



Rotary Club of Colonial Park and the Vineyard and Brewery at Hershey 9/29/19 Chili Cook-off Rules and Application

Event

A fundraising event by the Rotary Club of Colonial Park to benefit the Rotary Club of Colonial Park Community Giving Fund. Grants/Awards from the Community Giving Fund are made by the Club based on applications received from various organizations.

Entry

There will be an entry fee of \$150 (one hundred-fifty) to enter the Chili Cook-Off event. If contestants show up, cook chili and have met all the requirements, the entry fee will be refunded in full. Anyone is welcome to participate. Deadline to register is September 1, 2019.

Divisions

You can enter in one of the following categories: 1) Restaurants; 2) Community Organization/Business; 3) Individuals. Each contestant or team will be given a "contestant number". Your number will be visible to the judges and public at your stand. The public purchasing chili sampling tickets each get votes to be dropped into a ballot box at each stand for their favorite chili. The more people you invite to attend the chili cook-off the better chance you have of winning the cook-off.

Chili Amount

Between 750 and 1,000 people are expected at the event. (Subject to change, see below) Contestants in divisions 1 and 2 shall cook a minimum of 13 gallons of chili. Contestants in division 3 shall cook a minimum of 7 gallons of chili. Restaurants can make additional amounts of chili. Each entrant will be notified weekly in September with the total number of tickets that have been sold at that point. Final notification will be September 25th, and if weather forecast for event date is good, then consider an additional 20% attendance for last minute registration and walk-ins. Each contestant can then make the appropriate amount of chili for the event.

Cooking rules

Single entry or teams welcome, team maximum 4 people. Maximum size booth is 10' wide x 10' deep. Set up location will be assigned upon arrival at event. Contestants must furnish own ingredients, equipment, tables, utensils and fuel. Limited power will be supplied. Contestants are encouraged to bring propane cook tops. All

contestants are responsible for maintaining proper temperature of chili. Improper maintenance of proper temperature will disqualify entry. Rotary will provide spoons, 2 oz cups and napkins to the general public at each chili stand for contestants to use to serve chili.

Ingredients

Use your favorite recipe, with or without meat, with or without beans. Meat may be pre-cut or ground but not treated in any way. Meat may be beef, pork, lamb, chicken or turkey. *A sign must be placed on the stand for the public to see what type of meat is being used for allergy purposes. If peanuts or peanut oil is used, you must display a warning sign.* You may not use canned, "store bought" chili or mixes. All ingredients must be pre-cooked and treated prior to the event. Chili is to be brought "ready to eat." You must bring your own condiments.

Set-up

Time of event – Chili tent opens at 10:00 am for set up. No tables or equipment will be provided. Bring your own tables and set up equipment. All contestants will be cooking under one tent. Your space will be marked off in 10" x 10" sections. You must stay within that area. You are encouraged to decorate your area and display a team/restaurant name. One person from each team must attend a short meeting at 11:30 am to go over the rules, judging, serving and what signs must be displayed at your stand. (Meat used and information on peanut products).

Judging

Judges' Choice – (Restaurants, Organizations/Business and Individuals) The judges will be looking for taste, aroma, texture, after taste and heat of chili. (Heat of chili will not necessarily determine the winner, so feel free to make your chili as mild or hot as you desire). In each category, there will be a 1st place prize of \$1,000, 2nd place prize of \$500, and 3rd place prize of \$250 given by the judges. Winners will also receive a plaque for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place to display.

Peoples' choice – (Restaurants, Organizations/Business and Individuals) There will be a nonmonetary prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place given for the winners in this category.

Chili Cook-off schedule

Set-up – 10:00 am – bring your chili and set up your area. You may decorate your booth however you would like but everything must be in your 10 x 10 area inside the tent.

Required meeting – 11:30 am

Tasting – Noon to 3 pm – people may taste and vote for the entire 3 hours. Please bring plenty of chili to serve the number of people we notify you of two weeks prior to the event.

Awards Ceremony – 3:30 pm

Complete tear-down of cooking area completed by 4:15 pm

Rotary website link - <https://colonialparkrotaryclub.org/>

Email Address - ColonialParkRotaryChili@gmail.com

Purchase entrance tickets - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chili-cookoff-with-the-colonial-park-rotary-tickets-62409550646>

No alcohol from outside may be brought on premise. All alcoholic drinks must be purchased on site.



Chili Cook-off Registration Form September 29, 2019

Return this form along with your \$150.00 entry fee no later than September 1, 2019. Space is limited and will be available at a first come, first served basis Make checks payable to: **Rotary Club of Colonial Park Foundation**

Name _____

Team Name _____

Division _____

Chili Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

I certify that I have received a copy of the official rules and I agree to and abide by them. I understand that a violation may disqualify me and my team from the competition and any awards or prizes.

Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

Return along with check to:

Rotary Club of Colonial Park Foundation
Chili Cook-Off Registration
5901 Jonestown Road
PO Box 126231
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Schedule of Events

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