

# Platte Area Chamber of Commerce

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 2024



Rules &

Chili Cook-Off

Regulations

Our main goal of this cookoff is to have fun!

That being said, our chili cook-off will not align exactly with the International Chili Society.

1. Teams must file an Entry Form with a \$25 payment via cash, check, or PayPal to reserve a spot. **Registration deadline is Friday, September 20.**
2. The cook-off site will open at **10:30am** for registration, set up, & review of rules.
3. ALL cooking prep (cutting veggies, browning meat, etc) must happen on-site. Prep and Cooking may begin at **12pm or later**, no earlier.
4. No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the commencement of the official cookoff. 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. All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period.
5. Chili in our definition will be a combination of any protein of cook's choice (no roadkill), a mixture of spices, and chiles of any kind. BEANS are allowed in this cook-off. PASTA, RICE, COMMERCIAL CHILI MIXES and we hate to be obvious, but CANNED CHILI are all prohibited!
6. Contestants are responsible for supplying all their own cooking utensils, ingredients, tables, chairs, and set up and clean up. A tent or overhead covering of some sort is recommended. **Electricity is NOT provided.** A camping stove is recommended for cooking.
7. We will provide a 10 x 10 preparation/cooking area for each contestant.
8. Every entry must be a minimum of 1 gallon of chili. Please keep the chili tightly covered when not serving.
9. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant number by the chief scorekeeper and given a Styrofoam cup with lid for their chili. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their cup is the same as their assigned contestant number. An official of the cook-off will deliver the chili entries to the judges for a blind taste test.
10. **3:45pm** : Judging turn-in – No garnishes are allowed. Judging will be based on appearance, taste, aroma, and texture. Each team is expected to dispense their chili to the public at **4pm**.
11. Two-ounce tasting bowls, spoons, and tickets will be provided by the HayDaze chili cook-off.
12. The public will select the People's Choice Award. The public will pay to try each of the chili recipes and vote for their favorite. The team with the most votes wins. It is up to you to entice them to try your chili and cast their vote for you. People's Choice winner will also receive the People's Choice Trophy.
13. Awards will be announced around 6pm. The winning team will be presented with bragging-rights, trophies, and a 80% payout. Top 3 teams will be awarded as well as one People's Choice award and one Best Dressed award. The decision of the judges is final.
14. Teams are encouraged, urged, and otherwise motivated to decorate their area and themselves. The best decorated and costumed team will win a trophy!