

Carl Schroeder Memorial Chili Cook-Off Event Rules

1. Each contestant must bring all ingredients, cookware, utensils, cooking unit (portable stove, barbecue, etc.)
2. No ingredients can be pre-cooked. Beans may be presoaked in water overnight. No salt or flavoring may be added at that time.
3. Cooking time is approximately two and one-half (2.5) hours starting at the “Light Your Fires” announcement and the pick-up of the Judging cups.
4. Each team shall cook a minimum of 8-quarts of chili. More is suggested if the team is vying for the “Peoples Choice Award”.
5. A team shall be made up of at least two members, but between four and eight are optimal so that “cold-preparation” can be completed before “Light Your Fires” is announced.
6. Set-up is from 9:00am to 10:30am.
7. “Light Your Fires” at 10:30 a.m. This is the moment that fires can be lit and actual cooking can commence.
8. Judging begins at 1:00 p.m. Judges are in a separate area. Chili and condiments for the judges must be put into the bowl provided by the judging committee. Chili will be brought to the judges by the Event Director. After judges have tasted all the chili they will then be brought out to judge the team area including set-up, use of theme, and presentation. **THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING CLOSING CEREMONY.**

Notes:

- All meats must be kept below 40 degrees Fahrenheit prior to cooking, and all chili must be kept at a minimum temperature of 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Tasting cups and spoons will be provided for tastes given to the public. Tasting starts as the judging cups are picked up. Chili can be purchased for .50 a cup and \$1.00 for a bowl. The team with the most money wins the Peoples Choice Award.
- Proceeds from the Peoples’ Choice Award will be donated to the Moose Heart Fund.
- *Carry-ins are not allowed unless it is being used in your presentation.*

