

Chili Cook-Off Rules

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Contest will be held in the gymnasium, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm
- Competition is limited to the first 25 contestants/teams
- Judging will begin around 6:45pm
- Bragging rights awarded for People's Choice, Judges' Choice and Best Themed Team
- **Load-in/ set-up times:** 5:00 pm

CONTESTANT RULES

- Chili must be prepared off premises and ready for tasting at 6 pm.
- Chili must be kept warm via any type of chafing dishes with sterno burners, as electricity cannot be provided in the gymnasium. Propane not allowed.
- Minimum of 2.5 gallons/ 10 quarts of chili. A large chafing dish holds 8 quarts roughly.
- Each contestant/team is responsible for setup, take down and clean up of his/her area.
- Trash receptacles and bags will be provided at the event.

WHAT TO BRING

- Warming trays/ chafing dishes with sterno to keep chili hot. (no electrical in gym).
- A large warming oven is available in the kitchen, on a first come first serve basis, to use for your extra chili/chafing dishes.
- A set of plastic measuring cups for dishing (specifically a 1 cup measure, ½ cup measure, and ¼ measure).
- Table decorations
- Stir spoons, paper towels for spills, and any crackers or embellishments for your entry.

WHAT IS PROVIDED

- One 6' table per contestant/team
- Tasting cups/spoons
- Bowls, plates, spoons for purchased chili

JUDGING CRITERIA

- People's Choice: Most votes/ tickets
- Judges' Choice: Judges favorite
- Best Themed: Concept, spirit, decoration, and excitement