

HAND IN HAND CHILI COOK-OFF... BENEFITING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

2012 OFFICIAL CHILI COOK- OFF RULES

1. ANYTHING GOES RECIPE: THIS IS FOR FUN, SO THERE ARE NO BASIC RECIPE RULES. RED CHILI, WHITE CHILI, GREEN CHILI, BRING ON YOUR BEST! CHILI IS TO BE PREPARED OFF SITE AND BROUGHT HEATED AND "READY TO EAT" AND WILL BE JUDGED ON SET CRITERIA BY A PANEL OF JUDGES AND THE PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS.
2. EACH CHILI TEAM WILL PAY A \$30. ENTRY FEE, AND WILL RECEIVE 5 ADMISSION BRACELETS TO THE EVENT.(THIS FEE COVERS PART OF THE COST OF THE 5 ADMISSION BRACELETS). EACH TEAM WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 5 PERSONS, AGED 17 YEARS OR OLDER. MEMBERS OF THE COOKING TEAM WILL WEAR THE ADMISSION BRACELETS AS THEIR ENTRY TO THE COOK-OFF. ANY EXTRA PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH TEAM (OVER 5) MUST PAY THE PRICE OF ADMISSION UPON ENTRY, OR BY PURCHASING A BRACELET AHEAD OF TIME.
3. WE RECOMMEND EACH CHILI TEAM COOK AND HAVE AVAILABLE 7 GALLONS OF COMPETITION CHILI. A *MINIMUM* OF 8 GALLONS CHILI IS NEEDED; HOWEVER, THE MORE THE BETTER! MOST TEAMS BRING MORE TO ENCOURAGE MORE VOTES! *NOTE: THE COST OF YOUR CHILI IS A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO HAND IN HAND.*
4. EACH CHILI MUST BE BROUGHT IN AN 18 QUART ELECTRIC ROASTER. (THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE ELECTRICAL OUTLET FOR USE PER CHILI TEAM, AS WE ARE LIMITED ON THE AVAILABLE OUTLETS). YOU MAY BRING MORE CHILI TO ADD TO THE POT AS THE NIGHT PROGRESSES. PLEASE ALSO BRING A HEAVY DUTY EXTENTION CORD.
5. EACH CHILI MUST BE NAMED, AND A WRITTEN RECIPE MUST BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY JUDGES. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGES. CHILI COOKS MAY BE REQUIRED TO TASTE THEIR CHILI BEFORE TURNING IT IN FOR JUDGING. TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING AND SERVING CHILI IN A SAFE & SANITARY MANNER. PLASTIC GLOVES ARE PROVIDED FOR SERVING CHILI IN A SANITARY MANNER.
6. CONTESTANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLYING ALL OF THEIR OWN UTENSILS & PRODUCTS RELATING TO THEIR CHILI SUBMISSION AND MAINTENANCE OF ITS PROPER TEMPERATURE FOR SERVING. SPOONS, CUPS AND ONE LADLE FOR USE IN SERVING CHILI TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND JUDGES WILL BE PROVIDED. CONDIMENTS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED, HOWEVER, COMPETITORS MAY SUPPLY ANY SIDES THEY WISH TO ENHANCE THEIR PRODUCT.
7. EACH CONTESTANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICING AND CLEANING UP THE AREA AT THE END OF THE DAY AND REMOVING ALL ITEMS FROM THE AREA. NO ITEMS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE COOK-OFF. THERE IS NO WATER CLEAN UP AVAILABLE AT THE SITE.
8. NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED IN THE FACILITY. A CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE. (MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FAIRGROUND POLICY)
9. THANK YOU FOR PROMOTING HAND IN HAND PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION. THE MORE PEOPLE YOU ENCOURAGE TO ATTEND,THE MORE PEOPLE VOTE FOR YOUR CHILI & LEARN ABOUT HAND IN HAND!

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BEST BOOTH AWARD RULES

1. ELIGIBLE BOOTHS ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM 10 X 10 FOOT SPACE. SET UP OF TEAM BOOTHS WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M. THE DAY OF THE EVENT. EACH TEAM WILL BE PROVIDED WITH AN 8 FOOT COVERED TABLE.
2. TEAMS MUST BE LIMITED IN THEIR ACTIVITY SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE OTHER CONTESTANTS.
3. NUDITY, FOUL LANGUAGE AND LEWDNESS ARE BANNED FROM THIS EVENT. INTENTIONAL USE BY A CONTESTANT WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THAT TEAM. (REMEMBER OUR GOAL IS TO PROMOTE HAND IN HAND PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND ENJOY SOME GREAT CHILI.)
4. CHILI BOOTH CONTESTANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE UNIQUE IN THEIR APPROACH (E.G. IDENTICAL CAPS, APRONS FOR THE TEAM, MATCHING OUTFITS/COSTUMES, WELL DECORATED BOOTHS).
5. CHILI BOOTH DECORATION IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. IT IS ALSO A LOT OF FUN. EACH CHILI BOOTH TEAM WILL BE JUDGED FOR BEST BOOTH BY THE PEOPLES CHOICE. THE PEOPLES CHOICE BEST BOOTH AWARD WILL BE ON A BALLOT HANDED OUT UPON ENTRY. ALL WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY.
6. EACH TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY ONE ELECTRICAL OUTLET (FOR THEIR CHILI ROASTER), THEREFORE NO ELECTRIC LIGHTS WILL BE ABLE TO BE USED IN THE BOOTH DECORATING COMPETITION. BE CREATIVE!!!!!!!
7. CANDLES OR MESSY ITEMS LIKE CONFETTI ARE NOT ALLOWED AT OUR SITE. (MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FAIRGROUND RULES.)

