



PRESS RELEASE

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2020 BBQ Festival Canceled Committee focuses for return in 2021

The Scottsboro BBQ Festival committee has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's event scheduled in October. After careful consideration, including uncertainty in the fall and the health of contestants, vendors and the general public, the committee agreed to regroup and focus on the 2021 festival.

While hosting thousands of visitors the second weekend of October on the downtown square, the committee had to consider the event being held with restrictions on events that are currently in place. Unsure if these restrictions will remain into the fall or become stricter with a potential increase in COVID-19 cases, the logistics of honoring social distancing are not feasible given the type of event.

The festival also relies on financial support through contestants, vendors and sponsors. Many businesses and individuals have been financially burdened in recent months. The committee is entering the most critical stage of planning the event, therefore, the time for a decision had to be made before summer.

The committee is hopeful the community, state and country are able to recover quickly from the current health and economic concerns. The festival committee encourages those businesses who have financially supported the festival in the past to reallocate those funds to local food banks, for their employees who may be struggling during this time, or toward other community-related assistance.

The Scottsboro BBQ Festival would like to thank all of the competitors, vendors, sponsors and visitors of the Scottsboro BBQ Festival. The event certainly cannot be such a success without their continued support. The 2021 Scottsboro BBQ Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 9. Visit the website at www.scottsborrowbbqfestival.com to follow updates to next year's event.

Sincerely,
Scottsboro BBQ Festival

