



Chili Cook-Off Guidelines and Application

November 1, 2008 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Ludwig's Corner Fire House

ELIGIBILITY

Contest is open to professional and non-professional chefs with prizes in each category. For the purpose of this event, professional chefs are defined as individuals who either:

1. Cook for a living
2. Are currently attending culinary school
3. Have at least 2 years professional culinary training or experience in their past

CONTEST ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Each contest entry must include:

1. Typed recipe
2. 4 gallons chili
3. Signed and dated application

Recipe may be submitted to judges at the event, however the recipe title (chili recipe name) needs to be submitted with application no later than 10-1-08.

FOOD ENTRY CRITERIA

All entries will be categorized within one of these four areas:

1. Beef Chili with Beans (Professional),
2. Alternative (Professional)

3. Beef Chili with Beans (Public)
4. Alternative (Public)

“Beef and Beans” refers to any style of chili that has a beef product, either ground or cubed, as its main protein and, in true cowboy fashion, contains beans of any sort. The “Alternative” category is reserved chili’s not fitting the criteria of the Beef and Beans group, i.e., beef chili without beans, turkey or chicken chili, vegetarian chili, etc. The judges reserve the right to “re-categorize” a chili if they it was entered into the wrong category.

Chili entries should be cooked from scratch. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili spice mixes are NOT permitted. Recipes should be original and non-published. Family recipes are allowed (with the family member’s permission).

All contestants must adhere to sanitation guidelines as outlined by the Chester County Department of Health. All chili must be prepared in a commercial kitchen with a certified Food Handler overseeing the process to ensure that proper food handling procedures are met and a safe food environment is guaranteed for patrons. Ludwig’s Corner Fire House kitchen will be open to cooks by appointment the day of the contest. There will be a certified Food Handler present.

RECIPE SUBMISSIONS

By signing this application, contestants attest to the fact that, to the best of their knowledge, their recipe submissions are original creations and not the copyrighted property of another individual, corporation or other legal entity.

Once submitted, all recipes become the property of the Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation and will not be returned. Entry constitutes permission to edit, modify, adapt, publish and otherwise use the recipe in any way without compensation.

Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, etc. The sponsors of the cook-off will provide a 4-foot table area for each contestant to serve. Two-gallon chafing dishes and an area for heating chili will also be provided. Teams are encouraged to decorate their serving areas. Each contestant assumes full responsibility for any cookware or other kitchen items used or presented during the contest. Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation or Contest Premises will not be responsible for lost items.

By entering this contest, entrants grant consent to use winners' name and likeness for editorial, advertising and publicity purposes, without further compensation. All Contest rules are subject to change by the Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation without notice.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Each recipe will receive a score of 0 to 50 based on the following criteria:

- * Taste: (20 pts.) Does this item taste good? Does the chili have good flavor, texture, consistency, and blend of spices.
- * Aroma: (10 pts.) Is the aroma distinctive and enticing?
- * Originality: (10 pts.) Is this a new, unique take on a traditional recipe or a whole new idea? Does the chili complement its name?
- * Appearance: (10 pts.) Does this item have an appealing appearance, color, and aroma? Is it presented in an appealing fashion?

Chili will be judged by a team of judges and also by the public to determine the “People’s Choice” award. The decisions of the judges will be final. Winners will have full bragging rights!

LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY

By signing this application, and except where prohibited by law, winner’s consent to use of their name and/or photograph for publicity purposes without further compensation. All federal, state, and local regulations apply. Names of winners as well as recipes may be posted on websites, promotional material, or in any other way deemed appropriate.

Join the fun! Owen J. Roberts First Annual **Chili** Cook-off



Application

Application must be received by October 1, 2008. Entries are limited and will be taken on a first come basis. E-mail to KHocker@ojrsd.com or mail to: Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation, 901 Ridge Rd., Pottstown, PA 19465

Team Name: _____

Contact Individual: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Chili Recipe Name: _____

Chili Category: _____

I have read and fully understand the Official Rules and by signing this agreement I am authorizing my consent.

Name (Print) _____

Signature _____

Under 18 parent or guardian must sign here: _____

Date _____