



MSFF Heat In The Street Chili Cook-Off Rules

1. Teams must file an entry form with a \$25.00 check payable to: **MSFF** to reserve a spot. Walk-ins will be welcome for a fee of \$35.00, but on-site registration space will be limited and is not guaranteed. Early registration is encouraged.
2. The cook-off site will open at 1:00 p.m. for check in and set up. A mandatory team meeting with Team Captains and Cook-Off officials will be at 1:30 p.m. to review rules. Please gather beside the registration table. The cooking competition begins as soon as the meeting is over. Teams will begin serving chili to the judges at 4:00 p.m.. An official will take the temperature of your chili and collect it for the judges. After the judging, the public will be invited to begin tasting/purchasing.
3. Each team is responsible for all cooking utensils, water for cooking use, extra chairs, cooking ingredients, set up, and clean-up of their area. One 10x10 pop up tent is required for each booth. NO trailers/trucks, pull behind wagons etc. will be permitted in the Cook Off area for participants except when unloading supplies.
4. Each team must supply all cooking equipment; propane style camp stove, grills, gas generators etc. (No electrical outlets are available, but hand washing stations will be available.
5. All chili **MUST** be cooked on site in your tent space and cannot be carried in already prepared. Monitors will be around to check on progress. Any team not abiding by these guidelines will be disqualified and registration fee will not be refunded.
6. Teams will be assigned a number by the officials and given a bowl labeled with their team number. A MSFF official will collect the chili and deliver it to the judges table for a blind taste test for judging.
7. Teams are encouraged, urged, and otherwise motivated to decorate their tent/cooking area and costumes are welcomed. The best decorated and costumed team in each division will win a MSFF Maple Leaf Trophy.
8. The public will select the People's Choice Award. Each person who purchases tickets will be given a specific ticket with which to judge their favorite chili. It is up to you to entice visitors to try your chili and cast their vote for your team. The People's Choice Winner (in each category of Professional and Amateur) for Best Chili will receive a MSFF Maple Leaf Trophy and \$100.00.
9. After the Chili has been judged, the public will participate in tastings from the booths of their choice. The public will begin being served samples at approximately 3:00 p.m. and will continue throughout the evening.
10. Tasting bowls, spoons, 1 table/2 chairs, and tickets are provided by the MSFF.
11. There will be live music to enjoy, please bring the entire family for the Fiesta!!
12. All participants should prepare at least 7 gallons of chili.

One award will be given in each of the following categories for both Professional and Amateur divisions

~Overall Winner-Plaque and \$150.00 ~People's Choice Award- Plaque and \$100.00

~Best Decorated Tent/Costumes - Plaque ~Maid Silvia's Choice- Plaque