



18th Annual Halloween Chili Cook Off

Registration

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

CONTACT EMAIL: _____

T-SHIRT SIZES (Adult sizes M, L, XL. For 2X add \$2, for 3X add \$3)

1: 2: 3: 4:

I understand and agree to the attached rules:

Team Captain signature

Registration is \$40.00 (approx. 12'X12')

If paying by check, please leave the "Pay To" line blank.

Are you cooking REGULAR, EXTRA SPICY, or FLAMIN' HOT chili (**circle one category**).

18th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CHILI COOK OFF - OCT. 26, 2024
INFORMATION AND RULES FOR COOKERS

Date: Saturday, October 26 11am-3pm

Location:

**Arkansas State Fair Grounds
Little Rock, AR. 72205**

(back parking lot on S. Schiller St. Teams will be emailed set-up map and info in October)

Contact: kevinmercercer@iheartmedia.com

Thank you for cooking!

NOTE: Deadline to register is September 30. No late entries! 60 teams this year.

PAYMENT: Registration is \$40.00. All teams get a 12'x12' space. Set-up space is on a first arrival basis. If paying by check, leave the "Pay To" area blank. Checks will be evenly distributed to the Humane Society of Pulaski County and The Van. Exact cash is accepted too. You can pay on Cash App at \$jkmmerc69. Be sure to include your team's name on Cash App and checks. We are not able to accept payments by card. Deadline to turn in paperwork and payment is September 30. You may mail your registration and payment to the address above or drop it off at the same location. If dropping off your payment, ring the doorbell first. If no answer, slide an envelope between the doors. You will be emailed a confirmation once we receive your registration and payment. \$40, 4 t-shirts, 4 team members, 4 wrist bands. If you require other people to help at your booth, they must pay \$5 entry.

Check in: Staff will be on site to check you in beginning at 5 a.m. on Saturday, October 26. There is no early set-up. Plan to check in between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. No vehicles in set-up area after 8:00am. All team members must be inside the gate by 7am. Please drop-off/unload your equipment as quickly as possible so other teams can do the same.

There will be a team meeting at 10am by the metal carport.

Cooking: You MUST cook a minimum of 8 gallons of chili. Nothing can be cooked prior to checking in. (Food can be prepared for cooking, i.e., meat cut up, ingredients measured, use your common sense, etc.)

You are required to bring your own ingredients, your own cooking and serving table, a heat source, propane, or generator. No open fires on the asphalt.

Remember, you are self-sufficient. No electrical power will be available. If using charcoal, be prepared to take it with you – Please do not dump your charcoal in the parking lot. If you require your own trash receptacle for your booth, please BRING YOUR OWN. Do not take the public trash barrels/boxes for your private use. There will be a dumpster available.

Dress Up Your Space (and yourself). This space is to include your cooking area, tables, and anything else you need for presentation. If you plan to bring a tent, please be aware of size (You may purchase an additional space. See registration sheet). Be kind and do not have your canopy in your neighbor's area. Be sure to bring a banner to let everyone know who you are and decorate your booth with a Halloween theme. Wearing a costume is highly recommended.

SERVING: We open to the public at 11 a.m.

IMPORTANT: Bring some candy for the kids since we emphasize safe Trick or-Treating for families.

We will supply sampling cups, napkins, and spoons. If you wish to offer additional items as part of your presentation (crackers, condiments, etc.) that is your decision. Serve chili until you run out or until we instruct you differently. We need to know how many booths are actively serving because at some point we stop charging if it drops too low. We want attendees to get their money's worth.

JUDGING: You will be given a time to submit 10 samples of your chili based on your check-in time. Judging begins as early as 10:30 a.m. The event is officially over at 3pm. At that time, we will begin to clear the lot of anyone who is not a part of a team, or who is not actively tearing down their area. Please begin to tear down your area at 3pm.

Judges Scoring Method:

Texture and appearance

Flavor

Consistency

Spices and taste

Aroma

AWARDS: Awards will be announced around 2pm.

For questions or concerns: kevinmercer@iheartmedia.com