



Third Annual North Carolina Peach Festival “Flaming Hot Wing Competition” Guidelines
Hosted by the Candor Police Department, Sponsored by Town of Candor and Mountaire Farms
Rules Edited February 23, 2026

OVERALL

1. The Contest will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at Fitzgerald Park in Candor NC, 5 PM to 9 PM. Set up may begin in Fitzgerald Park grounds at 2 PM.
2. There will be a \$25 donation to the Candor Police Department for competitor registration.
3. This is a family friendly event.
4. There will be no separate raffles, giveaways, or other such activities to garner votes by Contestants. You are also required to use the Mountaire Farms Wings donated specifically for this event. Should a contestant be discovered doing such, or not preparing the wings they were provided, they will be disqualified from the 2026 event and all future events.

ADMISSION TICKETS

5. The “All You Can Eat” ticket is \$25. Ticket includes a ballot which allows the attendee to sample and vote for “People’s Choice” award.
6. The “All You Can Eat” ticket will include (1) free drink from the Candor Police Department.
7. There will be additional drinks and bags of chips for sale.
8. Tickets can be purchased from the Candor Town Hall, the Candor Police Department or online via the NC Peach Festival website.
9. Tickets will be provided to attendees upon arrival day of the event.

SET UP

11. Each Competitor will be given the space of a 20’X20’ area. How a registrant sets up the area is up to them.



- a. Napkins, paper food trays, hand sanitizer, wet wipes, and ballot boxes will be provided.
 - b. If you have menus or other promotional items, you may bring them as this is a great way to advertise your establishment or services.
 - c. When it comes to the space you set up at, this will be strictly first come first serve the day of the event.
12. The contest is first come first serve for choice of area for your restaurant, establishment, group, ETC. Spots may be claimed and set up may start at 2 PM. Event starts at 5 PM. First round of wings must be ready at 5 PM.
13. Preparation and cooking may start at 2 PM. First round of wings must be ready at 5 PM.
14. Be prepared with towels for cleaning up any spills in your area.

COOKING

15. Mountaire Farms will be donating (4) cases of their premium Party Wings to each competing vendor for contest participation. There are approximately 230 wings in each (40) pound case.
16. Contestants must bring their own cooking set up - including but not limited to tents, smokers, grills, tables, chairs, and servingware.
17. (2) wings - (1) Drum and (1) Flat - are to be served in each paper food tray. Paper food trays will be provided to each station by Mountaire Farms.

JUDGING & AWARDS

18. Each Competitor will be provided a number for competition judging. This number will be your identification to ensure a non-bias competition. You may proudly display your cooking team's name at your cooking station.
19. Wings will be picked up by a volunteer to be delivered to the judge's registration table at 7:45 PM for presentation and judging.
20. There will be a "Judges' Choice" based on appearance, taste, moisture, tenderness/texture, overall impression, and peach component. Judges utilize a judges score card with a rubric point system.
- a. Peach Component will consist of authentic peach flavor, create incorporation, balance, and memorable peach impact.
21. "Judges' Choice" will be cash prizes. First place is \$500. Second place is \$250. Third place is \$125.



22. There will be a “People’s Choice” based on the crowd’s favorite. Tickets will be provided to those who purchased ticket(s) to the event and will be dropped in a ballot box. A ballot box will be provided to each competitor.

23. “People’s Choice” will be a specialized trophy and will result in “bonus” points on the judges’ score cards.

24. Awards will start at 8:30 PM and be announced on the stage.

25. Competitors must stay at the event until 9 PM.