

Clear Lake Aggie Mom 1st Annual Scholarship Campaign

Chili Cook-Off Rules

1. All ingredients must be pre-cooked & treated prior to the event – chili is to be brought “ready-to-eat”.
2. Contestants are responsible for supplying their own serving utensils, extension cord & products relating to their chili submission and maintenance of proper temperature (at least 140 degrees) for serving. Spoons and cups for use in serving chili to the cook-off attendees will be provided. Condiments, cornbread muffins and water will also be provided.
3. Each contestant must cook a minimum of 2 gallons of chili (8 quart Slow Cooker) for distribution to the judges and attendees. One pint (16 oz.) of chili is required to submit for judging. All entrants should provide a 3x5 index card with ingredients listed as well as the hotness level.
4. Each contestant will be assigned a “contestants number” upon setup and be given a numbered container in which their chili will be collected at the time of the official judging.
5. The chili will be blind judged. The decision of the judges is final. Judging will be on a scale of 1 – 10 for each category on score cards which are numbered, based on the following criteria:
 - **Texture** – hearty and robust
 - **Flavor** - The chili should have full, rich flavoring and fresh zesty chili pepper taste
 - **Consistency** - Chili should be a smooth combination of meat and gravy
 - **Spice and Taste** - Blending of spices, how well they have permeated the meat
 - **Aroma/Color** - Appetizing and preferential according to the judge

Each attendee will be given a bag containing 3 sampling cups, spoons, napkins, two tickets and five chili beans. Use one ticket for drink choice and one for desert choice; additional drinks/desert will be available for purchase. Chili beans are used to vote for ‘People’s Choice’ chili by placing a bean (s) in the cup at the station of your favorite chili. You may place one or all beans in the voting cup in front of the chili of your choice.

Winning Categories based on top numerical Judge’s scoring values will be: **1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place** – Clear Lake Aggie Mom 1st Annual Scholarship Campaign Chili Cook-Off. Winning Category based on the most chili bean votes will be: **People’s Choice** – Clear Lake Aggie Mom 1st Annual Scholarship Campaign Chili Cook-Off.

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Judging Rules

- Judge each chili on its own merit, without attempts to compare. Make your decision the first time, because the chili cannot be re-tasted after it is passed.
 - Use a new spoon for each taste.
 - Clear your palate between tasting the different chili entries.
 - Place your score on the score sheet blank that corresponds to the judging number marked on the exterior of the cup you are judging.
 - When finished, check your score sheet for legibility. Subtotal scoring for each chili will be determined by the Judging Assistants and logged onto the Tally Sheet for cumulative scoring and placement. Top numerical values from all judges will determine the First, Second and Third Place winners. The decision of the Judges is final.
 - Fine chili should look delicious, taste delicious, have a delicious aroma and be hearty and robust! Accordingly each chili is to be judged on the following criteria to arrive at a score for each category of 0 to 10 with 10 being the highest:
 - ***Texture***
 - ***Flavor***
 - ***Consistency***
 - ***Spice/Taste***
 - ***Aroma/Color***
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