

9th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 15th

- 1. Eligibility:** At least one team member must be an Elks Lodge Member in good standing. The registration fee for each team is \$60.00 total; this year there will be a maximum of 6 team members allowed per team. Each team member will receive a free drink coupon. All team members must be at least 21 years of age.
- 2. Entry Requirements:** A completed entry form and the registration fee must be turned in to the House Committee or Lodge Office no later than October 7. Make all checks payable to High Point Elks Lodge #1155. Each team is required to make at least 2 gallons of Chili and 4 Racks of Ribs. Each team must have a theme and a name for their entries.
- 3. Time Schedules:** Teams may begin to set up equipment, decorations, etc. any time after 2:00PM on Friday, October 14th, 2011. Please have your area set up by 9:00AM Saturday morning. Team Captains meeting will be held at 10:00AM sharp, Saturday October 15th, 2011. All teams may begin preparing their Chili or Ribs immediately following the Team Captains meeting.

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| Salsa Judging | 1:00 PM |
| White Chili Judging | 1:30 PM |
| Texas Chili Judging | 2:00 PM |
| Open Chili Judging | 2:30 PM |
| Ribs Judging | 3:00 PM |
| Awards Ceremony | 4:00 PM |

THE ELKS LOUNGE WILL OPEN AT NOON on Saturday, October 15th

4. Chili Rules: All Chili must be cooked on site the day of the cook-off from scratch. No ingredients may be pre-cooked or treated prior to the preparation period. The only exceptions are canned tomatoes, tomato paste, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, or broth. Meat may be pre-cut ground or chopped, but not treated or marinated. All other ingredients must be prepared on site during the preparation period. No commercial prepackaged chili mixes are permitted.

Chicken or Turkey may be pre-cooked for sanitary reasons.

Chili must cook for a minimum of 3 hours.

Teams may provide Cheese, Crackers, Cornbread, or Peppers to serve with the Chili.

5. Ribs Rules: All Ribs must be cooked on site the day of the cook-off. No ingredients may be pre-cooked or treated prior to the preparation period.

All cooking and preparation must be out in the open and in a sanitary manner. Failure to comply will result in Disqualification. Each team will provide all the ingredients, utensils, water, and accessories necessary to cook their chili. No electric power is available for cooking – bring your own cook stoves and fuel.

The Lodge will provide two (2) 6 foot tables for each team, tasting cups for the public, and containers for the judging samples.

Teams may enter any or all divisions.

Texas Division Chili: Texas Chili may not contain beans, rice, or fillers of any kind. Meat should be ground or finely chopped, hamburger grind is discouraged. Blind judging will apply.

Open Division Chili: The open division Chili is more like every day chili. This Chili may include beans, vegetables, pasta, rice, etc. Blind judging will apply.

White Division Chili: The White Chili division is for teams who want to prepare their chili with chicken or turkey. Blind judging will apply.

Salsa Division: Prepare your favorite homemade Salsa and serve it with chips for this division. Blind judging will apply.

Ribs Division: Any type of ribs will qualify. Blind judging will apply.

Judging: Each team will be assigned a team number by the Chief Scorekeeper and will be given a container in which the Chili, Salsa, or Ribs will be collected at the time of official judging. Make sure the container has your team number on it. The Team Captain is responsible for delivering the Salsa, Chili, or Rib samples prior to judging times.

Our Food Judges will be judging the Salsa, Chili, and Ribs simply by which one tastes the best. There are no special guidelines to the judging. **THE DECISIONS OF THE CHIEF JUDGE SHALL BE FINAL.**

Showmanship Competition: Showmanship will be judged on your cooking site, theme, costume, action, and audience appeal. Judging will be on a continuous basis throughout the day. Showmanship Judges will remain anonymous.

Awards: The winning team in each category will receive a champion's certificate and Elks Buck\$ to be used in the Lounge. Dollar amount will be determined by the number of entries.

High Point Elks Lodge #1155

9th Annual Chili Cook-Off Entry Form (10/15/2011)

Team Members:

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Circle the categories your team will enter:

TEXAS Chili name: _____

OPEN Chili name: _____

WHITE Chili name: _____

SALSA Salsa name: _____

RIBS Ribs name: _____

Team Theme: _____

The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the High Point Elks #1155 Chili Cook-Off Rules and Regulations and will abide by such Rules and Regulations.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Total fee enclosed: _____