



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 & Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

Please fill out form and mail or drop off to:

Will County Fair

P.O. Box 578

Peotone, IL. 60468

Phone: 708-258-9359 with any questions



13th Annual Chili Cook – Off Sunday, August 27, 2023

The contest will be in the beer stand.

- Competition is limited to the 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 1:00 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 1:15 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 1:00 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, 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 criterion 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.

ALL PRIZES/WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 1:45P.M.



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 SHOMANSHIP 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 1:00 p.m.
- Judges for the chili cook-off will also judge for showmanship.

PRIZES

- First Prize - \$250.00 (Best Chili)
- Second Prize - \$150.00 (Second Best Chili)
- Showmanship - \$100.00

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