



2024 CHILI COOK-OFF FAQs

FREDONIA HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

EVENT DETAILS:

This year's Chili Cook-off will be held in the gym right after church on **February 18th, 2024**. We are simplifying things for the cooks, but cranking up the heat for the event itself! There will be no entry fee to cook or to attend, so the fundraising emphasis of this year's competition will be on the **"FAN FAVORITE FUNDRAISING AWARD"**.

A football game will occur offsite once the Chili cook-off portion concludes. You are welcome to attend, but not required.

DAY OF:

When you arrive, make your way down to the gym. You will be assigned a table and given a holding area/electrical access if needed to warm your chili. We suggest having a crockpot to keep your chili warm during services. We have limited burners available for large pots.

You will be dismissed near the end of service to make your way down to the gym before the rest of the church. Please be set up and ready to serve your chili by **12:00 PM**.

Contestants are responsible for supplying their own cooking utensils, ladles, etc. We will provide spoons and containers for judging samples and anything else needed for guests.

We have also removed the "Set-up/Theme" requirement for this year from the competition. Please don't stress about having a theme or getting here early for additional set-up. We're just glad to have you participating!

FAN FAVORITE AWARD DETAILS:

New to this year's Chili Bowl, we will have a voting system for the crowd to participate in. Instead of paying a \$5 flat fee at the door, guests will use dollars to place their "vote" at jars located on each table. We hope this will help bring an interactive element between guests and cooks - as well as raise above and beyond the typical \$5 flat fee for our students!

We will still have a Best Overall First Place Winner based on the judges' scores.

Judges will vote for the chili based on the following considerations:

- Aroma
- Color
- Consistency (not too thick or thin)
- Taste

- Half a cup (**4 ounces**) of chili is required to submit for judging.
- A minimum of **1 gallon** must be prepared so there is enough for distribution to the public.
- Judging will begin approximately at **12:15 p.m. Winners will be announced at 12:45 p.m. and then the crowd will be dismissed for the FHSM flag football game.**