



2012 Brevard County Fair

3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

The 2012 Brevard County Fair is pleased to announce the 3rd annual Chili Cook Off to be held on Saturday, March 24th from 2:00pm-5:00pm at the Fairgrounds, located at Wickham Park Pavilion in Melbourne, Florida. This is an open cook off with specific rules that must be adhered to.

General Rules

1. There is an entry fee of \$30.00 per team. Participating team members must be at least 18 years old.
2. The competition will be limited to 20 teams.
3. The meat source must be at least 75% beef.
4. Each team must mark off a black "x" on each taster's "Participation Ticket," and may not allow tastes to those who do not have one.
5. Teams will have to comply with the Food Hygiene requirements as they pertain to the cook off as set forth by the State of Florida, Department of Health, Chapter 64E-11, Florida Administrative Code.
6. Chili must be made from scratch: cooking beginning with raw meats, vegetables and spices; complete commercial chili mixes are not permitted.
7. Chili must be pre-cooked and prepared prior to the date of the event and must be kept warm during throughout the contest. Power will not be available so teams must provide a heating source.
8. All Chili entries must be ready to taste by the official starting time of 2:00pm, or the chili will be excluded from judging.
9. Each team must cook a minimum of two gallons of competition chili prepared in one pot, which will be submitted for judging.
10. Teams are responsible for supplying all of their own Chili containers, utensils, serving spoons or ladles, tables, chairs and decorations. The Fair will provide a 10' X 10' area for each team to prepare their chili and a "Fairgoer's Choice Award" bag.

11. The Fair shall conduct a contestant's meeting, at which final instructions will be given and questions will be answered. The meeting will be held no later than one (1) hour prior to the official starting time of the cook-off.
12. Each team must comply with the proper fire codes as prescribed by the City of Melbourne, Article II – Fire Prevention Code.
13. Each team will receive a participation rosette. There will be a first place award, with \$250 cash prize, a second place award with a \$150 cash prize and a third place award with a \$75 cash prize. New this year, we will have a “Fairgoer's Choice Award” and the “Fairest Table Award,” for the best decorated booth.
14. Teams will be issued up to 2 complementary exhibitor passes for each team member for entrance to the fair. Teams will not exceed four (4) participating members.
15. Judges will vote for the chili based on the following criteria:
 - a. Flavor
 - b. Texture of the meat
 - c. Consistency
 - d. Blend of spices
 - e. Aroma
 - f. Color
 - g. Table Presentation and Decoration
16. The decisions of the judges shall be final.

Booth Rules

- 1) Each booth is 10' X 10' (Approx.) – we provide nothing more than the space.
- 2) You may set up the booth on Saturday prior to the competition and must check-in by 1:00pm for set-up.
- 3) At the close of the event, all booth equipment must be removed from the site. Break down of your booth may begin after judging is completed. All vehicles will use the service entrance to the fair grounds.
- 4) Booths do not have running water.
- 5) Open fires are not permitted.
- 6) Teams are allowed to have a sponsor and promote the sponsor during the competition by use of logo, signs and displays.
- 7) Under no circumstances is food, drink, or novelties to be sold to the public.

Registration: to be a participant in the Chili Cook-Off, download the official entry and submit it by March 20, 2012 in person or by mail with a March 20th postmark.

Final On-Site Registration – A representative from your team will need to check-in at 1:00pm with the Superintendent for a booth assignment.