

39th Annual Blytheville Chili

Cook-Off September 27-28, 2019

REGISTRATION

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

MAILING ADDRESS

CONTACT PERSON

TEAM NAME

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMPETE IN THE SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION? (SEE COOK-OFF RULES.)

YES

NO

REMINDER: EACH CHILI TEAM'S HEAD COOK MUST ATTEND AN 8AM KICK-OFF MEETING ON THE MORNING OF THE EVENT.

LIST ITEMS TO BE SOLD: _____

WILL YOU NEED ELECTRICITY? YES NO

I HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION FROM ANY RESPONSIBILITY, PERSONAL LIABILITY, LOSS, CLAIM, OR DAMAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENT. I ACKNOWLEDGE ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. I HAVE READ THE VENDOR RULES AND AGREE TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THEM. I UNDERSTAND THAT BOOTH PLACEMENT IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS AND WILL BE DECIDED BY THE EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE. I AM TO CHECK-IN WITH THE BLOCK CAPTAIN UPON ARRIVAL.

SIGNATURE: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED: _____

CK #: _____ AMT \$ _____

TYPE OF BOOTH TOTAL: \$ _____

_____ **CHILI (\$60)** SAT. 9/28, 8AM-4PM

_____ **INFORMATIONAL (\$60)**

_____ **ART/CRAFT BOOTH (\$75)**

_____ **FOOD/BEVERAGE (\$100)**

MAIL APPLICATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

MAIN STREET BLYTHEVILLE
PO BOX 83
BLYTHEVILLE, AR 72316-0083

QUESTIONS? CALL (870) 763-2525

HARVEST FESTIVAL GENERAL VENDOR RULES

1. No equipment will be provided for booth spaces.
2. Set-up will begin at 7 a.m.
3. All vehicles used to load & unload equipment for booths must be off the street by 9:15 a.m.
4. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All booths need to remain up until 3 p.m. (no early shutdowns).
5. Vehicles will not be allowed back on the street until 3 p.m. to load equipment.
6. Food booths must meet health department guidelines (guide available upon request).
7. Food booths are required to purchase a \$5.00 'Day Health Permit' on the day of the event.
8. Tables must be skirted to the ground.
9. Items must be stored in booth area. Items are not allowed on the sidewalk.
10. Do not pour grease on the ground, or in storm sewer drains.
11. Your items must remain in your booth space.
12. Sales may be subject to Arkansas sales tax payment.
13. Failure to abide by Harvest Festival rules may cause disqualification from future events.
14. Vendors may request a specific street location, however, requested spaces are not guaranteed. Spaces will be labeled with vendor names along the curb. Contact a MSB volunteer or staff member if you have questions.
15. Vendors **MUST** pay registration fees in advance, or on the morning of the festival **PRIOR** to set-up. Unpaid vendors will not be allowed to participate. No exceptions.

CHILI COOKING RULES FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP CHILI COOK-OFF

A) CHILI COOKED ON SITE - All chili must be cooked from scratch on site the day of the cook-off. All chili must be prepared in the open.

1) CHILI COOKED FROM SCRATCH - "Scratch" is defined as starting with raw meat. No marinating is allowed. **NO FILLERS IN CHILI** - Beans, macaroni, rice, hominy, or other similar ingredients are not permitted.

2) **SANITATION** - Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary a manner as possible.

3) **INSPECTION OF COOKING CONDITIONS** - Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the judge captain.

B) **ONE CHILI PER COOK** - Each head cook is responsible for preparing one pot of chili that he or she intends to be judged and turning in one judging cup from that pot. No more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot.

C) **COOKS MUST SIGN NUMBER SLIPS** - Chili cooks must sign their secret number slips in ink with their first and last names at the time cups are issued. Winners will not be eligible if their secret numbers are unsigned when presented. Note: Cooks must present their signed secret numbers to win.

D) **PROTECT THE JUDGING CUP** - Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his or her judging cup. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the numbers on the outside of the cups. Any marked or altered cup must be replaced prior to turn-in or it will be disqualified.

E) **FILLING CUPS** - Cups will be filled $\frac{3}{4}$ full or to the level designated at the head cook's meeting.

F) **CHILI TURN-IN** - Chili will be turned in at the designated area at noon.

G) **PYROTECHNICS** - No chili contestant may discharge firearms or use any pyrotechnics or explosives at the chili cook-off. Contestants discharging firearms and/or using explosives or other pyrotechnics will be disqualified from the chili cook-off.

CHILI JUDGING RULES

A) **JUDGING CUPS** - All cups must be identical in color, size, and shape.

