

5TH ANNUAL SWFHR CHILI FEST

CONTESTANT DETAILS & REGISTRATION

info/questions call or text the contestant mgr. Lauren @ (303) 525-8693

EVENT DATE: **MARCH 11, 2023, 10 am - 2 pm** | REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **MARCH 8, 2023**



SET UP FINISHED BY **9:30 AM**, TASTING FROM **11 AM - 1 PM**

CONTESTANT RULES & CONDITIONS: (Revised 2022-12-18)

1. Contestants must file either an electronic or paper Entry Form with a registration fee to officially reserve a spot.
2. The event site will open for registration check and set up at 7 a.m., All contestants and team members will sign a release and waiver of liability.
3. No parking will be allowed inside the cook-off area unless approved.
4. Ingredients must be pre-cooked before the commencement of the official cook-off. Meat may be treated, pre-cut, or ground, but it must be cooked. Each contestant is solely responsible for ensuring no ingredient is undercooked and there is no risk of food born illness. You must be willing to eat your chili.
5. The registrant must be 18 years or older
6. The contest is limited to 15 contestants.
7. No restrictions on 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 and to entice the patrons to try their chili in the hopes of gaining votes for your chili. Try sweetening the patrons' experience with crackers, and cornbread, be creative and engaging. The more chili you have, the more potential votes you can serve.
9. Contestants must set up their "stations" and provide their equipment, including but not limited to tables, chairs, tents, pots, aprons, propane tanks (if owned), extension cords (no less than 14 gauge and no more than 25 ft long), or other items you might need.
10. Contestants are encouraged, urged, and otherwise motivated to decorate their area, tent, table, and even 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 recommended to cook at least 6 gallons (approximately six crockpots) of chili or have enough chili for a 2-hour taste testing time frame.
13. All contestants must be ready to turn in unadorned samples for **judging**, just chili, no toppings, 15 minutes (**approx. 11:15 AM**) after the tasting phase starts. Cook-Off organizers will settle ties or disputes.
14. SWFHR will provide Tasting Cups, Spoons and Ticket Jars, and Access to Power while available (power is limited... we suggest you bring a source to keep 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 location. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the contest unless pre-approved.
16. Winners are to be announced approximately 15 min after the end of the event.
17. NO power strips are to be used unless approved.
18. Contestants are NOT allowed to sell anything during the contest. However, at the end of the contest, you may sell your chili or other food products pre-packaged.

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REGISTRATION FEES:

1. The Registration Deadline is Wednesday, March 8th, 2023.
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 \$5 per recipe; if an additional tent is needed, \$5 more.
3. Entry Fee of \$20 can be waived/free if you:
 - a. donate a raffle basket valued at \$20 or more to our "Monster" Raffle Row.
 - i. Must be received before the day of the event to secure your position in the Cook-Off officially.
 - b. represent a 1st Responder Unit as a team (e.g., Fire, EMS, Police/Sherriff).
 - i. Be able to provide the unit designation, verification, and local area covered.
 - ii. Unit name must be somewhere in the Team Name.
 - c. represent a Military Unit as a team (e.g., Reserve Units, local Recruiting Units, or other affiliates).
 - i. Be able to provide the unit designation, verification, and local area covered.
 - ii. Unit name must be somewhere in the Team Name.
 - d. are a Vendor at this event.
 - i. Completed & Signed contestant form to secure a spot
 - e. are a Sponsor of this event.
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4. 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."
5. Fees paid prior to the registration deadline are eligible for return should a need for cancelation arise.
6. Cancelation requests must be directed to the CONTESTANT MGR. Lauren @ (303) 525-8693, info@swfhr.org, or the EVENT MGR Matt @ (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 – \$500 & a Chili Grand Champion trophy
 2. 2nd Place – \$325 & a Chili Champ Runner-Up trophy
 3. 3rd Place – \$175 & a Chili Champ 3rd Place trophy
 4. People's Choice Award – \$100 & a trophy
 5. Host Choice Award - \$50 Gift Card & a trophy
 6. Best Booth - \$50 Gift Card

EVENT WEBSITE: <https://swfhr.org/23cco/>

CONTESTANT DETAILS: <https://swfhr.org/23cco/#contestants>

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION: <https://swfhr.org/23cco/#contest-form>

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CONTESTANT REGISTRATION		*Please Use A Separate Sheet Per Chili Recipe Entry		Contestant ID:
Chili Applying As A:		Contestant / Point Of Contact		
TRADITIONAL CHILI	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact Name:	<input type="text"/>	
MIXED MEAT CHILI	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact Phone:	<input type="text"/>	
WHITE CHICKEN CHILI	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact Email:	<input type="text"/>	
VEGETARIAN CHILI	<input type="checkbox"/>	Include us in future Contestant opportunities <input type="checkbox"/>		
MEAT ALTERNATIVE CHILI	<input type="checkbox"/>	I Agree to the Rules & Conditions <input type="checkbox"/>		
CINCINNATI STYLE CHILI	<input type="checkbox"/>			
TEXAS RED CHILI	<input type="checkbox"/>			
GREEN CHILI	<input type="checkbox"/>			

TEAM INFORMATION		Team / Booth Name	<input type="text"/>	
How many in your team?	<input type="text"/>	I understand all members of my team must sign a Liability Release form.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Will your team need electricity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Size of Space needed?	<input type="checkbox"/> 10x10 <input type="checkbox"/> 12x12 <input type="checkbox"/> more than 12x12	Will your team be bringing alcohol? Beer is allowed but no hard liquor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, <input type="checkbox"/> you agree to bring only Beer

MY TEAM:	YOUR PAYMENT IS:
<input type="checkbox"/> is a 1st Responder Unit ...if so What is your unit's designation?	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> is a Military Unit ...if so What is your unit's designation?	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> is a Vendor for this event ...if so What is your Vendor Name/ID?	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> is a Sponsor of this event ...if so What is your Sponsor Name/ID?	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> will offer a raffle basket ...if so What is the Theme / Name of your basket & what is its value?	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> none of the above	\$20

NOTES: Special needs or considerations:	<input type="text"/>
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ELECTRONIC APPLICATION: <https://swfhr.org/23cco/#contest-form>

PAYMENTS:

- Debit, Credit, or PayPal:** Electronic payments are processed via PayPal. Call us at (239)567-4111 to arrange payments over the phone. 4% fee to process payment over the phone. Send direct PayPal payments to info@swfhr.org, in the notes section mention '2023 Chili Fest'. You do not need to have a PayPal account to complete your entry payment.
- Cash/Checks:** made payable to 'SWFHR' with a memo of '2023 Chili Fest'. Deliver or Mail to: SWFHR, 14811 SR 31, Punta Gorda, FL 33982. Must be received by the Registration Deadline.
- Pay in person:** Call us at (239)567-4111 to arrange or schedule a visit online at www.swfhr.org. Our address is SWFHR, 14811 SR 31, Punta Gorda, FL 33982. Publicly open days are any day between 9 am-3 pm.

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4. **Cancelation or Delays:** If for whatever reason you know there will be a delay with your entry payment, please make sure that you contact us at info@swfhr.org or (239) 567-4111