

2018 Neewollah Chili Cook Off Rules

Saturday, October 20th - Riverside Park Oval

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

- There will be a MAXIMUM number of 32 Chili Cook Off teams.
- To register, submit this signed form accompanied by entry fee of \$25.00, payable to Neewollah Inc., by Monday, October 15th.
- Booth space is approximately 12' x12'
- Please consider making additional chili beyond the required 5 gallons. Neewollah will provide up to 10 pounds of ground beef for that purpose.
- After checking in with the chairs, teams may set up their booths either on Friday, October 19th between 5:00-7:00 p.m., or on Saturday, October 20th between 6:00-7:00 a.m.
- Head Cooks must meet with the Chili Cook Off Chairs at 9:00 a.m. at the Check in tent.
During this meeting each team will receive the following:
 - Officially marked containers for judges' chili.
 - Sampling cups for public
 - Procedure information for turning in chili entries to judges.
 - An official container to collect People's Choice vote tickets.
- A chili cook-off committee will collect chili samples for the Judges' Tent between 10:45am-11:00am
- No beer or alcoholic beverages will be permitted at Riverside Park Oval. Any team or any of its members violating this rule will be disqualified.
- People sampling chili must be wearing the official arm band. Sampling can NOT start before 11:00am, any team serving before this time will be automatically disqualified.
- The People's Choice Award is determined by public vote. Display official container in a prominent place.

GENERAL COOKING INFORMATION

- The Neewollah Chili Cook Off is not affiliated with nor sanctioned by the International Chili Society or the Chili Appreciation Society International. Their rules do not apply to this event.
- Teams may begin cooking, if check in has been completed, at 6:00 a.m. Saturday.
- All chili must be cooked on site, in designated booth location. Vegetable and meat prep/chopping may be done prior to event.
- Additives that require long cooking, such as hominy, rice, and dry beans may be cooked prior to the event.
- Teams may have condiments or toppings available for the public sampling. However, those will not be allowed on the official chili entries for judging.
- Please ensure you provide means for safe food handling by the public for their condiments.
- Each chili team is required to cook a minimum of 5 gallons of chili. You are encouraged to make extra chili. Up to 10 pounds of ground beef will be provided by Neewollah, Inc.
- Every team member MUST keep a clean and sanitary work area. Please bring water and sanitizers to ensure safe food handling.
- Every team must furnish their own cookware, utensils, paper towels, tables, canopy and cooking sources. Acceptable cooking sources include:
 - Traditional propane/Coleman camp stove.
 - BBQ grill (propane or charcoal).
 - No open camp fires are allowed.
- Electrical outlets are available, but limited. Please try to use as many non-electrical sources as possible.
 - An electrician will be onsite to help with problems and check for appropriate electrical usage.
 - Each team must provide their own outdoor rated 12 gauge extension cords.
 - No multi-outlet electric cords or strips are permitted.
 - Chili must be kept at a serving temperature of 140 degrees.
- When chili is not being served, containers must be kept covered.
- Chili must be labeled indicating "heat" level!!!
- The suggested chili serving size to the public will be approximately 2 ounces to ensure all samplers will be served.

CHILI JUDGING CRITERIA INFORMATION

- A representative from each team will turn in chili samples, in their officially marked containers, to chili cook-off committee collectors. Turn-in time is from 10:45- 11:00am . Entries will not be accepted after 11:00 a.m.
- If official judges' containers become damaged, please return these to the judges' tent to receive replacement containers.
- People's Choice is determined by popular vote.
- All chili entries will be judged by a select panel of community members.
- The judges will use 5 criteria, scored on a scale of 1-10. The teams with the 3 highest scores will be deemed the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
- In the event of a tie, there will be a "taste off".
- Criteria for judging:
 - COLOR: Is the chili an appetizing color? Reddish brown is the acceptable color for traditional red chili. However, the color of non-traditional chili such as white chili or chili verde (green) will be judged accordingly.
 - AROMA: Chili should smell good! This indicates what is in store when it is tasted.
 - CONSISTENCY: Chili must have a good ratio between sauce and meat. It should not be dry, watery or greasy.
 - TASTE: Taste, above all else, is the most important factor.
 - AFTERTASTE: The aftertaste, or bite, is the heat created by the various types of spices and peppers used.

BEST DECORATED BOOTH

- Judging for the Best Decorated Booth will be based on 4 criteria:
 - **Theme:** Booth decorations should correspond with the 2018 Neewollah musical theme "The Addam's Family".
 - **Costume:** Have fun and dress according to the theme.
 - **Booth set-up:** Decorate like *CRAZY!!!* Remember, you are limited to the number of electrical outlets.
 - **Audience Appeal:** Include the audience in your team's fun!!!
- Judging will occur between 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Judges will remain anonymous.

PRIZES

- 1st Place \$500.
- 2nd Place \$250.
- 3rd Place \$100.
- Hottest \$ 100
- People's Choice \$100.
- Best Decorated Booth \$50.
- Generalissimo's Choice It's a secret!!
- The first place winner will also have their name added to the Neewollah Chili Cook Off perpetual trophy. This trophy can be viewed at the Neewollah Headquarters during the month of October and will be displayed on the Band Stand the day of the 2018 Chili Cook Off.

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2018 CHAIRS

- For questions and additional information, please have the Head Cook contact either Allison Johnston @ 620-205-9529 or Stephanie Julian @ (918) 327-1968
- Our wishes for a great 2018 Neewollah Chili Cook Off! Good luck to everyone and bring on the chili that people will love.

I have hereby read and fully understand the official rules for the 2018 Neewollah Chili Cook Off. The Head Cook's signature on this form indicates all individual team members agree to comply fully with these rules.

Release of liability

For and in consideration of the privilege of participating in this event sponsored by Neewollah, Inc. , I hereby assume all risk of personal injury or damage to myself or any member of my team, and I hereby release Neewollah, Inc., its committee, workers and volunteers, and anyone else, individual or organization in charge of or connected with the Neewollah, Inc., from any and all claims and or liability from any accident, injury, damage or loss incurred or suffered by me or anyone in my charge or care no matter what the nature or cause. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Neewollah, Inc., its committee, workers and volunteers from any and all damages, cost, charges, expenses, legal fees and any other loss or expenses incurred by said organization or individuals connected therewith resulting from any acts or action on my part or anyone in my charge whether such acts were intentional , accidental or negligent which caused or contributed to the cause of such accident, injury, damage or loss incurred or suffered by such third party I do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and agree to the same on behalf of myself and team members.

Signature of the Head Cook _____ Date _____

Chili Team Name _____