

**JESSE JAMES BBQ COOK OUT**  
**1305 Colony Drive**  
**KEARNEY, MISSOURI 64060**

March 27, 2018

The Thirty First Annual Jesse James Barbeque Cook-Out (29<sup>th</sup> Annual Show-Me State Championship) contest will be held during the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Jesse James Festival, September 14-15, 2018. Check in time is 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, or 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sponsors are North Kansas City Beverage Co., distributors of Anheuser-Busch products, and St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council No. 8915 of Kearney, in conjunction with the Jesse James Festival Committee. **WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW SPONSOR THIS YEAR, KEITH SISK OF KCCM HAS OFFERED TO DO A \$50 CREDIT ON YOUR NEXT PURCHASE WITH EACH CATEGORY WIN IN OUR CONTEST, IF IT IS PURCHASED FROM KCCM.**

The contest will again be sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society and their judging procedures will be used. This contest is the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP which is determined by the four basic categories.

We will have one division with five categories. The categories are turkey, beef brisket, pork ribs, chicken and pork shoulder/boston butt only (minimum 4 pounds). Judging will begin at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. **ONLY THE FOUR BASIC KCBS CATEGORIES WILL COUNT TOWARD THE GRAND CHAMPION AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION!**

The contest will be held in the same location as the past few years. The amphitheatre at the festival grounds will be the site of the cooks meeting at 6:00 p.m. Friday night and the awards presentation Saturday afternoon.

This will also be the site for all the Jesse James Festival activities which will include a beer garden and festival dance on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as the popular mud volleyball contest, rodeo, carnival, and arts and crafts.

As this will be the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Jesse James Festival there will be many other activities, so please visit the website [JesseJamesFestival.com](http://JesseJamesFestival.com) or also visit a new city website [accesskearney.com](http://accesskearney.com) for activities in our community including all the amphitheatre concerts.

Prize money totals **\$5,025** with a **\$200** cash prize for first place in each category, **\$175** to second place, **\$150** to third place, **\$135** to fourth place, **\$125** to fifth place with ribbons being awarded in all places. The overall Reserve Grand Champion will receive **\$500** and a trophy. The Grand Champion will receive **\$600** and a trophy. A plaque will also be awarded by the Kearney Chamber of Commerce for the Showmanship Award.

**The entry fee is \$175 for all categories.** Advance registrations are strongly encouraged. **Electrical hook ups will be available this year for \$25.** Entry forms and copies of rules and regulations may be picked up from Kearney Fire Station or you may request by mail from JESSE JAMES BARBEQUE COMMITTEE, 1305 COLONY DRIVE, KEARNEY, MISSOURI 64060.

If you have any questions, call Larry at 816-935-9644. Interested judges can email Valerie Fort at [VFort@KearneyFire.org](mailto:VFort@KearneyFire.org). or contact her by phone at 816-719-5141. You may also access the website for all festival activities including downloading the application [www.jessejamesfestival.com](http://www.jessejamesfestival.com)