



OCTOBER 14, 2017 9 AM – 4 PM
GATES OPEN AT 11 AM, CHILI TASTING AT 1 PM
RULES & REQUIREMENTS

Official Rules:

Each team is required to submit the registration form along with a check made payable to “Oshkosh Rotary” for \$25.00. For an additional \$10 you can enter a 2nd chili into another category, (2nd chili, 2 gallon minimum).

Competition is limited to the first 40 registrations. Paid teams are registered on a first come, first serve basis. Each participating team will consist of no more than 4 people.

Chili Requirements:

Each team is required to make 4 gallons of chili, 16 quarts (most Nesco are 18 quarts). All preparation must be done on-site. Meat cannot be precooked, and vegetables cannot be pre-cut. You should bring commercially packaged ingredients such as canned tomatoes, spices and sauce. You are allowed to cut or grind your meat prior to the cook-off, but it cannot be precooked. If anything is pre-made you will be disqualified. Homemade canned foods are not acceptable.

Pico de gallo/Salsa Requirements:

Each team is encouraged, as this is tradition, to make a ‘dip’ consisting of either pico de gallo, or salsa. Just like the Chili, the dip must be made on-site. These ‘dips’ offer something to the crowd to sample while the chili is cooking. Sampling will take place in the 2 hours leading up to the chili tasting (11am-1pm). This increases public interaction to assist with your People’s Choice award and Team Spirit award.

Tent Requirements:

In addition to the chili entries, each team should decorate their 10x10 pop up tent, and the space it occupies. Please note that all tents must be securely anchored or weighed down. Usually teams dress up in themed costumes (please make sure these are easy to cook in while wearing), decorate the front serving tables, and tent itself. We have seen lights, hanging lanterns, hula “girls”, pirates, siracha bottles, fall themes and Halloween themes. Put your team’s creativity to work and take home the “Team Spirit” awards.



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Required Items: (per Health & Fire Inspectors):

- Hand wash station per team, (water source with bucket to catch water, hand soap and single use towels)
- You must be under a tent, normally 10 x 10.
- Fire Extinguisher
- The Health Inspector is **STRONGLY** stating a thermometer needs to be brought by each team, chili must be to temp by 1pm, or the Health Inspectors will not let you serve (temp must be at 165° prior to serving).
- Disposable gloves must be worn at any point you are handling food.

Recommended Items:

- 18 Quart Nesco (crock pots are not large enough). We've had people use turkey fryers and cook tops too.
- If you need electricity, 50 and/or 100 foot extension cord(s).
- Bowls to serve the Pico/dip/salsa.
- Spoons to serve the chili into the portion cup (tablespoons or small gravy ladles work well)
- Propane burner, grill, turkey fryer-something to cook your meat.
- Prep tables, cutting boards, knives, garbage receptacles, (please take your garbage/recycling home with you).

Timeline:

Teams may arrive starting at 9am. Teams can start cooking their chili as soon as they have their tent up and hand wash station in place. Salsa should be ready by 11:00am, when the gates open. At 1:00pm, chili should be done and ready to serve! Each team will have a cup to put their chili in for judging. We will have blind judging so the judges will be at the main tent by the beer. Winners will be announced by 2pm.

Awards:

- 1st place Traditional, Specialty, and Team Spirit: \$100 each
- 2nd place Traditional, Specialty, and Team Spirit: \$50 each
- 3rd place Traditional, Specialty, and Team Spirit: Free Registration into Next Year's Contest.
- People's Choice Award: Free Registration into Next Year's Contest



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REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Category of chili being entered (circle one): TRADITIONAL SPECIALTY

Team Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Additional Team Members:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Please mail Registration Form and check made payable to “Oshkosh Rotary” to:

Oshkosh Chili Cook-off
c/o Oshkosh Rotary Club
PO Box 785
Oshkosh, WI 54903

This event is brought to you by The Oshkosh Rotary Club

Net Proceeds from this event to benefit the
DAY BY DAY WARMING SHELTER

Any questions, please contact:
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