



# A CELEBRATION

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JUNE 23RD - 24TH 2018 • WASHINGTON, DC

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## OVERVIEW INFORMATION

**Event Dates:** Saturday, June 23rd 11am-9pm and Sunday, June 24th 11am-7pm

**Location:** Pennsylvania Avenue between 3rd and 7th Streets in Washington, DC

**Ticket Prices:** Adults \$15 // Children 12 & under are free

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## Giant® Barbecue Battle - Washington's Tastiest Summer Celebration

For the past 25 years, tens of thousands of people have flocked to our nation's capital to celebrate the "Official Start of Summer" at the Giant® National Capital Barbecue Battle, one of the largest and most unique food and music festivals in the country.

On June 23rd and 24th, 2018, historic Pennsylvania Avenue, between 3rd and 7th Streets, NW, in Washington, DC will become the epicenter of BBQ perfection, bringing together delicious BBQ, delectable summer specialties, nationally-recognized BBQ Contests, popular bands, celebrity chefs & more.

Washington's tastiest summer celebration pays tribute to everything barbecue and truly embodies the best that America has to offer. In addition to bringing together thousands of BBQ fans from around the country, the Giant® Barbecue Battle has raised millions of dollars for area charities. Funds raised from this year's event will benefit USO Metro and the Capital Area Food Bank.

For two days, amazing sights, sounds, and the hickory sweet aroma of mouth-watering barbecue replace the usual hustle & bustle of city life. Enjoy live music throughout the weekend with 30 great bands playing rock, reggae, jazz, blues, R&B and DC's own go-go music on 3 stages. This year's musical highlights include: The Plain White T's, Back Yard Band "BYB", Experience Unlimited "EU" featuring Sugar Bear, reggae with See-I, and international jazz recording artist Marcus Johnson along with many others. In addition, cooking demonstrations, celebrity appearances, and an array of unique exhibits and activities round out a weekend of fun. Special attractions include: Johnsonville's Big Taste "World's Largest" Grill, the Oscar Mayer Wiener Mobile, Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest, the Mr. Peanut Tour, the Comcast Techno Pavilion and more. There will also be plenty of summer sports action from the Baltimore Brigade, Washington Wizards, Mystics, Valor, Nationals, DC United and Redskins.

Make sure to arrive at the festival hungry as the event offers plentiful free BBQ & grilled food samples in the Taste of Giant® Sampling Pavilion, Giant® Local Flavors Tent and throughout the event site. Popular BBQ restaurants from around the country will also be on-hand serving up delicious BBQ chicken, pork, ribs and brisket. To quench everyone's thirst, the event will feature the Giant® Corks to Caps Wine and Micro-Brew Sampling Tent, Ravage Wine Samples, a variety of Anheuser-Busch beverages and popular non-alcoholic drinks.

The high-stakes Giant® National Barbecue Championship Cooking Contest takes place all weekend long. Barbecue legends like Myron Mixon, Tuffy Stone, and Moe Cason from TV's "BBQ Pit Masters Show" compete side-by-side with other top BBQ chefs and teams from around the country. Teams cook off in multiple cooking contests including: the National Pork Board's National Pork Championship, the Perdue Sizzlin' Chicken Contest, the Smithfield BBQ Rib Contest, and America's Best BBQ Sauce Contest. In addition, attendees can sample and vote for top military chefs from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard cooking off in the Military Chef Contest.

The 2018 Giant® National Capital Barbecue Battle is heating up to be the biggest and best tasting yet, so mark your calendar for June 23rd and 24th and bring the whole family to DC's favorite celebration of the art of BBQ.

Please visit [www.BBQinDC.com](http://www.BBQinDC.com) for event schedule and more information.  
We'll See You at the BBQ!



## Military Chefs Cook-Off



Vote for your favorite team as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and the Coast Guard cook off in friendly competition.








All donations benefit USO of Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore

The Giant® Barbecue Battle is one of the largest and most unique food and music festivals in the country and offers a chance to experience the thrill of competition BBQ at its best. Cooks from across the country compete for cash and prizes. Barbecue legends like Myron Mixon, Tuffy Stone, and Moe Cason from TV’s “BBQ Pit Masters Show” compete side-by-side with top BBQ Chefs and mom-and-pop teams for the coveted title of America’s National Barbecue Champion. Teams cook off in multiple cooking contests including The National Pork BBQ Championship sponsored by the National Pork Board, Perdue Sizzlin’ Chicken Contest, Smithfield BBQ Rib Contest and America’s Best BBQ Sauce. In 2018, military chefs from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will participate in a special Military Chef Contest to benefit the USO-Metro. This year’s event also benefits the Capital Area Food Bank. To date, the BBQ Battle has raised millions of dollars for these and other worthy District charities.





## 2018 BARBECUE BATTLE TEAMS

Barbecue teams from Maine to Florida compete for the title of “2018 Giant® National BBQ Champion.”

