



Chili Cook-off

Proceeds to support the Sue Drummond Scholarship Fund. The Sue Drummond Scholarship Fund supports summer fine arts study for Barry County students.

Cooking rules:

Single entry or teams welcome, team max: 5 people. Set up location will be on a first come basis. Contestants must furnish own ingredients, equipment, and utensils. Power will be supplied; contestants are encouraged to bring power strips and extension cords to ensure we have enough. All contestants are responsible for the maintenance of its proper temperature for serving. The Thornapple Arts Council will provide spoons and cups for serving to the general public and of course napkins.

Judges choice:

There will be 3 judges, they will be looking for taste, aroma, texture, and heat of chili. (Heat of chili will not necessarily determine the winner; so feel free to make your chili as mild or hot as you desire). Winner will get bragging rights and a fun trophy.

People's choice – Business/Organization:

The public voters each get 2 voting tickets with admission to be dropped into a can at the chili station of their choice (either business or individual). Voting tickets will also be available for purchase. The more people you bring or know the better chance you have of winning the People's Choice Award. Winner will get bragging rights and a fun trophy.

People's choice – Individual:

The public voters each get 2 voting tickets with admission to be dropped into a can at the chili station of their choice (either business or individual). Voting tickets will also be available for purchase. The more people you bring or know the better chance you have of winning the People's Choice Award - Individual. Winner will get bragging rights and a \$250 cash prize.

Entry:

The entry fee will be \$25.00 per chili entered. Contestants may enter more than 1 batch of chili.

Ingredients:

Use your favorite recipe, with or without meat, with or without beans. Meat may be beef, pork, lamb, chicken or turkey (no wild meats). Veggie (meatless chili) is okay. Ingredients may be cut, shredded or ground to any size. Please have a list of the meats used for allergy purposes. If peanuts or peanut oil is used, please display a warning sign. You may NOT use can, store bought chili or mixes. Pre-cooked beans are okay. All ingredients must be pre cooked, chili is to be brought "ready to eat". You must bring your own condiments. *Extreme heat chili should be noted as such.

Chili Cook-off rules:

Each contestant must cook a minimum of 14 quarts (3.5 gallons) of chili. Chili must be cooked thoroughly prior to the start of the event. Teams are not permitted to cook on site, although sterno and Crockpots can be used to reheat and maintain serving temperatures (135 F or above – please provide your own thermoter).

Contestants will be provided 2 oz tasting cups and spoons for tasting. Chili must be "paid" for with tickets – no free tastings. 1 ticket = a 2 oz serving. Each team will be responsible for taking consumers tasting tickets at their booth.

The Thornapple Arts Council will provide each team with 1 table, 2 chairs, tasting cups, tastings spoons, napkins, plastic gloves, and appropriate signage for People's Choice voting. **Each team will need to provide ladles or long handled spoons for serving, hot pads, and other kitchen equipment as needed. We do not provide a container for the spoons so please bring one.** A flat basket or platter works well.

Teams cannot sell additional beverages or food. Gloves must be worn while serving and hair should be secured or under a hat or head-covering.

Admission:

The chili cook off will be open to the public. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door. The \$15 admission will include 10 tasting tickets and 2 People's Choice Voting tickets.

Additional tasting tickets can be purchased at the rate of 2 tickets for a dollar.

Additional People's Choice Voting tickets for a dollar a piece.

Chili Cook off schedule:

Set-up: 4:00 pm- bring your chili and set up your booth. You may decorate your table however you would like! Feel free to promote your business at your booth!

Tasting: 5-7:00 pm- People may taste and vote for the whole 2 hours, please bring plenty of chili!

Award ceremony: 7:30 pm

“Thornapple Arts Council CHILI COOK-OFF REGISTRATION”

Saturday, Oct. 15th 2016

Return this form along with your \$25.00 entry fee to the Thornapple Arts Council by Sept. 29th, 2016

Name(Up to 5 for either Business/Organization or Individual teams): _____

Business/Organization Individual

Team Name: _____

Chili Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Memorandum of Agreement:

I certify that I have received a copy of the official rules and that I agree to and abide by them. I understand that a violation may disqualify my team from the competition and any awards or prizes.

Signature: _____

Print name: _____