



Chili Cook – Off Registration Form

Competition limited to the first 20 contestants.

_____ Contestant Number

_____ \$10.00 Entry Fee Paid

Name: _____

Contestant or Team Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Additional Team Members (If applicable, maximum 2 additional members):

(Maximum Team Limit of 3 People Allowed)

Please Fill out form and mail or drop off to:

Will County Fair

P.O. Box 578

710 S. West St.

Peotone, IL. 60468

Phone: 708-258-9359 with any questions.



2nd Annual Chili Cook – Off Sunday, August 28, 2011

- Contest will be located in the beer stand.
- Competition is limited to first 20 contestants.
- You may enter as a single or as a team.
- There is a \$10.00 entry fee (nonrefundable)
- You may start cooking at 8:00 a.m.
- Judging is at/about 3:00 p.m.
- Based on the number of entries, there will be a minimum of two judges and no more than 5 judges.
- Tasting bowls will be sold to the public beginning at 2:30 p.m.
- There will be a \$2.00 donation per bowl. (Proceeds to promote/enhance chili cook-off)

COOKIN' RULES

- Chili must be prepared from scratch and cooked on site.
- Minimum 8 quarts of chili.
- At/about 3:00 p.m., Chili staff will bring cups to your locations for samples.
- You must be willing to taste your own chili.

WHAT TO BRING

- Cooking stove and fuel/propane, electric is available but in short supply.
- Cooking pot, cutting board, knife, water, cooler (for meat and perishables).
- Paper towels, spoons, can opener, and whatever it takes to make up a batch of chili.
- The Fair will provide tables (two contestants per table)

JUDGING CRITERIA – Competition chili is blind judged on the following criteria. Each criteria is assigned a value of 10 points. Top score would be 50 points (per judge)

- **Aroma** – Chili should smell appetizing
- **Consistency** – Chili should be a smooth combination of meat and gravy
- **Red Color** – Chili should look appetizing.
- **Taste** – Chili should taste good.
- **Aftertaste** – Chili should leave a pleasant taste after swallowing.



Showmanship

WHAT TO BRING

- Basic equipment for chili cooking. Showmanship team/individuals must enter the chili cook-off competition.
- Decorations, props, costumes, musical instruments, giveaways, and any other equipment or gear to be used in your theme.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- **Theme** – Show subject, topic or context should be original
- **Costume** – Show costumes should promote the show theme
- **Booth Setup** – Show site should promote the show theme
- **Action** – Show should be action – oriented
- **Audience Appeal** – Show should be entertaining to audience

BASIC SHOWMANSHIP RULES

- Must enter chili cook-off.
- No nudity, lewdness, or skullduggery.
- No firearms, dynamite, or explosives of any kind.
- May use battery powered amplification with limited volume so as not to interfere with other contestants.
- Judging will take place at/about 2:00 p.m.
- Judges for chili cook-off will also judge for showmanship.

PRIZES

- First Prize - \$100.00 (Best Chili)
- Runner-Up - \$50.00 (Second Best Chili)
- Showmanship - \$50.00

There will be no parking allowed inside the cooking area. Contestants may enter through the gate off of Peotone - Wilmington Rd. to unload gear. Someone will be at the gate at 8:00 am. to let you in and check your registration into the contest.

Any questions, please contact Brian Cann at 708-710-6921 (Cell) or Nick Saathoff at 815-378-3666 (Cell)