

Platte Area Chamber of Commerce

Sept. 24th 2022

Chili Cook-Off



Rules &
Regulations

Our main goal of this cookoff is to have fun!

That being said, Our chili cook-off will not align exactly with the International Chili Society.

1. Team must file an Entry Form with a \$50 payment via cash, check, or PayPal to reserve a spot.
Registration deadline is Friday, September 16.
2. Contestants are responsible for supplying all their own cooking utensils, ingredients, tables, chairs, 50ft extension cord, and set up and clean up. A tent or overhead covering of some sort is recommended. Electricity is provided.
3. The sponsors of the cookoff will provide a 10 x 10 preparation area for each contestant. If ya need more room, well...that'll cost ya.
4. Every entry must be a minimum of 1 gallon of chili.
5. Chili in our definition will be a combination of any protein of cook's choice(no roadkill), a mixture of spices, and chiles of any kind. BEANS are allowed in this cook-off. PASTA, RICE, COMMERCIAL CHILI MIXES and we hate to be obvious, but CANNED CHILI are all prohibited!
6. Teams are allowed to do all of your cooking at home or you may prep/cook on site as well!
7. Please keep the chili tightly covered when not serving.
8. The cook-off site will open at 9am for registration and set up. A mandatory team meeting with cook-off officials will be at 10am to review rules. The Calcutta will begin at 2pm, so rally your fan club and let them show their support by bidding on your team!
9. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant number by the chief scorekeeper and given a Styrofoam cup with lid for their chili. An official of the cook-off will deliver the chili entries to the judges for a blind taste test.
10. Judge turn-in is at 3pm. Judging turn-in – NO garnishes are allowed. Judging will be based on appearance, taste, aroma, and texture. Each team is expected to dispense their chili to the public at 4pm.
11. Two-ounce tasting bowls, spoons, and tickets will be provided by the HayDaze chili cook-off.
12. The public will select the People's Choice Award. The public will pay to try each of the chili recipes and vote for their favorite at a specified voting table. The team with the most votes wins. It's up to you to entice them to try your chili and cast their vote for you. People's Award winner will also receive the People's Choice Trophy.
13. Judges will announce the HayDaze Chili Cook-off winners around 6pm. The winning team will be presented with bragging-rights trophies and a 75% payout. Top 3 teams will awarded as well as one People's Choice award. The decision of the judges is final.
14. Teams are encouraged, urged, and otherwise motivated to decorate their area and themselves. The best decorated and costumed team will win a trophy!