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**THE GREAT MIDWEST RIB FEST
RETURNS TO MYSTIC LAKE JULY 27-29**
Outdoor festival features nation's best ribs and free concerts

PRIOR LAKE – JULY 9, 2018 – [The Great Midwest Rib Fest](#), a weekend full of barbecue and free live music, is returning to Mystic Lake for the fifth year July 27 through July 29. At this three-day outdoor festival, 10 of the nation's top rib cookers will compete for thousands of dollars in prizes.

The Great Midwest Rib Fest has free concerts each day, with classic rock acts WAR and Foghat on Friday evening. Country music stars LeAnn Rimes, Cassadee Pope, as well as viral yodeling sensation Mason Ramsey, and local favorite Tim Sigler, will perform on Saturday. Craig Campbell and Shenandoah will perform on Sunday to round out the weekend.

Attendees can purchase ribs and vote for the "Best of the Fest" people's choice award. Minnesota-based Just North of Memphis BBQ won the award in 2017 and will look to defend its title this year. Local professional culinary and media personalities will also judge the same ribs and sauces, awarding prizes on Sunday afternoon on the main stage. Additional vendors will serve sides, desserts and beverages; and thrill seekers can saddle up on a mechanical hog.

Event: The Great Midwest Rib Fest

Date: Friday, July 27, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday, July 28, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday, July 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Mystic Lake Casino Hotel
2400 Mystic Lake Boulevard NW
Prior Lake, MN 55372
Event will be held in the north parking lot (between Mystic Lake and Little Six casinos)

Music: Friday, July 27
Foghat at 6 p.m.
WAR at 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 28
Tim Sigler at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Mason Ramsey at 5 p.m.
Cassadee Pope at 6 p.m.
LeAnn Rimes at 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 29
Craig Campbell at 1 p.m.

Shenandoah at 3:30 p.m.

Concert times are subject to change without notice.

Contestants: [Aussom Aussie](#), [Austin's Texas Lightning BBQ](#), [Big Boned BBQ](#), Chicago BBQ, [Howling Coyote Roadhouse BBQ](#), [Just North of Memphis BBQ](#), [Porky Chicks BBQ](#), [Rasta Joe's BBQ](#), [Texas Outlaw BBQ](#), and [Uncle Bub's BBQ](#).

Judges: Mike Brown (Travail and Pig Ate My Pizza), Kim Ly Curry (Lil Miss Foodie), Emily Engberg (Twin Cities Live), Staci Matthews (KS95), and Dara Moskowitz Grumdahl (Mpls. St. Paul Magazine). Special appearance by Marjorie Johnson (Blue Ribbon Baker) for the award ceremony.

Details: This free festival is open to all ages; guests under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Guests must be 18 to gamble and 21 to purchase or consume alcohol. VIP packages are also available. Get more details at mysticlake.com/ribfest.

ABOUT MYSTIC LAKE CASINO HOTEL

Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, the premier gaming facility in the Midwest, continually creates new, fun and exciting entertainment experiences for its guests. Mystic Lake® offers gaming, distinctive restaurants and bars, headline performers, unique special events, and luxurious accommodations. Located 25 minutes southwest of Minneapolis/St. Paul in Prior Lake.

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