

## Downtown BBQ Cook-Off

### Press Release



Trinity Downtown is bringing back to the city center a classic Southern competition — **bragging rights for the best BBQ in town**. On Saturday, August 28, Trinity Downtown will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Downtown BBQ Cook-off and Family Festival** from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Trinity campus at 123 E. Livingston St. The end-of-summer event features a BBQ cook-off showcasing professional and amateur teams, as well as a water-themed Kids' Zone and live entertainment. This year's title sponsor is **All Grills & More** in Oviedo.

20 to 25 teams of local grillers will face off starting with the same ingredients, Boston butt pork and chicken thighs, with the challenge of coming up with a unique and award-winning sauce, rub or secret recipe. They'll be competing for \$2,600 in prize money, including awards for Best Pulled Pork, Best BBQ Chicken, a \$400 People's Choice Award and a \$1,000 Grand Champion award.

Judges for the event will include Chef Eric André of the Orlando Culinary Academy, Orlando Fire Dept. District Commander Rob Rivenbark, "Tattooed Bill" Roberts (artist and restaurateur) and National BBQ judge Ed Thomas, a College Park architect.

The 2009 Grand Champion Uncle Kenny's BBQ of Winter Garden, Grandma's B-B-Que (2<sup>nd</sup>-place) and Stump'd BBQ (People's Choice winner) will be back to defend their titles.

The People's Choice Taste Test will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Taste Test wristbands available for \$10. Taste Test wristbands provide pulled pork samples from each of the competing BBQ teams, plus baked beans and cole slaw, and a vote in the People's Choice competition.

A family-friendly festival atmosphere will include live, on-stage music and entertainment, including an 80's band, a rock band and a Christian band, as well as food, barbecue and beer concessions, local vendors, including plants, and much more. An extensive Kid's Zone will feature water slides and water-themed activities to keep the kids cool, as well as face painting, a watermelon-eating contest, games and activities, all included in a \$10 Play-All-Day wristband with a hot dog lunch pack. The Festival will also host booths from local charities and community organizations, such as the city of Orlando Police Auxiliary with McGruff the Crime Dog, the Florida Safety Council and the Adult Literacy League. Event proceeds will support the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church – caring for Downtown Orlando since 1919. For details, go to [www.DowntownBBQCookoff.com](http://www.DowntownBBQCookoff.com), e-mail [kaber1017@aol.com](mailto:kaber1017@aol.com) or call 407-295-6269.