ART OF THE QUE
FAQs

Who is behind Art of the Que?
This is a non-profit event created by Arts on Grand (a non-profit art organization) with the support of the Clay County Fair & Events Center, Spencer Radio Group, City of Spencer and numerous sponsors and volunteers. Art of the Que is a 100% non-profit event.

Why did you create Art of the Que?
Because we love art and BBQ! (Also to market our wonderful community, attract visitors, raise community pride, showcase local artisans, other non-profits & businesses, and welcome dollars in economic impact from tourism within our community.)

When is the event?
Friday, July 7th starting at 4pm. AND Saturday, July 8th starting at 11am. See the schedule soon.

Where will I park?
A map of the fairgrounds is located on the Forms and Document section of our website. Event Attendee Parking is available on the southeast side of the fairgrounds. Enter at Gate C from 4th Avenue West. Overflow parking will be on the east side of 4th Avenue West right east of the fairgrounds.

How much is admission?
Admission to the Art of the Que and all concerts is free. There will be free will donation opportunities during the event.

How many BBQ competitors will you have?
We will allow up to 75 BBQ competitors to compete for the $11,000 in prize money.
Will I be able to eat BBQ at the event?
BBQ competitors cook only for selected KCBS judges, with the exception of the People’s Choice competition on Friday TBD. Food trucks and vendors will be available.

Do you have non-BBQ food vendors?
Yes! There will be fair staples along with food trucks.

- Spencer Jaycees

Can I bring coolers or my own food/drink to the event?
No. Anyone caught breaking these rules will be asked to leave the event.

Can I bring my own chair to the concert?
No, there will be designated areas with benches for seating.

Where can I bring my beer, wine or other drinks I buy at the Que?
Good news! You can take adult beverages anywhere within the event perimeter with the exceptions of the kids areas and the BBQ competition areas. This means you can roam the majority of the fairgrounds including the concert area, vendor and dining areas. Cheers!

Are kids welcome?
Of course! We will have lots of things for kids to enjoy. Our stage content is generally very family-friendly as we ask our performers to keep it “PG-13”. Please research the acts playing if you are unsure about bringing young children to the concerts.

Are dogs welcome?
Please leave your furry friends at home with the exception of service animals.

Are bicycles welcome?
Yes, you can ride TO the event, but please do not ride THROUGH the event — it is too dangerous with the large crowds. Please lock up your bike at the edge and come on in!
Spencer is a pro-cycling community. We have miles of paved trails. [Click here for the Spencer Rec Trails]

**Will there be places to sit?**
There will be lots of picnic tables near the food vendors and seating around the concert area.

**What if the weather turns nasty?**
Hold on to your hats! This is a rain-or-shine event. July in Iowa typically means any storms are scattered and usually pass quickly. Take shelter and plan on coming back when it passes.

**Where is the concert area?**
The concert area is the South Hoop structure in Centennial Plaza. Official map is available in the Forms and Documents section of the website. [Click for Map of Event]

**How late will the music go?**
The music will stop by 10pm Friday and 10pm Saturday.

**Will it be fun?**
Yes!