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A SINGLE SCORE TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION FIVE CRITERIA FOR SCORING CHILI:

*AROMA *COLOR *TASTE/FLAVOR *CONSISTENCY/TEXTURE *AFTERTASTE

AROMA: THIS WILL BE A PERSONAL PREFERENCE OF THE JUDGE

COLOR: THE SUBMITTED CHILI SHOULD LOOK APPETIZING

TASTE/FLAVOR: BLENDING OF THE SPICES AND HOW WELL THEY HAVE PERMEATED THE MEAT. SHOULD HAVE GOOD FLAVORING AND CHILE PEPPER TASTE (NOT TOO HOT OR NOT TOO MILD)

CONSISTENCY/TEXTURE: CHILI SHOULD BE A SMOOTH COMBINATION OF MEAT AND GRAVY NOT TOO THIN OR TOO THICK. THE TEXTURE OF THE MEAT SHALL NOT BE TOUGH OR MUSHY.

AFTERTASTE: PERSISTENCE OF A SENSATION OF FLAVOR; NOT BE BITTER/METALLIC.

THE DECISION JUDGES IS FINAL. JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON SCORE CARDS WHICH ARE NUMBERED. EACH CHILI WILL BE SCORED ON ITS OWN MERITS WITH A WHOLE NUMBER FROM 0 TO 10, 10 BEING THE HIGHEST. NO PLUSES, MINUSES, FRACTIONS OR DECIMALS WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD...1st Prize: Engraved chili pot & \$200, 2nd and 3rd place plaques.

BEST BOOTH AWARD...1st Prize \$100 & plaque, 2nd and 3rd place plaques.

JUDGES BEST CHILI...1st Prize \$100 & plaque, 2nd and 3rd place plaques.

THERE WILL BE A PEOPLES CHOICE BALLOT BOX FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO VOTE ON BEST CHILI AND BEST BOOTH. BALLOT CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED UPON ENTRY, AND WILL BE TALLIED THROUGHOUT THE EVENT. AT THE END OF THE EVENING, THE PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND PRESENTED.

SPIRIT AWARD...1st Prize: Dining gift certificates and plaque, 2nd and 3rd place plaques.

THIS AWARD IS PROVIDED TO THE TEAM THAT 1) RAISES THE MOST MONEY FOR HAND IN HAND BEFORE THE EVENT OR BRING EXTRA "SPIRIT" TO OUR CHILI COOK-OFF. TEAMS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPETE FOR THE SPIRIT AWARD, BUT IT IS A GREAT WAY TO PROMOTE YOUR EVENTS AND ALSO WIN GREAT PRIZES, WHILE HELPING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

FIRST, MONEY CAN BE RAISED BY BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS OF YOUR TEAM, BY ARRANGING FREE JEAN DAYS AT WORK, HOLIDAY DONATIONS BY EMPLOYEES, DONATIONS BY FRIENDS, BAKE SALES OR ANY NUMBER OF WAYS. IN ADDITION, THE MONEY FROM ANY RAFFLE TICKETS YOU SELL WILL BE ADDED TO THIS TOTAL. DON'T FORGET TO PROMOTE PEOPLE SUPPORTING YOUR CHILI TEAM WHILE GATHERING SPIRIT AWARD FUNDS! WE ENCOURAGE SPIRIT AWARD FUNDS TO BE TURNED INTO HAND IN HAND BEFORE THE COOK-OFF, BUT THE DEADLINE IS 1:00-2:00 PM THE DAY OF THE CHILI COOK-OFF. AGAIN, UNIQUE IDEAS DURING OUR EVENT ARE

CONSIDERED BY THE JUDGES FOR THE SPIRIT AWARD. LAST YEAR, MINI-CHILI COOK-OFF AT YOUR PLACE OF BUSINESS TO PROMOTE THE EVENT, DRESSING UP FOR THE COOK-OFF, AND EVEN SELLING "CHILI DOGS" AT YOUR BOOTH TO BENEFIT HAND IN HAND WERE EXAMPLES OF FUN & CREATIVE IDEAS.