

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Jaycees Chili Cook-off

## Rules and Information

Booth area is approximately 8 ft. x 10 ft. (**NOTE:** all items related to your booth space **MUST** fit within your area.... nothing is to be placed outside of your booth). A table will be provided for serving your chili to the public, as well as additional table for cooking. The tables are approximately 6 ft. long. You will need to provide your own table cloths. Plastic spoons and large soufflé cups will be provided at the door for the public to sample your chili. A fish bowl will be provided for each booth per registration category (e.g. white chili, red chili, Bloody Mary's, and salsa) to collect vote tickets from the general public.

## GENERAL RULES

1. Each team is encouraged to prepare a minimum of 8 gallons of Chili. The general public will be sampling your chili throughout the event in 2oz provide cups with spoons.
2. Chili samples served to the public may contain beans and any additional toppings on the side, such as cheese, onions, etc. Toppings such as cheese, onions, etc. must be served with gloved hands or appropriate utensils.
4. Chili for the Cook-Off is defined as any kind of meat, or combination of *USDA Approved* meats (i.e. beef, pork, chicken, seafood, etc) cooked with chili pepper seasoning or spices and other assorted ingredients. (***Absolutely no wild meat, including venison will be permitted***). Salsa is defined as any cold tomato and pepper based puree. If entering this contest you will need to provide chips or a pita bread to sample the salsa on.
5. The number of members per team shall not exceed 5 people, excluding the head cook. Regardless of the number of booth spaces, each team is limited to 6 cooks per team.
6. **NO** Beer or Alcohol can be brought into the Boys and Girls Club by any team. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Beer will be provided for purchase at a discount price for all team members.

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

1. Cooking Equipment – Bring whatever you will need to prepare your 8 gallons of chili, hot plates, crock pots, and slow cookers. Electrical outlets will be provided.
2. Usage of open flame grills or fryers will not be permitted in preparation of the chili ingredients.

3. One 110 power outlet will come with each booth area. This outlet will have an average of 2000 watts per outlet. Please note: The average size household skillet is approximately 1000 watts. *A power strip does not increase the power load...please plan accordingly.*
4. Electric crock pots, hot plates, etc. and heavy extension cords. (20 ft recommended).
7. Cleaning and sanitization: (a) Teams will have access to a double bin sink (b) Appropriate container will be needed to move dishes from the kitchen to your booth (c) Hand sanitizer and paper towels for hand cleaning must be at each booth.
8. Bring your own material for booth decoration – banners, signs, costumes, props, table clothes, etc.
9. Drop cloth or paper to lie on booth floor to catch any spills or leaks.

### **CHILI COOK-OFF INSTRUCTION FOR TEAMS**

1. You have been assigned your booth space in advance. Do not change booths without permission from a representative of the St. Charles Jaycees Chili cook off committee.
2. Your team will be issued 5 Cook's passes. Do not lose the passes, as replacements are not available. Without the passes, your team members will have to pay to get in and pay full price for beer. It is your responsibility to distribute the cook passes to your team members.
3. Please remember to bring everything you need for cooking your chili and decorating your booth. Don't forget extension cords, cooking utensils, etc.
4. **NO** painting of any kind inside the building for decorating.
8. Your team will be issued a fish bowl per category. Put the fish bowl(s) on your front table during the event to collect your votes. The fishbowl will be picked up by a Jaycee at 3:30pm  
Votes will be counted.
9. Chili Cook-Off teams can start setting up and decorating their booths at 9:00 am.
10. All teams should be ready for booth inspection of all cooking equipment and ingredients at 10:30 am.
11. Booth Decorations contest will be judged at 12:30 pm.

12. Chili is judged by the general public

13. Chili sampling will be from 11:00 am until 3:30 pm for the general public. Tear down of the booth can only occur following the conclusion of all event activities including the auction and announcement of awards. If you by chance run out of chili, the booth should still remain intact and staffed if necessary. *Early tear down of a booth is not permitted.*

### AWARDS

Competition among teams is strongly encouraged. Winners will be recognized with cash prizes. The Team Fundraising award will be awarded to the top team selling the most tickets. All teams are encouraged to start selling tickets immediately \$5. Extra tickets and money will be collected before the start of the event.

**GRAND CHAMPION RED CHILI AWARD** – Cash awarded to the top team with the best overall chili according to the public.

**GRAND CHAMPION WHITE AWARD** – Cash awarded to the top team with the best overall white chili according to the public.

**GRAND CHAMPION BLOODY MARY AWARD** – Cash awarded to the top team with the best overall bloody mary according to the public.

**GRAND CHAMPION SALSA AWARD** – Cash awarded to the top team with the best overall salsa according to the public.

**BEST BOOTH AWARD** – Trophy awarded to the top team with best theme, booth design, costumes, and decorations according to the judges.

### DAY OF EVENT:

**FIRST THING:** Set your fishbowl(s) out on your serving counter. **IDEA:** decorate your fishbowl to fit your booth's theme. Each team will get a fishbowl(s) the morning of the event. As the crowd comes around to sample your chili, encourage them to vote for your product.

You may collect donations at your booth for the Boys and Girls Club and give away items such as specialty/novelty items. (Mardi Gras beads, giveaways with logos from your business, etc.).

Be **CREATIVE... THANK YOU AND PLEASE PARTICIPATE....GOOD LUCK!**