Aporkalypse Now  
Bad Azz Mule BBQ  
Chubby Brothers BBQ  
Cool Smoke  
Dizzy Pig

Ham Town Smokers  
Honky Tonk Smokers  
Hoos Smokin’  
Jack’s Old South  
Moe Cason BBQ

Mudville BBQ  
Myers Meats  
Nice Racks  
Old Smokehouse, Live Glory  
Old Town Smokers

Old Virginia Smoke  
Redneck Scientific Inc  
Ribbins BBQ  
Serial Griller  
Smokey McTasty

Smokin Sons BBQ  
Sweet Belly’s BBQ  
Texas State Grand Champion  
United Airlines Grill Team  
Wolf’s Revenge BBQ



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# 2018 MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT

Plain White T's



Bad Influence

Each year we are excited to offer a full line-up of music and entertainers from around the region.



## FAMOUS DAVE'S MUSIC STAGE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 23

- 7:30-9:00pm EU Featuring Sugar Bear
- 5:45 - 7:00pm Be'la Dona
- 4:15 - 5:15pm Clones of Funk
- 2:45 - 3:45pm I&I Riddim
- 1:15 - 2:15pm TBD
- 12:00 - 1:00pm TBD

### SUNDAY, JUNE 24

- 6:00 - 7:00pm BYB
- 4:00 - 5:45pm Trouble Funk
- 2:45 - 3:45pm Next Hour
- 1:15 - 2:15pm Rising Sun
- 12:00 - 1:00pm TBD



## PEPSI LAYS SOUND STAGE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 23

- 7:30 - 9:00pm Boscoe France
- 5:45 - 7:00pm Bad Influence
- 4:15 - 5:15pm Sweet Leda
- 2:45 - 3:45pm Sub Radio
- 1:15 - 2:15pm Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark
- 12:00 - 1:00pm City Bus

### SUNDAY, JUNE 24

- 5:45 - 7:00pm Marcus Johnson
- 4:00 - 5:15pm Marcus Mitchell
- 2:15 - 3:30pm Kenneth Allen
- 1:00 - 2:00pm Earl Carter
- 11:45 - 12:45pm Impitched



## MONSTER ENERGY STAGE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 23

- 7:45 - 9:00pm Plain White T's
- 6:15 - 7:15pm Ocean Park Standoff
- 5:00 - 6:00pm His Dream of Lions
- 3:45 - 4:45pm Nathan's Hot Dog Competition
- 2:15 - 3:15pm USO Show Troupe
- 1:30 - 2:00pm Wee Man
- 12:15 - 1:15pm Military Band
- 11:30 - 12:00pm Opening Ceremony

### SUNDAY, JUNE 24

- 6:00 - 7:00pm Closing Ceremony
- 4:30 - 5:45pm SEE-I featuring members of Thievery Corporation
- 3:00 - 4:00pm Mystery Band?
- 1:45 - 2:45pm USO Show Troupe
- 11:30 - 12:30pm Choir



EU Featuring Sugarbear



Be'la Dona



Marcus Johnson

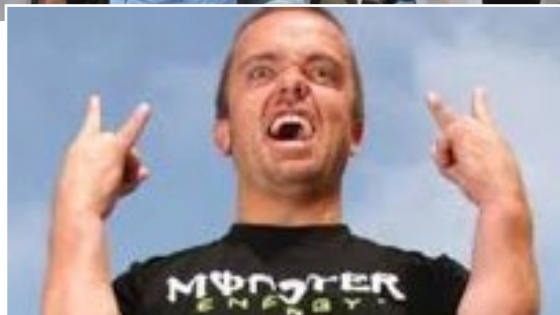
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## FEATURED ATTRACTIONS



**Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest**  
Join us for DC's annual Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest at the BBQ Battle. Join us Saturday, June 23rd on the Monster Energy Stage.



**Jason "Wee Man" Acuña**  
Meet Jason Shannon Acuña, better known by his stage name "Wee Man", is an American actor, stunt performer, professional skateboarder, and television personality.



**Johnsonville Big Taste Grill**  
Featuring mouth-watering brats with portions of donation to USO-Metro. Stop by and see what's cooking at the Johnsonville Big Taste Grill.



**Oscar Mayer WienerMobile**  
Oscar Mayer's Hotdoggers have set out on a mission across the country in the WienerMobile. And they're taking the new 'dogs with them. Stop by and visit us during this year's exciting event.



**Planters NUTmobile**  
The NUTmobile has hit the road for a year long adventure and will be making a special stop at this year's BBQ Battle.



**Monumental Sports**  
Join us at the Battle for a number of family fun exhibits and visitors from the Washington Capitals, Mystics, Valor, Wizards, and Baltimore Brigade.



## 2018 MEDIA/EVENT PHOTOS

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