1) **PREPARATION** - A duplicate set of numbers must be used. One half is to be

concealed and affixed to the exterior of the judging cup. The second half is to be placed in the interior of the same cup and the lid replaced. Do not keep cups in numerical order.

a) **NAME / NUMBER STRIPS** - Printed name / number strips affixed to the side of the cup may be used. The strip will have duplicate numbers and will permit a concealed number to be retained on the side of the cup and the name / number portion torn off by the cook.

b) **DUPLICATE NUMBERS** - A duplicate set of commercially numbered or hand-numbered "tickets" may be used to prepare the cups. One half of the number ticket will be concealed in an envelope or other wrapping to the side of the cup; the second half of the number ticket will be placed inside the cup.

c) **PROTECTION** - Care will be taken by all cup handlers and cooks to avoid damaging cups and / or numbers.

2) **SIGN FOR JUDGING CUP** - Each chili cook must sign the secret number slip in ink with first and last name at the time the judging cup is issued and initial the Official Entrants List that a cup was received.

3) **TAMPERING** - Any cup that appears to have been marked or altered will be referred to the judge captain or CASI Referee for a ruling concerning disqualification.

4) **DAMAGED CUP** - If a cup is damaged, a replacement cup can be obtained from the judge captain only after the head cook turns in the damaged cup and both numbers.

5) **LOST CUP** - If a contestant loses a cup or number, a new cup and number can be issued

B) CHILI JUDGES - Judging will be done using preliminary and final judges, and, when applicable, intermediate level judges. (Five or six judges per table are suggested for all levels below final. The final table must have ten or more judges.) Judges must be adults (18 years or older).

1) **PRELIMINARY JUDGES** - Head cooks or knowledgeable cooking team members may serve as preliminary judges. (With proper instructions on judging criteria, any person who likes chili will be able to judge satisfactorily.)

2) **INTERMEDIATE LEVEL JUDGES** - Intermediate level judges must not have been preliminary judges.

3) **FINAL JUDGES** - Final judges must abstain from tasting chili prior to judging. Final judges must not be associated with any cook at the cook-off (e.g., one spouse cooking and the other spouse judging; member of cooking team judging if another member of same team is cooking).

C) LEVELS OF JUDGING - At each level of judging prior to the final table, judging cups must be divided equally among the tables. At least 50% (one half) of the chili in each level of judging must pass to the next level of judging. A number larger than 50% may be used, but never less than 50%.

D) JUDGING CRITERIA AND SCORING - A single score takes into consideration the five criteria for scoring chili: Aroma, Consistency, Red Color, Taste, Aftertaste.

SHOWMANSHIP RULES

A) SHOWMANSHIP ENTRIES - To be judged, contestants must declare their intention to compete in the showmanship competition at the 8 a.m. head cooks meeting.

1) **SHOW TEAMS ALSO MUST ENTER CHILI** - Showmanship teams must have a minimum of one cook entered in the chili competition in order to qualify for showmanship points.

2) **PERFORMANCE** - Showmanship teams must be limited in their activity so as not to interfere with the other contestants. Traveling (moving around the cooking area) is allowed, and traveling show teams will be judged while traveling.

3) **SHOW STANDARDS** - Nudity and

lewdness are banned from showmanship. Intentional use by any contestant will result in disqualification of that team.

4) **NO INTERFERENCE WITH SHOW** - There will be no outside entertainment or interference (e.g., bands, performances, etc.) with showmanship during the showmanship period.

5) **AMPLIFICATION** - Decisions on volume and interference with adjacent show teams are at the discretion of the show judge captain or judge captain. Failure to comply with an official's request to reduce volume or refrain from otherwise interfering with another show team will result in disqualification of that team.

6) **PYROTECHNICS** - No showmanship contestant may discharge firearms or use any pyrotechnics or explosives at a chili cook-off. Contestants discharging firearms and/or using explosives or other pyrotechnics will be disqualified from the chili cook-off.

7) **PENALTIES** - Failure to comply with the rules is subject to disqualification of the individual show team for that cook-off.

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING RULES

A.) SELECTION OF SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES - Show judges must be individuals who know what constitutes showmanship. Show judges must not be associated with any show team at the cook-off.

1) **INSTRUCTING JUDGES** - Every showmanship judge must be given an explanation of the judging criteria and scoring for showmanship.

2) **ANONYMITY OF JUDGES** - Showmanship judges must remain anonymous to everyone during the judging. Showmanship scores may be revealed after results are announced.

B) SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING CRITERIA AND SCORING - A single score takes into consideration five criteria for showmanship: Theme, Costume, Booth Appearance/Set-up, Action, Audience Appeal. The Showmanship competition will take place all day.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

We ask that each team prepare at least 8 gallons of chili for The People's Choice Award. This chili does not have the judging rules. You can prepare this the night before, but it **MUST** contain beans if you do so. Voting for People's Choice is done by the public. Tasting cups with one ballot are sold for \$5.00. Individuals purchasing cups can then go around to all the teams to taste their chili and then vote for their favorite. The winner will be announced at 2:30 p.m. at the Awards Ceremony at the stage.

HEAD COOK'S MEETING

There will be a head cook's meeting on Saturday, September 28, at 8 a.m. in the designated area. You **MUST** attend this meeting to pick up your judging cup and sign in. We will go over the rules and answer any questions at that time.