



St. Vincent's Chili Cook Off The Twenty Commandments of Chili

1. Booths must be self-supporting; stakes in the ground can mess up the lawn, sprinkler system, etc. and should be avoided. Each booth must have a fire extinguisher.
2. **Each team must provide a minimum of three (3) gallons of chili. You are greatly encouraged to cook more as it goes very quickly (if its good chili - otherwise, you'll have chili left over).**
3. Each team must have a designated Chief Cook (the one to take the blame) who will be held responsible for his or her team.
4. **All Chili must be suitable for human consumption.**
5. Chili may be cooked at home or on the site. On-site cooking is encouraged, as this is half the fun. However, in-ground fires are prohibited. (See rule #1)
6. **Site locations are assigned on a first come, first served basis. The teams may enter the grounds at any time Saturday morning. Booth must be in place and operational by 9:00am.**
7. Teams must provide their own cooking and serving utensils, booth, table, fire, Tums, etc. We will provide sampling and serving cups, spoons, napkins or paper towels.
8. **Teams must be on site and registered no later than 8:00am on the day of the cook off. There will be Cooks meeting at 10:00am. The meeting will be held in Parish Conference Room off the Court Yard.**
9. Teams must be ready to serve Chili by 10:30AM (at the latest) and will serve the public in exchange for tickets. One ticket per cup of chili or beans.
10. **The following awards will be given: Worlds Best Chili; Second Best Chili; Third Best Chili; Most Popular Chili; Best Site; 2nd Best Site; 3rd Best Site; Hottest Chili.**
11. Chili and beer go together, but please keep the portions equal. Don't overdo it. Intoxicated contestants will be disqualified.
12. **Judging will start at 12:30PM.**
13. Judging will be on the basis of color, consistency, flavor, aroma, heat, grease, etc. Supplemental Chili Quality Guides will be provided.
14. **All Teams should be prepared to furnish at least one pint of chili to the Judges. Runners will pick up this pint at 12 Noon. This will reduce the amount of chili available to be sold, so be safe and prepare plenty of chili.**
15. At the end of the contest, all tickets will be collected from each team and tallied. This will determine Most Popular Chili award.
16. **All decisions by the Judges are final - really final - period.**
17. No loud electronic sound amplification equipment allowed.
18. **No fighting among contestants is permitted.**
19. If you don't have fun, you are disqualified.
20. **If you have any questions or if you are in doubt, see Rule 16.**