



Chicken Bog

Narrated by Stanley Woodward

1. Chicken Bog (02:38)

<Video opens with Saddler Taylor leafing through political signs>

S. Taylor: Now Stan, believe it or not, there are some stew traditions in the south that are older than Strom Thurmond himself. And I can tell you, every stew we've seen as we've travelled around is a congregational food. They might look different like these two signs I'm holding up, but they're all used to serve lots and lots of people. Now traditionally the-these stews were staples at political rallies and stump meetings. Uh, two stump meetings that have a long history that continue today are the Mallard Creek Barbecue in North Carolina and the Galivant's Ferry Stump Meeting in South Carolina. At Mallard Creek, they serve hundreds of gallons of Brunswick Stew to thousands of people every fall. Now in South Carolina, the Galivant's Ferry Stump Meeting has a one hundred and twenty year old history that centers around a low country stew called Chicken Bog.

<Video shows shots of the stump meeting while bluegrass music plays>

Participant 1: This is the biggest stump in South Carolina. Right here.

<Video shows shots of chicken bog before showing a seller>

Seller 1: Alright folks. C'mon. Five dollars. Five dollars chicken bog. Get fueled up before the political speaking. If you fill up on a full tummy, you can hear them better. You hear them better on a full tummy. On an empty stomach it's kind of hard to take sometimes. *<He laughs>*

<Video shows chicken bog being made before showing a cook>

Cook: You boil it 'til it comes off the bone then you throw the rice and sausage in it and you're ready to go. Whenever momma didn't have but one pot to make supper in, this is what we did.

<Video shows a participant in the meeting>

Participant 2: A famous South Carolina lowcountry dish I guess you could say.

<Video shows another participant>

Participant 3: As far back as I remember, we've had chicken bog.

Seller 2 (not shown): *<Yells>* Chicken Bog! Chicken Bog!

<Video shows more shots of the stump meeting before showing Thomas Shelley>

S. Woodward: Do you remember the people cooking when you were a child-

T. Shelley: Oh yes. Oh yes. That was part of rural life. We had tobacco tyings, corn [shillings] and a chicken bog cooked out in the yard was really all a part of that. It was, I guess, part of the tradition and, uh, part of neighbors helping each other and-and you know, you got-uh they fed you supper and you worked sometimes ten or eleven o'clock at night at these things and it was, uh-for the kids it was a lot of fun because we got to stay up and play, but, uh, for adults it was just a way to help your neighbor.

<Video shows a banjo performer and then various shots of the stump meeting>

Seller 2 (not shown): *<Yells>* Chicken Bog! Chicken Bog!