

32ND ANNUAL CHARITY CHILI COOK-OFF

OFFICIAL RULES and REGULATIONS

**HELP US MEET OUR GOAL OF \$45,000.
PLEASE DO NOT CARRY IN YOUR OWN BEVERAGES.**

The following rules and regulations are to be STRICTLY FOLLOWED by cooks and/or their assistants at the CHILI COOK-OFF.

1. True chili is defined as any kind of meat or combinations of meats cooked with chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. **BEANS OR SPAGHETTI ARE FORBIDDEN.**
2. No ingredient may be pre-cooked or treated in any way prior to the preparation period. The only exceptions are canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, or pepper sauce. Meat may be pre chopped, cut, or ground, but not treated in any way. All other ingredients must be chopped and prepared at the Cook-Off.
3. The cooking period will be a minimum of three (3) hours and a maximum of four (4) hours. Contestants do not have to cook the entire period if they do not want to. However, their containers will be collected at the end of the cooking period. The cooking period will be from **9:30 am until 1:30 pm.**
4. Salsa & Guacamole must be prepared on-site or in a licensed kitchen.
5. A representative from the Chili Cook-Off Committee will conduct a contestant meeting no later than one (1) hour prior to the **Official Starting Time.** Final instructions will be given and questions answered.
6. Between the time of the cook's meeting and the official starting time, each cook and their assistants will be permitted to prepare their ingredients. The Chili Cook-Off Committee may permit preparation of the ingredients prior to the contestants meeting but only on the day of the cook-off.
7. Contestants will be responsible for supplying all their own cooking utensils, table coverings etc. **(ONE (1) HEAVY DUTY EXTENSION CORD FOR EACH POT OR PAN, "NO ELECTRIC CAN OPENERS PLEASE" IN ORDER NOT TO THROW BREAKERS.)** The Chili Cook-Off Committee will provide an area for each contestant, one (1) table, three (3) chairs and in some instances electrical outlets.
8. **Propane can be used in any area of the building but for safety we prefer all propane cooks use booths 41 thru 48. REMEMBER IF YOUR "APPLIANCE" IS TAGGED FOR INDOOR USE A 5 LB. BOTTLE CAN BE USED, OTHERWISE IT HAS TO BE 1 LB.**
9. The committee will also provide 1 box of crackers, 1 package of chips, 1 roll of paper towels, 1 package of napkins, 1 bag of candy, spoons and soufflé cups.

10. You **MUST** provide your own **COOKING BOOTH SIGN**. The Committee will provide a separate board listing all cook's sponsors. **Sponsor Board memberships** are extra.
11. Contestants will be permitted to set up their equipment, decorations, and other facilities anytime after 7:00 am, October 28, 2017, the day of the Cook-Off.
12. Each contestant is required to prepare a minimum of one (1) quart of chili for judging. Contestants are required to have four (4) gallons of competition chili. Chili for **public tasting** may contain beans or spaghetti.
13. Each entry will be permitted a maximum of four (4) people in their cooking area, the head chef and three (3) assistants.
14. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant number by the Chief Scorekeeper, and will be given a container in which their chili will be collected at the time of the **OFFICIAL JUDGING**. Contestants should make certain that the number on the bottom of the container is the same as the contestant number assigned to them by the Chief Scorekeeper. This number is to be covered by tape or other material prior to the collection for judging.
15. Any spillage or marks on judges' containers will call for team disqualification.
16. Not more than one (1) quart of each contestant's chili will be collected at the end of the cooking period and taken to the Judges Area for judging.
17. The decision of the **Judges** will be **final**.
18. All teams are responsible for cleaning their cooking area immediately after the Cook-Off
19. An **ITINERARY** is enclosed. Some of the times may have changed. Please read the enclosed itinerary to note any changes.