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**Smokey D's BBQ Claims Grand Champion Title at Kingsford Invitational in New York City
Winner-Takes-All Contest Nets \$50,000, Commemorative Ring and the Ultimate in Bragging
Rights**

November 11, 2013 (Des Moines, IA) – Smokey D's BBQ is continuing their success on the BBQ circuit with a huge win: Grand Champion of the Kingsford Invitational which featured eight of the most elite BBQ teams in the country. The second annual competition was held at the Intrepid Sea and Space Museum on a pier in New York City. Teams qualified by claiming top prizes in competitions throughout the year which also included the opportunity to compete at the Kingsford Invitational. The showdown took place over two days and was filmed for a cable special which will air in the spring on Destination America.

The teams that earned the honor to compete included:

- **Across the Track Cook-off Team:** Grand champions of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest
- **Sweet Swine O' Mine:** Grand Champions of the Memphis in May World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest
- **Pork N' Mindy:** 2013 Grand Champions of the Great Lenexa Barbecue Battle
- **Pellet Envy:** Winners of Destination America's BBQ PITMASTERS Season 4
- **3 Eyz BBQ:** Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) Team of the Year
- **Smokey D's BBQ:** Grand Champions of the American Royal World Series of Barbecue Open Contest in Kansas City
- **Cool Smoke:** Grand Champions of the Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue in Lynchburg, TN
- **Queology:** Competing on behalf of Folds of Honor, the military nonprofit partner of Kingsford

The competition added a charitable component this year which matched the \$50,000 in prize money with a donation to Folds of Honor which provides scholarships to family members of veterans. This is fitting for the competition which takes place over Veteran's Day weekend.



Darren and Sherry Warth show off their winnings on the deck of the Intrepid air craft carrier.



The Grand Champion ring Darren Warth wore home from his weekend in New York City.

Smokey D's has had quite a run in the competition world with the following trophies added to their case in the past 5 weeks between Darren & Sherry Warth's team (Smokey D's) and Shad & Angie Kirton (A Boy and His BBQ):

November 2 – Laughlin, NV – USA BBQ Championship - 7th place for Smokey D's and 11th Place for A Boy and His BBQ out of 85 teams

October 26 – Lynchburg, TN – Jack Daniels World Championship – A Boy and His BBQ claimed Reserve Grand Champion title as well as 1st Place in Brisket and 7th place in Ribs.

October 19 – Bentonville, AK – Sam’s Club National BBQ Competition – Smokey D’s claimed Reserve Grand Champion, 1st Place in Ribs and 8th Place in Chicken.

October 5 – Kansas City, KS – American Royal Competition – Smokey D’s named Grand Champion

About Smokey D’s BBQ

Smokey D’s BBQ was founded in 2006 by Darren and Sherry Warth in a trailer in their driveway. Their success on the competition BBQ circuit yielded multiple requests from friends and businesses for caterings of smoked meats. Both having fulltime jobs, the catering operations quickly became overwhelming. In 2007 they partnered up with Chef Shad Kirton and his wife Angie to open their first carryout BBQ and catering operation. With an overwhelming response from customers in 2008 they opened up a remote location in the skywalk system of downtown Des Moines. In 2009 they opened up another remote location only 6 blocks away to service the Western Gateway of Des Moines. In 2010 Shad and Angie were named Champions of the BBQ Pitmasters TV Show as seen on Destination America at the same time Smokey D’s was opening a 400 seat restaurant on Des Moines’s North side. With a mission of providing Championship quality BBQ, made from scratch side dishes served quickly at an affordable price, restaurant and catering operations continue to grow. Smokey D’s has become known as Central Iowa’s place for Championship BBQ. Both owners compete against each other on the BBQ circuit (Darren and Sherry under Iowa’s Smokey D’s BBQ and Shad and Angie under A Boy and His BBQ) and have won a combined 600+ Category awards and over 40 State BBQ Championships including Darren and Sherry’s recent win of the American Royal World Series of BBQ in Kansas City. For more information about Smokey D’s BBQ visit www.smokeydsbbq.com or call 515-243-2747.

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