



Chili Cook Off Rules

General

1. Teams are responsible for supplying all ingredients and cooking devices. All vendors must be self-supporting for event.
2. Teams are encouraged to market their company product and/or services but no sales allowed at the event. **Promotional items may be given away and booth decorations are encouraged.**
3. All participants must sign the Waiver & Release that is included with the registration form.

Setup/Teardown

1. Set up begins at 12:00 noon on October 30, 2019.
2. Each team will be allocated a booth space of 12'x12'. One 8' table will be provided. Teams are responsible for their own equipment, tent, supplies and decorations. Event organizers will provide (1) 8' table.
3. Chili bowls, spoons and napkins will be provided.
4. Teardown will begin after the closing of the event on October 30. Each team will be responsible for tear down of their designated area after the closing of the event. Your area must be completely free from garbage and other materials.

Cooking

1. All Chili Cook-off Teams are encouraged to prepare their chili on-site from scratch.
2. **Gas Stoves, Grills and Generators are necessary as access to electricity is not available.**
3. No wild game meat.
4. **All entrants are required to have a fire extinguisher.**

Chili

1. There are no restrictions on ingredients for your chili. Use of meats, beans, pasta, spices, and all other ingredients are up to the discretion of the cook teams. Teams can make more than one recipe for public sampling.
2. Teams should prepare 3-5 gallons of chili.
3. Label each type of chili as noted on the registration form submitted.
4. Tasting begins at 5 p.m.

Judging / Awards

1. Chili Cook-off patrons will cast a vote to select the "People's Choice" award-winning chili. Each team will receive a ballot box that will be placed at each contestant's table for attendees to cast their vote. The name of your team must be visible.
2. **Again this year, Chili Cook Off attendees may cast additional votes by donating money in the team ballot boxes (all proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters). Example: \$5=1 voting ticket; \$10=2 voting tickets, etc.**
3. **Returning this year is the "Celebrity Choice" award which will be selected by an anonymous "celebrity" judges!**
4. All voting boxes will be collected and individually counted at the registration table for final tally of votes. Ballot boxes will be collected at 7:15 p.m. and the winner announced during the closing remarks beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m. Chili teams are encouraged to engage the cook-off patrons and encourage them to vote for their favorite chili. Awards will be given to the top three contestants. The decisions of the "People Choice" and "Celebrity Judge" are final.
5. All entrants participate at their own risk. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jefferson City is not responsible for losses resulting from team participation in this event. Event organizers reserve the right to change or modify these rules at any time. Any changes will be communicated to all entrants. Event organizers reserve the right to disqualify any team for violation of these rules.