

SWFHR ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

CONTESTANT RULES (info/questions call or text (239)822-5366)



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2022, AT 8 PM EST**

EVENT DATE: **SATURDAY MARCH 12TH, 2022 FROM 10 AM - 2 PM | JUDGING STARTS AT 12 NOON**

CONTESTANT RULES & CONDITIONS:

1. Contestants must file either an electronic or paper Entry Form with a registration fee to reserve a spot.
2. The event site will open for registration check and set up at 7 a.m.
3. There will be no parking allowed inside the cook-off area unless otherwise approved.
4. Ingredients must be pre-cooked prior to the commencement of the official cook-off. Meat may be treated, pre-cut, or ground, but must be cooked. Each contestant is solely responsible to make sure that no ingredient is undercooked and/or that there is no risk of food born illness. You must be willing to eat your own chili.
5. The registrant must be 18 years or older
6. The contest is limited to **15 contestants**.
7. No restrictions as to chili ingredients but you must be willing to provide a chili ingredient list to Chili Bosses.
8. Contestants may bring things to garnish their chili.
9. Contestants must set up their "stations" and provide their own equipment to include but not limited to: tables, chairs, tents, pots, aprons, propane tanks (if owned), extension cord (no less than 14ga and no more than 25ft long), or other items you might need.
10. Contestants are encouraged, urged, and otherwise motivated to decorate their area, tent, table, and event themselves.
11. Contestants will be required to have a representative ready to serve at the start of the event and continually available till the end of the event.
12. Contestants are highly suggested to cook at least **6 gallons** (approximately 6 crockpots) **of chili** or to have enough chili for a 2-hour taste testing time frame.
13. All contestants must be ready to turn in samples for **judging 15 minutes after the event start**. Tie or Disputes will be settled by Cook-Off organizers.
14. SWFHR will provide Tasting Cups, Spoons and Ticket Jars, and Access to Power while available (power is limited... we suggest that you bring a source of keeping your chili warm).
15. Each contestant is responsible for policing and cleaning up the area at the end of the day and removing all items from their area. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the contest unless pre-approved.
16. It's up to you the contestant to entice the patrons to try your chili and cast their vote for you. Try sweetening the patrons' experience with crackers, cornbread, be creative and engaging. The more chili you have, the more potential votes you can serve.
17. **Winners** are to be **announced** approximately **15 min** after the **end of the event**.

REGISTRATION FEES:

1. Registration Deadline is listed above!!
2. The **registration fee of \$20** is applied to only 1 initial recipe and tent space up to 12'x12'. Additional recipes may be entered for \$10 per and additional tent to avoid confusion between recipes.
3. Registration fees may be paid via cash, card, or check to South West Florida Horse Rescue, Inc. and have a memo of "Chili Cook-off"
4. Fees paid prior to the registration deadline are eligible for return should a need for cancelation arise.
5. Cancelation requests must be directed to info@swfhr.org or (239) 822-5366 on or before the deadline.

PRIZES:

1. Chili is blind judged on Aroma, Eye Appeal, Taste, and Overall Satisfaction. The decision of the judges is final.
2. Prize breakdowns:
 1. **1st Place** – \$175 & a Chili Grand Champion trophy
 2. **2nd Place** – \$150 & a Chili Champ Runner-Up trophy
 3. **3rd Place** – \$75 & a Chili Champ 3rd Place trophy
 4. **People's Choice Award** – \$50 & a Plaque
 5. **Host Choice Award** - \$25 Gift Card & a Medal
 6. **Best Booth** - \$25 Gift Card