

# Autumn Trails Seventh Annual Chili Cook-off



Hosted By.....



## Gus Garrison Masonic Lodge 1273



Winnsboro Texas

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*The following rules and regulations shall govern this cook-off.*

**NOTICE: We will be adhering to all current Covid rules and regulations pertaining to Food Service during this event.**

### **Cooking rules:**

Single entry or teams welcome, team max, 5 people.

Set up location will be on a first come basis, and early set up will start at 7 AM. Contestants must furnish their own ingredients, equipment, utensils, and fuel. Power will not be supplied. As per local fire restrictions, only propane cooking will be allowed; NO WOOD, NO CHARCOAL AND NO ON-GROUND FIRES WILL BE PERMITTED. Contestants are responsible for the maintenance of its proper temperature for serving. Tickets for contestant chili tasting will be sold only by the host, and small cups and spoons will be provided to each contestant to provide samples to ticket holders.

**(NO SAMPLES ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC UNLESS THEY HOLD A VALID TICKET FOR SAMPLING. ANY VIOLATION OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.)**

# Rules for Judges

Three judges will be selected at the sole discretion of the host; alternate judges will be selected and placed on standby should a primary judge not be able to fulfil his obligation for this event. Judges are not allowed to visit the contestants, visit the cooking areas, nor communicate by any method with any contestant once the contest has begun. Judges will report to the judging area 15 minutes prior to judging the contest. This is done to ensure that no judge will have prior knowledge of which chili specific contestants have entered and ensure that no entry number will be known by any judge. Any violation of these rules will result in the judge being replaced by an alternate.

## **Judges choice:**

The judges will be looking for (a) aroma; (b) color; (c) consistency; (d) taste; (e) after-taste.

(Heat of the chili will not necessarily determine the winner; so, feel free to make your chili as mild or hot as you desire)

There will be first, second and third place plaques and cash prizes awarded based upon the judges scores.

The best table/best set up plaque award will be based upon the decision of the host.

First place will receive \$500.

Second Place will receive \$250

Third Place will receive \$100.

Best Table/Set Up will receive a plaque.

Decision of the judges will be final.

## **People's choice:**

The People's choice winner will be awarded a Chili Cook-off plaque based upon the vote of chili tasting ticket holders (see item 9 for details).

## **Entry:**

The entry fee will be \$50 per chili entered. Contestants may enter more than one batch of chili. Meat content will be limited to beef, pork, lamb, chicken or turkey. **(NO WILD GAME MEAT ALLOWED)**.

1. **Traditional Red Chili** is defined by the International Chili Society as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various spices, and other ingredients, with the exception of BEANS and PASTA which are strictly forbidden. No garnish is allowed
2. **Chili Verde** is defined by the International Chili Society as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with green chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients, with the exception of BEANS and PASTA which are strictly forbidden. No garnish is allowed.
3. **Homestyle Chili** is defined by the International Chili Society as the cook's favorite combination of ingredients resulting in a dish seasoned with chili peppers and spices, , with the exception of BEANS and PASTA which are strictly forbidden. No garnish is allowed.
4. No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the commencement of the official cook-off. The only exceptions are canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, broth and grinding and/or mixing of spices. Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground. MEAT MAY NOT BE PRE-COOKED, in

any manner. All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period.

5. The host shall conduct a contestant's meeting, at 8 AM at First Baptist Church Youth Ministry Center, at which time final instructions are to be given and questions answered.
6. The cooking period will be a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 4 hours. Cooking time will start at 8:30AM and conclude at 1 PM. Cooking during entire cooking period is at the sole discretion of the contestant. All samples for judging must be submitted at 11:30 AM
7. Contestants are responsible for supplying all their own cooking utensils and washing station. Each contestant will be required to provide a working fire extinguisher, per Fire Marshall/Chief's requirements.
8. Each contestant must cook a minimum of one gallon of competition chili prepared in one pot with one quart submitted for judging. Sharing or splitting Chili, Chili Verde or Homestyle Chili for judging with another contestant for the purpose of increasing the number of entries in any event will result in disqualification.
9. People's Choice Chili is governed by the SPONSORING ORGANIZATION. Each ticket holder is entitled to one vote for the People's Choice Award. The contestant with the most votes will determine the winner of People's Choice. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the total point score given by the judges from the main competition.
10. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant's number by the sponsor and given an official 32 oz. judging cup. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their cup is the same as their assigned contestant number. Each contestant is responsible to deliver their cup, which must be filled to the bottom of the cup's rim, to the judging area at the official time for judging. Judges will be told that they should vote

for the chili, based on for (a) aroma; (b) Color; (c) consistency; (d) taste; (e) after-taste.

. *Note: This is not a sanctioned ICS or CASI event.*