

22nd Annual

Chili Cook-Off Rules

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 - 8 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fifth Ave., Downtown Antigo

Who may enter?

Any business, restaurant, organization or individual. A team may consist of any number of people.

What to bring?

Contestants must bring their own food supplies, cooking utensils, stoves, paper towels, garbage bags, tables and chairs. Electricity is limited, so quiet generators are encouraged. You must provide extension cords. It does get cold, so bring something to help stay warm.

Booth location?

Entrants will not be assigned a booth location, but they must secure their own location.

Parking?

The two outer lanes along Fifth Avenue will be closed for the event. Parking is prohibited in the closed lanes. There is plenty of parking on side streets and in the municipal parking lots behind Fifth Avenue businesses.

Divisions?

Traditional Chili - defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with chili peppers, various spices and ingredients with the exception of items such as beans or spaghetti, which are strictly forbidden.

Roughneck Chili - Anything goes!

Rules for cooking?

All challengers must prepare one Nesco of chili

Chili must be prepared and cooked on site. Ingredients must not be pre-cooked in any way prior to the cook-off.

The only exceptions are canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, broth and grinding/mixing of spices. Meat may not be pre-cooked. All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared at the cook-off.

Preparation and cooking may start any time after 8:00 a.m.

Judging?

Judges will vote for the chili they like best based on the following major considerations:

Aroma - should smell appetizing

Consistency - should be smooth combination of meat & gravy (sauce)

Taste - should taste good and have a pleasing blend of spices

Texture - meat should have a good texture

The Chamber will provide one judging container for each registered chili entry. They will be picked up starting at 2:30 p.m., chili judging will start at 3:30 p.m., and winners will be announced at 6 p.m.

Mystery judges will vote for the best decorated "Chili Theme" Booth starting at 2:30 pm; winners will be announced at 6:00 pm.

Awards & Prizes?

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in both chili divisions. 1st place, \$100 Chamber Gift Certificate, plaque & traveling trophy; 2nd place, \$50 Chamber Gift Certificate & mini trophy; 3rd place, \$25 Chamber Gift Certificate & mini trophy. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for best decorated chili themed booth. 1st place, \$25 Chamber Gift Certificate & mini trophy; 2nd place, mini trophy; 3rd, place mini trophy.

Public Sampling?

You may hand out samples of chili beginning at 5:30 p.m. when the horn sounds. **NO EARLY SAMPLES!** Cups & spoons for sampling will be provided.

Fill out an application and return it by Wednesday, November 27, 2019 with the \$20.⁰⁰ fee, to:
Antigo/Langlade County Chamber of Commerce, 1005 S. Superior St. Antigo, WI 54409

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