

East Texas State Fair Chili Cook-Off

TRADITIONAL CHILI COOK-OFF RULES (no beans)

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Check-in Time 9:00AM – 11:30AM

Chili Turn-in Time: 3:00 PM

Judges Check-in: 2:00 PM

THE EAST TEXAS STATE FAIR WILL HAVE FREE ADMISSION UNTIL NOON ON SUNDAY. ANY TEAM MEMBERS COMING AFTER 12:00PM WILL HAVE TO PAY A \$10 ADMISSION FEE.

- You must be registered no later than September 17, 2018 by 5:00PM. (Payment is due at time of registration.)
 - You may register now until September 17, 2018 in our office located at 2112 W. Front St. Tyler, TX 75702 – Registration Form is located on the last page
 - You may also print and email the registration form to eingram@etstatefair.com (you will be called to make a payment over the phone)
 - Online registration is available starting July 10th at <https://www.etstatefair.com/events/2018/chili-cook-off>
- Teams must have a minimum of 2 members; maximum of 6 members
- A registration fee of \$20.00/member is due at the time of registration. If you add a team member after registering, you must pay at the time of adding your team member by calling (903) 597-2501. All teams and members are final as of September 17, 2018 at 5:00PM.
- Only team members will be allowed in the cooking area. Each team will be designated a 10x10 area for cooking. You must supply your own 10x10 tent.
- Cooking area will be as directed:
 - Enter by taking Houston Street and turning right on to Rose Park Dr.
 - You may temporarily park your vehicle to unload your gear then find a parking spot on Rose Park Dr. OR another designated Fair parking lot
 - A Committee member will be there to direct you to the Check-in Table where you will find directions to your cooking site

- Once you have unloaded and transported your gear to your site, you will have to move your vehicle to the designated parking lot
- Contestants must supply the following:
 - 10x10 tent
 - Paper Towels
 - Propane stoves are allowed and must be supplied by Contestants
 - No electricity will be provided
 - Contestants must bring their own table OR rent one from the ETSF for \$5.00

RULES

- MEAT MUST BE CONTAINED IN COOLED ICE CHESTS and must meet the guidelines set by the Health Department. (NET Health will be on the grounds insuring that meat is kept and cooked to the correct temperature)
- **NO EXOTIC MEAT AND NO POULTRY.**
- CHILI must be cooked on site, starting with raw meat; no beans allowed in Traditional Competition
- Each ingredient **MUST** come from a grocery store. You must provide a receipt for EACH ingredient used. Including Seasoning. Each ingredient must be in unopened and in original packaging. (You may **not bring your seasonings pre-mixed** in a bag, container, jar, etc. If you do not want to disclose your seasoning ingredients, please bring them in a paper sack with receipts, they must still be unopened and in original packaging, and the Health Department will discreetly approve your ingredients)
- **No outside alcohol or beverages can be brought into this event.** ETSF has a zero tolerance policy. Cook-off Security has the right to inspect all property or persons entering the event for compliance and safety purposes.
- Beer and other beverages are available to purchase on the grounds. (Beer sales start at noon)
- Contestants must make a minimum of 2 gallons of chili (12qt pot will hold 2 gallons and still allow room for stirring.) We encourage each to team to make more than the minimum requires.
- \$5 tickets may be purchased by the public at Cook-off Gates to sample the chili. The East Texas State Fair will supply each team with 3 oz. tasting cups to give to those wanting to sample your chili. You may not refill tasting cups and each person must have a wristband on to receive a sample

Check-in Time begins at 9:00AM on fairgrounds

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