

2025 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR WATCH ME GROW BBQ CONTEST

- **COORDINATOR:** Laura Kilbury (352) 875-0544
- **COMMITTEE:** Lee Ulsberger, Julie Upton, Morgan Strickland, Donald Swearingen
- **ENTRY DEADLINE/IMPORTANT DATES:** Refer to the Calendar of Events for all important dates

This is a hands-on activity for 5 – 7 year old 4-H members to learn about the BBQ Contest.

1. The SEYF General Rules & Regulations apply to this contest.
2. There will be no Food Safety Class. It is your responsibility to review the rules.
3. An adult 21 years or older must accompany the child through the entire contest (can be parent/guardian or any mentor of choice). This is for safety reasons, however the project should be mostly done by the exhibitor. **Only one adult will be allowed in at check-in time (NO EXCEPTIONS!)**
4. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE ENROLLED IN 4-H BY November 4, 2024.
5. All exhibitors must be 5 to 7 years old as of September 1, 2024.
6. All contestants are to cook **the following items according to their age as of Sept 1.**
 - A. 5-year-olds = hot dogs
 - B. 6-year-olds = hamburger sliders
 - C. 7-year-olds = chicken bites

SHOW DAY

7. All contestants must report to the contest site no later than the check-in time.
8. **Three copies of recipe card must be turned in at check-in table with their name on the back of all recipe cards (one copy at check-in, two copies on tables).**
9. Contestants must furnish all supplies, i.e. grills, fuel (either gas or charcoal – no griddles), all food and display items.
10. Each contestant will be required to have an “A-B-C” fire extinguisher on hand. (This is not a brand name, but a type of extinguisher that is for use for several types of fires.)
11. Contestants and their adult are to set up their actual contest area.
12. One 4-foot table will be supplied for each exhibitor. **It is required that you confirm your entry by January 31! Please confirm by calling or texting the Coordinator (at the phone number above).**
13. Grills may be covered or uncovered.
14. The cooking will begin at 12:30 pm. This show is scheduled in conjunction with the SEYF Dave Baillie BBQ Contest with a 1.5 hour cooking time.
15. Contestants are permitted to clean their respective areas at the conclusion of their individual judging. Trash bins will be provided.
16. ALL contestants are REQUIRED to stay in their assigned area until all “judging” is done and announcement is made.

JUDGING

17. Each contestant must submit one (1) serving per judge to be judged for doneness, taste and appearance. The presentation of the finished product(s) will be considered as well. Contestants should keep in mind that the judges will taste each product – therefore, the portions served to each judge should be of appropriate size, in other words- a sample, not an entire meal.
18. After each contestant’s product has been officially judged, you will be dismissed. All contestants will earn a Watch-Me-Grow BBQ Contest ribbon following the show and a group picture will be taken.

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