



'PIG ON A STICK' CHALLENGE

Each day of the N.C. State Fair presents a new cooking challenge for our contestants who dream up their own recipes, prepare them at home and bring them to the N.C. State Fair for critique by a panel of judges...but only one can take home the coveted blue ribbon.

We're tag-teaming that with one of North Carolina's biggest commodity foods...pork. Select your favorite piece of pork and put it on a stick. Let's see what flavor profile you can come up with to make the judges sit up and take notice! Bring us your best pig on a stick and dipping sauce to complete the dish if you choose!

Entry Deadline:

Monday, September 15, 2025

Cash Prizes

1st Prize: \$500

2nd Prize: \$300

3rd Prize: \$200

Home Chef Challenge is held in the Dorton Arena North Lobby. Check-in at contest site at least 30 minutes prior to contest start time. Each contestant will receive a Parking Pass for Lot C off Trinity Rd. at Carter-Finley Stadium. There is a free shuttle service to the fairgrounds. You will want to get off the shuttle at the second stop (Gate 3) which is the closest stop to the competition.



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CHALLENGE 11 a.m. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23