

Mainstreet Waynesboro's CHILI COOK-OFF

Mainstreet Waynesboro's Chili Cook-Off Official Rules 2024 Chili Cook-off held at Main Street Park, 25 East Main Street

Set Up & Teardown:

1. Mainstreet Waynesboro, Inc. will provide chili sampling cups, spoons, napkins, gloves.
2. Each registered participant will be allocated a 10 ft.x10 ft. set-up space.
3. Tables will NOT be supplied. Participants are responsible for all of their own equipment—table, chairs, tent/canopy, table covering, heat source and fuel. Electricity is not available.
4. Vehicles will only be allowed on the outside perimeters of the Chili Cook-Off area. All supplies must be unloaded and vehicles moved from the area no later than 10 a.m. There will be a meeting with Mainstreet at 10:30 a.m.
5. Tables and all equipment must be completely torn down and your area completely free of trash by 3 p.m. Trash can be placed in the dumpster in the gravel area.

Chili:

1. Only one recipe will be judged per entry fee. For the competition, chili recipe used is at your discretion; it may or may not contain meat or beans, and may be red, white, or other color.
NOTE: If peanuts or peanut oil is used, a warning sign must be displayed at your table.
2. All chili must be prepared ahead of time. Participants must provide a means of keeping chili heated to 165 degrees; no electricity is provided. Participants must bring a metal stem thermometer to ensure that the chili is at a safe temperature.
3. Spectator sampling will begin promptly at 11 a.m. Samples for judging will be collected from each table around 12:00 noon. Please wait for a Chili Volunteer to visit your table to collect judging samples.
4. Participants must prepare at least four (4) gallons of chili for the judging and public tasting. You may sell leftover chili near the end of the event.
5. Participants must attend to their chili at all times.
6. Sampling:
 - Spectator chili sampling will be controlled by tickets.
 - All chili participants **must** take a ticket for each sample given.
 - Samples must be given in regulation sampling cups provided for the event.
 - Anyone found not taking tickets or providing larger than regulation sample sizes will be disqualified.
 - Sample tickets & remaining sampling cups will be collected at the end of the event.

Judging & Awards:

1. Chili will be judged according to the following criteria: Aroma, Consistency, and Taste.
2. To ensure confidentiality and impartiality during the judging process, the Chili Volunteers will control cup numbers and sample collections for the judges.
3. All votes will be tallied and winners announced at the Awards Ceremony at 3 p.m. at Main Street Park.
4. Awards will be given in the following categories: "Judge's Choice" 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place, "People's Choice," "Mayor's Choice" and "Best Table Decoration."

Please note:

- Entrants must be age 18 years or older.
- All entrants participate at their own risk. Mainstreet Waynesboro, Inc. is not liable for losses or damages resulting from participation in this contest.
- Mainstreet Waynesboro, Inc. reserves the right to change or modify rules; any changes will be communicated to all entrants. Mainstreet Waynesboro, Inc. also reserves the right to disqualify any participant for violation of rules.
- This contest is for non-professional individuals.