

Nassau County Bicentennial Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, January 13, 2024 – Tinker St., Wildlight



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Review Rules and Regulations
- Complete the Entry Request Form
- Contact Jay Robertson, the event coordinator, with any questions, comments and how to reserve your spot
 - Email: jrobertson@nassaucountyfl.com
- Encourage other teams you know to enter this event!

ENTRY IS FREE

- Entry into the event includes 15' x 15' location, 2 commemorative Bicentennial aprons, serving cups, bowls and spoons
- Event is limited to 40 participating teams
- All entry requests must be approved prior to acceptance into event

ALL ENTRY REQUESTS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

ENTRY FORM:

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Number of Team Members: _____

Individual Division: _____

Business Division: _____

I will be competing in the Spiciest Chili Category: ____Y ____N

I am requesting access to a power source: ____Y ____N

Power is very limited and not guaranteed

Cooking sites are roughly 15' x 15', additional space can be permitted upon availability

I HAVE READ THE ATTACHED RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Nassau County Bicentennial
Chili Cook-off Rules & Regulations**



General

1. Various categories and rules are established as guidelines to ensure fair competition between teams.
2. Each team will be allocated a space of 15'x15'.
3. Teams are responsible for supplying all ingredients, cooking devices, coolers, thermometer, tents, tables, chairs, cleaning supplies, etc.
4. All team members shall sign the Waiver and Release form provided the day of the event.
5. Each team is responsible for providing a fire extinguisher for their station.
6. Absolutely NO SMOKING will be permitted in the cook-off area.
7. Sampling cups, bowls and spoons will be provided by event

Cooking

1. A minimum of 10 gallons is required for public sampling.
2. All ingredients for your chili must be from an approved source (FDA inspected facility). This would include all food purchased at a grocery store.
3. One recipe will be judged per team. Teams can make more than one recipe for public sampling if they desire.
4. Ingredients may be prepared in advance, such as cooking of meat, vegetables, beans, etc.; however, ingredients must be combined on-site and the chili completed at the event.
5. A list of potential allergens should be posted at your site.
6. One quart of chili must be reserved for judging, and will be picked up for the judges by 11:00am
7. Only patrons with a wristband will be allowed to sample. NO EXCEPTIONS.
8. You must designate a captain of your team which will monitor wristbands and communicate with officials.
9. Two sets of utensils should be used; one for food preparation and one set for serving. A serving spoon must be used to put the chili in the sampling cups.
10. Servings of chili must be passed over the front of the table. This will keep food away from the general public.
11. A hair restraint like a baseball cap or hairnets should be worn at all times.
12. A hands free water dispenser is required to be on site to wash hands.
13. Garbage cans will be provided in your general area to dispose of waste.
14. All trash and materials must be removed from the event site at time of departure.

Judging

1. Teams will be part of 3 types of judging (official judging, people's choice and best booth).
2. Chili will be judged by the following criteria during official judging: aroma, appearance, consistency, aftertaste, and flavor. All criteria will be weighted equally for each category. No garnishes please.
3. Each team will be given an official quart container for official judging. Please ensure you reserve enough of your chili for the judges.
4. The decisions of the judges are final.
5. Best booth will be judged for decorations and showmanship by a panel of judges.
6. People's choice will be decided by how many voting tickets are collected during the event.
7. "Bribing" participants with additional chili or any other items is strictly prohibited.
8. All entrants participate at their own risk. Nassau County is not liable for losses or damages for team participation in this event. Nassau County reserves the right to change or modify these rules at any time.