

SUN COVE CHILI COOK-OFF

Please take note of the following important info regarding the cook-off:

What does it mean to be the Event Chair?

Event chairs are the head honchos in every way. You can take control the event and make it whatever you want, in whatever way you want, or just utilize what has already been used (for instance, in the past, staff have printed and designed the score sheets, but you may do so on your own; same with T-shirts, awards, voting receptacles, receiving & collating contestant registrations etc.). You're in charge!

If you're the chair, you have the power to:

1. Set the date and time for the event
2. Set a theme that contestants must operate under, or leave the themes open to contestants
3. Conduct the event with a megaphone (such as announcing when the judges taste, when the chili becomes open to the rest, 'last call' before the winners are announced, etc.)
4. Direct volunteers to help set up the event (such as organizing where the banquet tables are set up, setting up power strips for contestants, establishing the judges' table and supplying them with the score sheets and pens, etc.)
5. Announce the winners in all categories, and hand out trophies, or whatever awards you would like winners to have
6. Order any necessary supplies (such as special awards, Goldfish crackers, tablecloths, napkins, spoons, voting boxes, milk, water bottles, bowls etc.) on a budget, the Association to reimburse

Unless otherwise specified, the Association will provide bowls and spoons, as well as lemonade, water and cups. Milk will be provided for the Judges as a palate-cleanser.

What does it mean to be a Contestant?

As a contestant, you're responsible for bringing your awesome chili and decorating your space! Themes are not necessarily required, unless otherwise specified by the event chair—but they definitely add to the festivity, and add to your chances of winning an award, too, seeing as 'Best Theme' is one of the possible trophies one can win! Each contestant will have a voting receptacle placed in front of their designated part of their table, into which tickets will be placed by community members and guests.

SUPPLIES

Unless otherwise specified, the Association will be providing opaque voting receptacles and tickets for community members and guests who wish to vote on their favorite chili & theme.

Contestants must bring:

Minimum 25 cups of chili (in order to provide a tablespoonful for approximately 100 people)

A ladle or serving spoon for any leftovers

Any costume, props or decorations for your personal theme (if you wish to have a theme)

Your awesome personality! ☺

SETUP

If you're going to dress up or decorate, make sure you give yourself plenty of time to do so! You can show up at any time to prepare.

The presentation tables will be set up at the Gazebo, where the event takes place. There will be two contestants per table. Half of the table is yours to use/decorate as you wish. To avoid there being a 'first' and a 'last' contestant, the tables will **not** be organized in a circle. Tables will be set up in two parallel lines with contestants on the inside and tasters on the outside. (Please note that setup will vary depending on the amount of contestants.)

Power is available at the gazebo.

TIME

Judges get 'first taste' of the chili, so your booths must be set up and chili ready for the judges 10 minutes before the posted 'starting time' of the event (when the chili becomes available to the other members in attendance). The event usually begins at 12:00pm, or 'high noon,' which means you would be set up by 11:30am, and the rest of the community would get to start tasting at 12:00.

What does it mean to be a Judge?

Judges get first taste of the chili, and don't know what chili belongs to what contestant. Judges score the chili and their tally sheets are added up by the volunteers to determine the winners.

VOTING

Judges' votes and community members' votes are tallied separately. (Community member votes determine the *People's Choice Award* [representing the chili that the community members and guests favored] and the *Best Theme Award* [representing the personality and "theme spirit" that the community members and guests favored].) Judges' votes determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards.

Judges will be weighing chilis based on these 5 criteria (unless otherwise specified by Event Chair):

Color

Aroma

Texture

Flavor

Heat

Each of these criteria are judged via a scale of 1-4, 4 being 'highest/best'. Scores are tallied to arrive at the winners (who have the 1st, 2nd and 3rd highest scores).

In the event of a tie when tallying the tickets for the People's Choice Award, the tickets will be combined with the Judge scores to determine the winner. If there is a tie for the Best Theme Award, the contestants not in the top 2 will vote to break the tie.