

5th Annual Hog August Bites Chili & Ribs Cook-off

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Save the date, Saturday August 18, 2018 for the 5th Annual Hog August Bites Chili & Ribs Cook-off. The event is modeled after Dixon's Grillin' & Chillin' Car & Truck Show.



The band, "Senior Edition" at last year's event.

It is a day to enjoy sunny skies and a great venue with the Sacramento River as the backdrop. There are vendors featuring arts and crafts, public awareness groups and local youth organizations. Food! That's right, there is a wonderful variety to enjoy along with craft beers and margaritas in the Beer Garden, plus a car show featuring custom, stock and vintage automobiles displayed on Main Street. Oh yes, and motorcycles too, a new addition for this year! Did we mention music? Several bands return this year and a couple of new ones as well, including bluegrass and country/western music and dancing. Plus fun activities for the kiddos, too! Bounce houses, water slides, a fun photo booth and the Rio Vista Downhill Racers.

The highlight of the day is the People's Choice Chili Contest and the Rib Cook-off. Chili and rib contestants come from all over the California Delta region to vie for prizes and recognition for their secret recipes! Cash prizes are awarded to the top three winners in the Rib and Chili Cook-off. Winning also gives them bragging rights for the next year! The Byron family came in first in the Chili Cook-off for the last 4 years. Who's going to compete and see if they can take away first place for themselves?



Kids enjoy the bounce house.



The 2017 winner for best ribs.

Admission is free for the event, which runs from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. If you're between 4 and 104 there is something fun and exciting there for you! Net proceeds from this event support Rio Vista youth activities as well as the sponsoring organization, RioVision (see www.RioVistaVision.com to find out more about this organization). The co-sponsor is the City of Rio Vista.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor, entering the car show, or chili or rib cook-off send an email to hogaugustbitesrv@gmail.com or visit our website www.DiscoverRioVista.com/.



The Byron family, 2017 winner for best chili.