

# 38th ANNUAL IDAHO CITY CHAMBER CHILI COOK OFF

**Saturday, March 2nd, 2024**

## **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 8 gallons of chili. Many contestants make 10-15 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 4 hours and 45 minutes of cooking time. You may set up as early as needed, after 6am. You **MUST** have your ingredients checked before you start cooking.
- **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. Yes, we have to include that warning...
- The Judges Prizes of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will have cash prizes and trophies. No judges may be served condiments of any kind, or be bribed, in any way. Your contestant #'s will be coded, so it won't do any good to tell a judge your number. Yes, that warning is necessary...

**Idaho City Chamber of Commerce**

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**Call or text Rhonda for more information or Clarification.**

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

**Facebook Event “38<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho City Chili Cook Off”**

**Online Sponsor, Contestant, and Event information:**

**idahocitychamber.org (Events – Chili Cook Off) (OVER)**

## Schedule, Set-up & Parking

- 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 in front of Simply Fun 206 Main St. Restrooms and access to water is located at the Visitor Center, Main/Hwy 21.
- 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 "Happy Face" voting tickets.
  - 4) A **2 oz.** serving ladle, if you don't have one from a previous year.
  - 5) A Judges' sample bucket, with your 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**.
- Your bucket has a letter on the bottom. The judges have corresponding #'s. Yes, we know!
- There are usually 4-5 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, at **Noon**. No Exception.
- Each person who has bought their sample cup will get **only one, 2 oz.** sample from you.
- At 1:30-:40 all People's Choice happy face tickets will be pulled. You may continue to serve, if you still have chili, but no People's Choice tickets will count after buckets and boxes are pulled.. Everybody has equal time to collect tickets, so don't flip out. 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. You get a trophy, bragging rights, but no cash for People's Choice.
- Public can vote in ballot boxes on a table on Main st.or at your booth. We combine them.
- The public can ALSO rank your chili as they taste via the QRC code. No prize money. Just fun.
- **1:30-2:00** Silent Auction sheets are pulled and Money is collected.
- **2:00 or ASAP** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Places and the People's Choice Award are Announced. Teams collect their prize Money. Gather on Main St at Simply Fun. at the microphone for the announcements.
- **By 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.

**Call or text Rhonda Jameson at 208-807-6434 any time for clarification.**

**OVER THERE'S MORE!**