



Oktoberfest / 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off
Saturday October 16th On The Square (Under Tents)

What is People's Choice Chili Award? People's Choice Chili is judged only by people. There are no other judges only the tasting public choosing the winner of the Award. The Chili with the most votes becomes the winner.

What is Judge's Chili Award? Judge's Choice Chili is scored only by the panel of judges. The Chili is voted on according to the following list of criteria: aroma, color, consistency, taste, and aftertaste. The chili with the highest score becomes the winner.

What is the Best Booth Award? If you wish, you may also vie for the Best Booth Award. For this award you need to decorate your booth to reflect your team's name. Some examples: Wild West Chili Cooks might dress in western costumes; Great American Chili Company cooks might go red, white, and blue; Nun Better dressed in full nun's habits. The point is to have fun, be a little crazy, and sing some songs! The SCED will provide "professional" judges to choose this award.

What is the cost and booth size and what do we need to bring? Entry fee is **FREE**. Each team will be given an 8 X 8 space; the rest is up to you. Teams are responsible for their own chairs, cooking utensils, decorations, table covering, and cook source...**No open fires allowed!** SCED will provide "official" serving cups & spoons, ladles, 8 foot table & 110 electric and tents. The more support people you bring, the more activity around your booth, the better showmanship you demonstrate, the more votes you are likely to get from the public.

When is the set up time, cooking time, and when can we leave etc.? You may begin setting up your booth at 11:00 a.m.. All vehicle deliveries of equipment and supplies must be completed by 11:30 a.m. with cooking to begin at noon. No parking on the square! The SCED will hold a quick "cooks" meeting at 1:00pm to go over the guidelines and general information. The chili must be ready to serve at 4:00pm and the winner will be announced at 7:30pm so be sure to have enough chili to serve to voters.

How much chili and what kind of judging? Best Booth Voting & Judges Choice tasting will begin at 4:00pm. People Choice voting from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. We recommend 5 gallons of chili be available for tasting. Attendees will cast their votes for the Peoples Choice by depositing tickets in to "voting containers" that the SCED will supply, and that you will have at your booth.

Prizes will be awarded to the Peoples Choice and Judge's Choice winners. Only one team will win the Best Booth award of all those participating.

SCED Chili Cook - Off Rules

1. Chili must be cooked on site the day of the cook off.
2. Only edible ingredients may be used.
3. Must be prepared in a sanitary manner. (Health Dept. will be on site)
4. You must be willing to taste your own chili.
5. Chili must be kept at 140 degrees at all times. NO CROCK POTS ALLOWED (Health Dept Rule)
6. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection.
7. You may prepare (chop measure, etc) your ingredients at home but NOTHING may be pre-cooked. (Health Dept Rule)
8. You may not INADVERTENTLY acquire your neighbor's supplies.

Best Booth Rules

1. You must be respectful to others, no offensive displays, excessive noise or loud music.
2. Lewdness, nudity, and interfering with other contestants are prohibited.
3. The use of firearms, explosives, or pyrotechnics is prohibited.
4. Good "sportsmanship" conduct is expected.

General Rules & Regulations

1. Electricity must be ordered at time of application.
2. The decisions of the judges & SCED are final.
3. Contestants must pre-register in order to enter contest.
4. The Chili Cook-off is non sanctioned. The SCED is not responsible for damages, injuries, hurt feelings, etc. resulting from participation.
9. This Chili Cook-Off is for cooks who just want to have fun and be recognized for their superb culinary skills. Dress up wear a costume... just have fun!