

Saint Mary's Chili Cook Off / March 3, 2018

Chili Cook-off Official Rules and Regulations

1. This is a "Cook It and Bring It" competition - i.e., the chili must be prepared at your location and brought to the site HOT and ready to be served from a crock-pot or other suitable warming device. Please bring an extension cord.
2. All cooking and serving should be in a clean, sanitary manner. Conditions are subject to inspection by the Chief Judge. In addition, failure to comply is subject to disqualification for that team.
3. Each team will provide all utensils, and accessories necessary to serve chili. Tasting cups and plastic spoons will be supplied. *(feel free to label your cups with your team name/number when you arrive)*
4. Your Team should have a Team Name, A Team Captain and your Chili should have a NAME.
5. Each Team will be responsible for cooking a minimum of ONE LARGE CROCK POT of chili and turning in one (1) cup of chili for judging. Judging cups will be supplied. *Last year we had approximately 100 attendees. Please plan accordingly.*
6. The Parish Hall Doors open at 5:45pm. It is permissible and advisable to set up your table or booth beginning at 4:00 (please contact the parish office if you need to make other set-up arrangements)
7. Tastings (and judging) will be from 6 p.m. – 7:30 PM. Winners will be announced at 8:00PM
8. At least one person to be manning your booth at all times.
9. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant number by the Chief scorekeeper and given a cup with lid. The head judge will have someone pick up your cup for judging at the start of the cook-off
10. Judges will vote based on the following major considerations:
 1. Showmanship: Best Decorated Table/Booth Space (try and incorporate your team name/chili name into your decorations)
 2. Presentation: Chili should look good (appearance)
 3. Aroma Chili should smell appetizing. A good aroma is a tip off to a good taste.
 4. Texture: Chili should be a smooth combination of ingredients and gravy. Chili should not be dry, watery, grainy, lumpy, or greasy, but just good and smooth.
 5. Taste: Chili should taste good above all else. Individual opinions vary, but a really good taste will stand out. Judges are looking for a unique chili recipe, of course, but taste is very important as always!
Judges will score each category 1 -10 (10 being the highest).
The chili entrée' with the highest score is the winner. In case of a tie, the winner will be decided on Showmanship.
The decision of the Chief Judges are final.
11. The People's Choice Award is determined by the public. The public will purchase an entrance ticket and receive a ballot for People's Choice as well as tickets to sample various chilies. It is up to the contestant to try to entice as many of the public as possible to vote for their chili.
12. Maximum 4 members per team. Team members wishing to take part in the chili tasting & voting must purchase tickets.
13. You will be supplied with an 8 foot table. All tasting supplies, portion cups, spoons, etc. are supplied. *(feel free to label your cups with your team name/number when you arrive)*
14. There is a \$10.00 (non-refundable) Fee for each team chili entrée'. Must be paid with registration. Please make checks out to St Mary's Church-Marne. Deadline to enter is Feb 23, 2018

- ❖ ***There will be One Grand Prize Winner determined by the judges. The Grand Prize Team will receive a Trophy, Bragging Rights and \$100.00!***
- ❖ ***There will be One People's Choice Award. (Chosen by attendees). The People's Choice Winning Team will receive a Trophy, Bragging Rights and \$100.00!***

REMINDER.... This is a Family Friendly Fundraiser! Let's all have some fun!. For More Info: Call 616.677.3934

Team / Chili Registration

Team Name: _____ Team Captain: _____

Team Members: _____, _____, _____

Each Team may have a maximum of 4 Members

Contact Email: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Chili Name: _____

I have read the Official Rules and Regulations for the 2017 St Mary's Chili Cook Off and will adhere by them.

Captain Signature: _____

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