

41st Annual
Greers Ferry Area Chamber of Commerce
Chili Challenge
Official Rules and Regulations

The Chili Challenge will be held in the West Side School cafeteria on November 4, 2023, from 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM. Set-up needs to be completed by 3:00 PM and judging samples will be collected at 3:45 PM.

1. For the purposes of the 41st Annual Chili Challenge, 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. You must serve all your chili, cheese, etc. yourself. No one can serve themselves.
3. Each contestant shall supply their own meat, cooking ingredients, cooking device and serving utensils.
 - a. The Chamber will provide bowls, sample bowls, spoons, napkins and crackers.
4. Each contestant must cook at least 4 gallons of chili and it must be set up and ready to be collected for judging at 3:45 PM. We want to have plenty of chili for the paying customers. If you can cook more, GREAT!
 - a. Anyone with less than 4 gallons of chili will be disqualified.
5. Contestants must be present during the time of the event. No tasting allowed by family or visitors prior to the start of the Chili Challenge at 4:30 PM.
6. ALL guests must leave at 3:45 PM to prepare for the judges. NO EXCEPTIONS!

7. Each contestant is assigned an official number and given a container with this number; chili will be collected at 3:45 PM and judging will begin at 4:30 PM.
8. Prizes of \$250 for 1st Place, \$150 for 2nd Place and \$100 for 3rd Place will be awarded at the end of the event.
9. All contestants must be responsible for keeping their assigned areas clean during and following the event. Trash receptacles will be available.
10. Sponsor's name(s) can be displayed in the contestant's area.
11. Contestants or sponsors may have a raffle drawing at their table.
 - a. You must provide your own registry supplies (box, pen, and paper)
 - b. Only 1-2 giveaways as to not take away from the program.
12. All contestants must comply with all preparation rules and regulations including but not limited to the following:
 - a. If meat is not pre-cooked, it must be 40 degrees or below in a covered pot.
 - b. After cooking, chili must be maintained at 140 degrees or above in a covered pot.
13. All chili will be for the benefit of the Greers Ferry Area Chamber of Commerce, no private sales are allowed.
14. The Chamber Board reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situation warrants. The decisions of the Chamber Board and Judges are FINAL.

Be sure to READ and KEEP the rules to refer to as needed. Violations may result in the disqualification or expulsion of the Chili Challenge and/or future events.

For additional information, please call (501) 825-7188.