August 7, 2012

Dear Pig Pickin’ Cooking Team:

It is time again to “gear up” for Pig Pickin’ 2012! The Delta State Alumni Association and Athletic Department, with the assistance of several corporate sponsors, will be hosting the 27th Annual Pig Pickin’ at Statesmen Park on Friday and Saturday, September 21st and September 22nd, 2012, and we hope you’ll join us!

This year, each team will have the opportunity to compete in the following categories:

- **Pork** (we’ll provide two Boston Butts)
- **Chicken** (we’ll provide two whole chickens)
- **Sausage** (we’ll provide five pounds; you serve it however you’d like)
- **Booth Decoration** (optional)
- **T-shirt/Apron Design** (optional)

The following cash prizes will be awarded per category, and there will be an overall winner (provided teams compete in all of the three food categories):

- **First Place Pork**: $100, **Second Place Pork**: $75, **Third Place Pork**: $50
- **First Place Chicken**: $100, **Second Place Chicken**: $75, **Third Place Chicken**: $50
- **First Place Sausage**: $100, **Second Place Sausage**: $75, **Third Place Sausage**: $50
- **Overall**: $500

*Winner will receive cash prizes the week after Pig Pickin’.*

It is our sincere hope that you will be able to participate this year. As in years past, tentative plans call for the cooking teams to “set-up” in Statesmen Park Friday (September 21st). The meat will be distributed to the teams from the Alumni House Friday afternoon with competition beginning at 1:00 pm on Saturday.

We’ve arranged for entertainment to perform Friday night and scheduled live entertainment/activities Saturday in conjunction with Delta State’s home football game (Delta State vs. University of North Alabama at 6:00pm), so we are planning another great weekend!

To effectively organize this event, we would appreciate your completing the attached form and returning it to:

Delta State Alumni Association  
Pig Pickin’ 2012  
DSU Box 3104  
Cleveland, MS 38733

Please note that there is a reservation fee based on the size of your requested area. A check for the total fee must be received with your application prior to Friday, September 7th, 2012. Application is not a guarantee of acceptance. Entry fees will be refunded if an application isn’t accepted; teams will be notified of acceptance Monday, September 10th, 2012. Please direct any questions to Jeffrey Farris at (662) 846-4660 or at alumni@deltastate.edu.
OFFICIAL COOKING TEAM ENTRY FORM
2012 PIG PICKIN’

Team Name: ____________________________
Contact Person: _________________________ Number of Team Members: __________
Telephone: (H) ________________________ (C) ________________________ (W) ________________________
Mailing Address: ________________________
City, State, Zip Code: ____________________
Email Address: __________________________
Corporate Sponsor (if any): __________________________

____ Yes, we will participate. ______ No, we are unable to participate.

Reservation Request:
______ 20’W x 20’D $100.00 
______ 40’W x 20’D $150.00*

*Must be approved by Alumni Association Staff for 40’W x 20’D cooking area space.

*Total Fee: $________________ (Please make checks payable to Delta State Alumni Association.)

Pig Pickin’ 2012 Rules and Regulations:
• Location will be Statesmen Park (the area north of Travis Parker Field @ McCool Stadium).
• The cooking areas will be marked off by 12:00noon on Thursday, September 20th, weather permitting.
• Two parking permits will be provided per cook team with additional parking available at Shumate Park. No vehicles will be allowed in the park except to unload and load.
• Absolutely no golf carts or ATV’s will be allowed in the park other than those used for event officials.
• Contestants are expected to respect rights of other contestants with special emphasis on loud music, loud or profane language or infringement of adjoining site with equipment, cars, cookers or campers.
• Roads must be kept clear of any obstruction.
• For the competition, each team will be provided pork, chicken, and sausage at NO CHARGE.
• Please pick up your meat between or 1:30-4:30pm on Friday, September 21st from the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni & Foundation House on the campus of Delta State University. Two (2) bags of ice will be provided for each cook team during pick up of meat.
• All meat must be cooked on site.
• Meat must be maintained at a temperature below 40 degrees F prior to cooking (i.e., put it on ice and keep it cold until you put it on the grill)!
• Meat must be maintained at or above 140 degrees F after cooking!
• Please be available at your cooking site to receive your sample containers at 12:00noon.
• You must deliver your competition sample containers to the Judges Tent according to the following schedule: Sausage at 12:45-1:00pm; Chicken at 1:45-2:00pm; Pork at 2:45-3:00pm.
• Sausage judging will begin at 1:00pm; chicken judging will begin at 2:00pm; pork judging will begin at 3:00pm.
• Winners will be announced at 5:00pm prior to the DSU Statesmen football game!
• Have fun and good luck!

I agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations for the 27th Annual Pig Pickin’ Contest.
Signature (required): ________________________________

*ENTRY FEES:
• Price includes booth space, clean-up fee and meat provided.
• Order the size you need – no on-site expansion allowed!