



Fire Up The Grills! Barbeque Boot Camp to debut at Michigan State Fair September 1-5, Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

Novi, MI: The Michigan Backyard Barbeque is a time-honored and revered family tradition in our state, so the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair is elevating the art of the grill to the level of recognition it so well deserves...proudly announcing the debut of **Barbeque Boot Camp**, as the 2016 State Fair adds an additional day of fun **September 1-5 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi. Advance Tickets for the State Fair are on sale now at www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com!**

Professor of Meat Science Dr. Stacy Zuelly of Purdue University will be a featured guest on the Barbeque Boot Camp Stage, designed to give fairgoers an opportunity to learn about the many facets of animal, meat, and food science as they relate to home food selection and preparation. The program offers interactive learning demonstrations with focus on how to select, prepare and season various cuts of meat for optimal grilling results. Many other highly regarded Michigan BBQ Chefs will also be sharing their expertise about creating the most fabulous backyard barbeque meals, including entrée, salads, sides and desserts, at the State Fair during the Labor Day Holiday Weekend.

Professor of Meat Science Dr. Stacy Zuelly is Southeast Michigan born and raised, hailing from Holly, where her parents have been sheep farmers and Michigan State Fair exhibitors for many generations. Her Bachelors of Science is from Michigan State University, Masters Degree from University of Kentucky and Ph. D from the University of Illinois. "Dr. Zuelly is one of the preeminent authorities of Meat Science in the Midwest today," says State Fair Executive Director Steve Masters, "We are delighted to share her expertise with patrons of the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, and hope everyone will enjoy expanding their cooking knowledge and skills in the great outdoors, campsites and barbeque kitchens of Michigan."

The collectible Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair ring binder cookbook will be updated for 2016 with signature recipes geared for the backyard barbeque, from Dr. Zuelly, other featured chefs, and additional Michigan barbeque experts, too. Favorite family recipes (with all appropriate credit given) may be submitted for consideration for the cookbook insert through July 10 at www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com. Let's cook up some great big, delicious Barbeque and celebrate Michigan together!

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