

GREAT BOWLS OF FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF

Benefiting the Literacy Council of North Central Arkansas

2011 Official Chili Cook-Off Rules

1. ANYTHING GOES RECIPE: THIS IS A NON-SANCTIONED CHILI COOK-OFF SO THERE ARE NO BASIC RECIPE RULES. JUST BRING ON YOUR BEST! CHILI IS TO BE PREPARED OFF-SITE AND BROUGHT HEATED AND "READY TO EAT" AND WILL BE JUDGED ON SET CRITERIA BY A PANEL OF JUDGES AND THE PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS.
2. EACH CONTESTANT WILL PAY A BASIC ENTRY FEE OF \$20 WHICH COVERS ONE CATEGORY. IF A CONTESTANT WANTS JUDGED IN MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY, AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 FEE PER CATEGORY WILL APPLY.
3. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT EACH CONTESTANT HAVE 7 GALLONS OF COMPETITION CHILI. A MINIMUM OF 5 GALLONS IS NEEDED; HOWEVER, THE MORE THE BETTER.
4. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE ELECTRICAL OUTLET FOR USE PER CONTESTANT AS WE ARE LIMITED ON AVAILABLE OUTLETS. YOU MAY BRING MORE CHILI TO ADD TO THE POT AS THE CONTEST PROGRESSES. PLEASE BRING A HEAVY DUTY EXTENSION CORD.
5. EACH CHILI MUST BE NAMED AND A WRITTEN RECIPE MUST BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY THE JUDGES. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGES, CHILI COOKS MAY BE REQUIRED TO TASTE THEIR CHILI BEFORE TURNING IT IN FOR JUDGING. EACH CONTESTANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING AND SERVING CHILI IN A SAFE AND SANITARY MANNER.
6. CONTESTANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLING ALL OF THEIR OWN UTENSILS AND PRODUCTS RELATING TO THEIR CHILI SUBMISSION AND MAINTENANCE OF ITS PROPER TEMPERATURE FOR SERVING. SPOONS, CUPS AND ONE LADLE FOR USE IN SERVING CHILI TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND JUDGES WILL BE PROVIDED. CONDIMENTS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED; HOWEVER, COMPETITORS MAY SUPPLY ANY SIDES THEY WISH TO ENHANCE THEIR PRODUCT, I.E. CHEESE, ONIONS, SOUR CREAM, ETC.
7. EACH CONTESTANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICING AND CLEANING UP THE AREA AT THE END OF THE COOK-OFF AND REMOVING ALL ITEMS FROM THE AREA. NO ITEMS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN AFTER CLOSE OF THE COMPETITION.
8. NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED IN THE FACILITY.
9. THANK YOU FOR PROMOTING THE LITERACY COUNCIL OF NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS. THE MORE PEOPLE YOU ENCOURAGE TO ATTEND, THE MORE PEOPLE VOTE FOR YOUR CHILI FOR THE PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD.

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AWARDS JUDGING CRITERIA

A SINGLE SCORE TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION FIVE CRITERIA FOR SCORING CHILI:

*AROMA *COLOR *TASTE/FLAVOR *CONSISTENCY/TEXTURE *AFTERTASTE

AROMA: THIS WILL BE A PERSONAL PREFERENCE OF THE JUDGE

COLOR: THE SUBMITTED CHILI SHOULD LOOK APPETIZING

TASTE/FLAVOR: BLENDING OF THE SPICES AND HOW WELL THEY HAVE PERMEATED THE MEAT. SHOULD HAVE GOOD FLAVORING AND CHILI PEPPER TASTE (NOT TOO HOT OR TOO MILD).

CONSISTENCY/TEXTURE: CHILI SHOULD BE A SMOOTH COMBINATION OF MEAT AND GRAVY (NOT TOO THIN OR TOO THICK). THE TEXTURE OF THE MEAT SHALL NOT BE TOUGH OR MUSHY.

AFTERTASTE: PERSISTENCE OF A SENSATION OF FLAVOR; NOT BE BITTER/METALLIC.

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL. JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON SCORE CARDS FOR EACH CATEGORY. EACH SCORE CARD WILL BE NUMBERED. EACH CHILI WILL BE SCORED ON ITS OWN MERITS WITH A WHOLE NUMBER FROM 0 TO 10 - 10 BEING THE HIGHEST. NO PLUSES, MINUSES, FRACTIONS OR DECIMALS WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD:	1ST PRIZE & 2ND PRIZE
BEST BEEF CHILI AWARD:	1ST PRIZE & 2ND PRIZE
BEST VENISON CHILI AWARD:	1ST PRIZE & 2ND PRIZE
BEST VEGETARIAN CHILI AWARD:	1ST PRIZE & 2ND PRIZE
SPICIEST CHILI AWARD:	1ST PRIZE & 2ND PRIZE
SPIRIT AWARD:	GRAND PRIZE

THERE WILL BE A PEOPLES CHOICE BALLOT BOX FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO VOTE ON BEST CHILI. BALLOT CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED UPON ENTRY AND WILL BE TALLIED THROUGHOUT THE EVENT. AT THE END OF THE COMPETITION, THE PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED.

SPIRIT AWARD: THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE LITERACY COUNCIL OF NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS BY GETTING SPONSORS FOR YOUR COMPETITION. THE PERSON RAISING THE MOST MONEY FROM SPONSORS WILL WIN THE GRAND PRIZE.

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Benefiting the Literacy Council of North Central Arkansas
Saturday, May 28, 2011 - Searcy County Arkansas Fairgrounds

2011 OFFICIAL CONTESTANT APPLICATION FORM

Contestant Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ Email _____

I wish to participate in the Beef Chili Competition Yes _____ No _____ Fee* _____

I wish to participate in the Venison Chili Competition: Yes _____ No _____ Fee* _____

I wish to participate in the Vegetarian Chili Competition: Yes _____ No _____ Fee* _____

I wish to participate in the Spiciest Chili Competition: Yes _____ No _____ Fee* _____

I wish to participate in the Peoples' Choice Competition Yes _____ No _____ Fee* _____

***\$20 for the first category and \$5 for each additional category you wish to enter.**

I will be participating in the Spirit Award Competition: Yes _____ No _____

I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$ _____

I have enclosed my sponsor sheet and the amount of \$ _____ for the Spirit Award.

Mail to: Literacy Council of North Central Arkansas
P.O. Box 187
Leslie, Arkansas 72645
Phone: 870-447-3241

Signed: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING SPONSORS

Introduce yourself to the individual you are talking to and tell them the purpose of your visit.

"I am participating in the Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cook-off, an event sponsored by the Literacy Council of North Central Arkansas. This event will be held on Saturday, May 28 as part of the Buffalo River Spring Fling festival sponsored by the Greater Searcy County Chamber of Commerce."

If they should ask what the money will be used for, please tell them:

"The Literacy Council of North Central Arkansas, through the use of tutors, provides instruction in literacy skills for adults, for those with learning disabilities, and those for which English is a second language."

If they should ask what you will be getting out of this please tell:

"The monies raised will go towards my entry fee and the remainder will go to support the Literacy Council."

The person bringing in the most money in donations
will be the
Spirit Award Grand Prize winner.

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR
COMPLETED SPONSOR SHEET
AND CONTESTANT APPLICATION FORM
TOGETHER WITH YOUR ENTRY FEE AND
THE FUNDS YOU HAVE COLLECTED BY MAY 15**

