

# Brew & 'Que set to return to Seneca on Sept. 5

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SENECA — After a year off because of COVID-19, Brew & 'Que will return to Gignilliat Field on Labor Day weekend, offering a variety of barbecue and unlimited craft beer samples in a family-friendly environment.

The fourth annual event, co-sponsored by the city of Seneca and The Journal, is scheduled for 6-10 p.m. Sept. 5. Tickets are available now at <https://tickets.beerfests.com/>

event/brew-que and can also be purchased at The Journal office at 210 W. North 1st St. in Seneca.

More than 1,200 people attended the last Brew & 'Que two years ago.

"We're really excited to be back on the field with our event," said Hal Welch, general manager of Edwards Group, which owns The Journal. "After missing last year due to COVID-19, we're planning to bring Brew

& 'Que back and see some normalcy. Each year we learn a little more, we improve certain things and we hope this year our attendees will see the best event we've had yet."

The Jake Bartley Band, a Greenwood-based country band, will provide music for the event. The kings and queens of the



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grill — or smokers — will try to win your vote and some of the \$1,500 in cash prizes for the fan-favorite foods. Those who want to enter the barbecue contest can sign up for the competition at the website listed above.

More than 40 different craft beers will be featured at the festival. Matt Jordan, who is coordinating the beer selection, said the event will again feature South Carolina-brewed beers.

"I think it's going to be another good time," he said. "Most of the breweries are excited about getting back out and doing festivals again. We're going to keep it South Carolina like we have in the past, so only local breweries from the state of South Carolina. We should have most of the past breweries returning, and maybe a new one here and there."

While unlimited craft beer samples are available to those who are 21 or older for those who purchase a Brew & 'Que ticket, "Que only" tickets are available for

purchase by those who only want food.

Kids 12 and under are admitted free, and there will be a kids' zone with activities for the children, as well as pizza. In addition to the regular Brew & 'Que and "Que only" tickets, VIP packages are available with additional amenities, including early entry, exclusive beers and a barbecue dinner plate.

Local businesses, craftsmen and food vendors will be on site selling their wares if barbecue doesn't suit the picky eater in the family.

Vendors are also donating items to the silent auction, which benefits the Golden Corner Food Pantry. The local pantry assists about 1,400 people with food needs on a monthly basis, according to its website.



Joey Lament of Hogs and Hops shreds pork for samples during the 2019 Brew and 'Que event at Gignilliat Field in Seneca. The festival will return Sept. 5 after taking last year off because of COVID-19.

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