000 in the following categories: Ribs, Brisket, Pork, Chicken, and Beans. Leading Saturday's festivities, the talented kids from School of Rock will perform from 12 to 2 p.m. Final awards will commence at 4 p.m.

This year's Arena-Que sponsors and partners - including Omaha Steaks, Mangelsen's, Helping U Barbeque (HUB), Fireplace Stone & Patio, and Chili Dawgs - have contributed prize money to be awarded in the top categories. With their support, Arena-Que will further the Greater Omaha Barbeque Society's educational and charitable goals for the community.

WHAT: 24th Annual Arena-Que Presented by Omaha Steaks

WHEN: Friday, August 5 through Saturday, August 6, 2016

TIME: 4 p.m.-11 p.m.; 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

VENUE: Ralston Arena, 7300 Q Street, Ralston, Nebraska

MORE INFORMATION: www.ralstonarena.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, August 5

8 a.m. - Competitor Check-in

5 p.m. - 11 p.m. - Beer Tents Open

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Kids Que

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. - People's Choice (BBQ Tasting & Voting)

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Steak Cook-Off

8 p.m.-11 p.m. - Daddy Mack & the Flak

9 p.m. - Awards Ceremony (Steak Cook-Off, Kids Que, & People's Choice)

Saturday, August 6

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Brisket, Ribs, Chicken, Pork, and Beans Barbeque Competition

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - EggFest - Big Green Egg cooking and demo

12 p.m. - 2 p.m. - School of Rock

4 p.m. - Awards Ceremony

About Ralston Arena:

Ralston Arena is a 3,400-seat arena located in the Ralston/Omaha, Nebraska metro area. The arena is home to the USHL Omaha Lancers hockey team, the University of Nebraska Omaha Division 1 men's basketball team, the CPIFL Omaha Beef, and LFL Omaha Heart. The arena also hosts a wide variety of concerts, family shows, banquets, and trade & consumer shows. For additional company information, please visit www.ralstonarena.com or call 402.934.9966.

About Greater Omaha Barbeque Society:

The Greater Omaha Barbeque Society, widely known as GOBS, is committed to providing the upper Midwestern states with an organization that uses the art of barbeque to enrich those with members in the communities of Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri, and Kansas. As an organization, The Greater Omaha Barbeque Society is a group of barbeque enthusiasts that includes competition teams, certified barbeque judges, restaurant owners, business owners, and backyard cooks who want to give back to the communities in which they live through barbeque.