

GREERS FERRY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF**  
**OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**



1. For the purposes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off, chili is defined as any kind of meat, or combinations of meat, cooked with chili peppers, various other spices, and other ingredients with the exceptions of items such as spaghetti or rice, which are strictly forbidden. Beans are allowed.
2. Contestants will be permitted to set-up their equipment and decorations on Friday, Nov. 2 after 6pm and Saturday AFTER 10am the day of the contest.
3. Each contestant shall supply their own meat, cooking ingredients, cooking devices, serving utensils.
  - a. Serving bowls, napkins, eating utensils, hot dogs/buns and crackers will be provided. Do not use your own bowls.
  - b. You will be furnished a 6ft long table to serve your chili from. Only the tables WE provide are allowed.
4. Each contestant must cook at least 4 gallons of chili ready for judging by 3:30pm. We want to have plenty of chili for the paying customers! If you can cook more, GREAT!!  
**Anyone with less than 4 gallons of chili will be disqualified.**
5. Contestants must be present during the time of the cook-off (serving, judging, etc.) NO tasting allowed by family or visitors prior to start of the Chili Challenge at 4:30 pm.

ONLY Head Cook & Assistant Cook allowed at no charge, and ONLY those 2 allowed to serve.

6. ALL guests must leave at 3pm to prepare for the judges. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!
7. Each contestant is assigned an official number and given a container with this number. Collection of chili will begin at approximately 3:30pm. Judging will begin at 4pm.
8. Prizes of \$250 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$150 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be awarded towards the end of the event. Table decorations will be judged with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons.
9. It is the responsibility of each contestant to see that assigned areas are kept clean during and following the contest. Trash receptacles will be available. All contestants must cooperate in the disposal of trash and keeping the area clean.

10. Sponsor's name(s) can be displayed in the contestant's area. Contestants or sponsors may have a raffle drawing at their table. You must provide your own registry supplies (box, pen and paper) Please ONLY have 1 or 2 giveaways as to not take away from the program.
11. All contestants must comply with all applicable rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. If meat is not pre-cooked, it must be kept at 40 degrees or below in a covered pot.
  - b. After cooking, chili must be maintained at 140 degrees or above in a covered pot. Please bring a LARGE crock-pot or other appropriate server and 6ft-8ft extension cord so chili can be kept hot while serving.
  - c. No live animals are allowed in the cooking area, inside or out.
  - d. The consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited.
12. All chili sold will be for the benefit of the Greers Ferry Area Chamber of Commerce. No private sales are allowed.
13. The Cook-Off Committee reserves the right to make additional regulations as the situation warrants. The decisions of the Cook-Off Committee and Judges are FINAL.

Be sure to READ AND KEEP the Rules for the contest. Violations may result in the disqualifications, expulsion for the cook-off, and/or disqualification from future participation.

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