

35th ANNUAL IDAHO CITY CHAMBER CHILI COOK OFF

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Rules, Details and Schedule for Contestants

You can find information about entering and paying online at
idahocitychamber.org (events -Chili Cook Off)
or in your emailed or printed packet

Cooking, Ingredients, & Food Prep:

- You must prepare a minimum of 5 gallons of chili and a recommended 8 gallons.
- You must bring your own food, utensils, trash can, and dishwashing station – wash/rinse/sanitize/dry. The Chamber will provide handwashing stations.
- Your chili must contain chili peppers, in any form. It may be red, green, or vegetarian, but all chilis are judged together, regardless of type.
- Your chili should be made from scratch – not from a mix or canned. Canned or bottled ingredients will be permitted.
- Chili is prepared on site, on pavement or dirt (if required for wood fire cooking). Many contestants use propane.
- Chili may not be put on to cook, before **7am** and must be finished for judging, by **11:45am**, giving you a maximum of 3 hours and 45 minutes of cooking time. You may set up as early as needed, after 6am.
- **THERE IS NO PRE-COOKED FOOD OR HOME CANNED FOOD ALLOWED.**
- No game meat is allowed without certified package to show to judges -no personal game meat.
- Dried beans may be soaked ahead.
- Ingredients may be chopped or ground ahead. Spices may be mixed ahead.
- All food and food preparation should be done meeting all Idaho Food Codes, time and temperature controlled for safety.
- People's Choice Award will receive NO cash prize, only trophies, etc. **BUT**, there will be no rules, other than no alcohol may be served to under aged anybody. All food safety rules must be followed. No condiments may be served that are being sold by a non-profit. No local, state, or federal law may be broken.
- The Judges Prizes of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will have cash prizes and trophies. No judges may be served condiments of any kind, or be bribed, in any way.

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Call Rhonda to go over this stuff with you and answer any questions.

Updates and posts about contestants, sponsors, cups, raffle and silent auction:

Facebook Event “35th Annual Idaho City Chili Cook Off”

Online Sponsor, Contestant, and Event information:

idahocitychamber.org (Events – Chili Cook Off)

(OVER) THERE'S MORE!!!

Schedule, Set-up & Parking and YEP, more rules:

- When you arrive at the Idaho City Visitor Center at Hwy 21 and Main St., you will identify your spot, by number and Team name, on the pavement of Main St. Bring a flashlight. You will get a map of your location, the week before.
- You may unload and then move your vehicle to the Sinclair gas station parking lot, directly across the Hwy, to the right from the pumps.
- Arrive no earlier than **6am and no later than 8am** - Check in at the Chamber of Commerce Office, located in the Visitor Center (probably) Breezeway, on the left, next to the restrooms.
- You will choose blindly and register your new Contestant Number. It will not be visible at your booth, but it will be written on the bottom of your bucket, and you will sign the registrar to agree that you have been assigned the number that is on the bottom of your bucket.
- There you will check-in and receive:
 - 1) Your health Department compliance form, to be posted at your site
 - 2) Your free commemorative cup,
 - 3) Your People's Choice Bucket to receive People's Choice "#1" voting tickets.
 - 4) A **2 oz.** serving ladle, if you don't have one from a previous year.
 - 5) A Judges' sample bucket, with you number (not name) written on the bottom.
 - 6) A feedback form to be turned in before you leave.
- Someone will be by to check your ingredients to make sure that you do not have pre-cooked food, home-canned, or game meat, soon after you arrive, to set up and later to check your temperatures for minimum and holding temp requirements.
- **START COOKING** no earlier than **7:00am** and check-in no later than **8:00am**.

Judging and Awards and The End

- Judging samples will be pulled and put in a hot holding bath from **11:30-Noon**.
- There are usually 5 judges who judge you on: Taste (weighted by 3X), Aroma, Consistency, Aftertaste, and Color.
- **SERVING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED BEFORE THE LAST SAMPLE IS PULLED** for judging, around **Noon**. Serving will be announced.
- Each person who has bought their sample cup will get **only one, 2 oz.** sample from you.
- As soon as the first contestants (who have made at least 5 gallons and is giving no more than 2 oz. servings, start to run out, or at **1:45** (whichever comes first) then The People's Choice Judging is cut off at this time and your People's Choice ticket containers, with your number on the bottom, will be collected and counted. This will be done as close as possible at the same time. Serve until you are out. No more people's choice tickets will count. You can take their voting tickets, to make the people feel good, but **DON'T** try to give them to a chamber volunteer, after the buckets have been pulled. That way, everybody has the *same* 105 minutes (whatever) to get as many people's choice tickets, as possible.
- Again...We don't care if you have belly dancers holding signs, Vote for #6!" just **HAVE FUN** and **DON'T BREAK THE LAW!** There is always the Judge's Awards for the best chilis. Look at the People's Choice award as a popularity contest.
- **1:45** Silent Auction sheets are pulled and Money is collected.
- **2:15 or ASAP** - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places and the People's Choice Award are Announced. Teams collect their prize Money.
- **2:30** Turn in your feedback sheets and your ladle and receive your judges' sheets, before you leave, with your trash. You can take your trash to the dump (10 min. on Centerville Rd.) or pack out. The dump closes at **5:00** sharp.
- Give your ladle back to a chamber volunteer.