



**St. James' Annual Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, February 3, 2018
Entry Form**

Please complete the information below and together with your \$50.00 entry fee, send to:

**St. James' Episcopal Church
3129 Southmore Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77004
Attention: Chili Cook-Off**

Entry deadline is January 25, 2018

Team/Chili Name: _____

Type of Chili: Traditional (beef/tomato base)

Non-traditional (all other meats; veggie)

Please specify: _____

Team Captain: _____

Members:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

CCC use only:

Entry fee rec'd: _____ method of payment: _____ by: _____



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Official Rules and Regulations
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The following rules are to be adhered to by all Chili Cook-Off Competitors:

1. True Chili is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. Vegetarian chili is an acceptable variety of chili. You may enter any kind of chili you like.
2. An entry form must be completed for each chili. The entry fee is \$50.00 per chili (non-refundable.)
3. The Chili Cook-off will take place rain or shine.
4. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded. If you have a theme, you may decorate your table accordingly. There will be a trophy for best decorated table. Also, there will be an award for the People's Choice Chili.
5. Each entry must cook a ***minimum*** of six (6) quarts of competition chili. You may cook more, if you desire. If you make less than six quarts, your chili ***will not be judged***. Chili must be prepared on-site at your table. You may use crock pots or other heat sources to cook and keep your chili hot. No kitchen access will be allowed.
6. You may arrive as early as 8:00 a.m. the day of the cook-off to set up your table and prepare your chili. Each team must be set-up and ready to go by 9:30 a.m. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. Team photos will be taken beginning at 10:30 a.m. Judging will begin around 12:00 p.m.; you must have enough chili for the judging cups.
7. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own ingredients, utensils, and products relating to the chili preparation and maintaining proper temperature for serving. Chili must be served hot. Slow cookers and Crock Pots may be used to keep chili at proper temperature for serving. You will have the use of one electrical outlet however you must supply your own extension cords and surge protectors as needed.
8. Health and safety first. **Eating and/or smoking behind serving tables is strictly prohibited.** Gloves and hair coverings are required and will be provided by the committee. Your table must be manned and chili monitored for the entire duration of the event. Participants and guests must conduct themselves in ways that preserve the goals, image, dignity and beauty of the church.
9. Spoons, taste cups, crackers, hair coverings and napkins/paper towels will be provided by the committee.
10. Chili will be served to the public in the form of "taste cups" only. One red ticket per taste. When serving chili, be mindful that you must have enough chili for the judges to sample. Chili must be served at the proper temperature as mandated by the Health Department.
11. Each team will be assigned a "Team Number" by the Judging Committee. You will be given official judging cups with this number. The cups are to be filled half way. You will be notified when to fill your cups and a member of the committee will take your chili to the Judges' Table. Judging will be by blind tasting; the judges will make their decisions from the number only.
12. The team with the highest score will be declared the winner. The decision of the judges is final.
13. Each contestant is responsible for policing and cleaning up the area at the end of the day and removing all items from the area. No items (*including leftover chili*) will be allowed to remain after the close of the Cook-Off.

JUDGING

In this competition the chili will be blind judged (no one knows the identity of the cook) and judging will be based on the following criteria:

- 1. Texture 2. Flavor 3. Consistency 4. Spice and Taste 5. Aroma 6. Color**

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

There will be a People's Choice Box for people to choose their favorite chili. People will drop starred/golden tickets in the box of the chili they like best. The tickets will be collected at the end of the judging and tallied.

The team with the most starred/golden tickets will win the People's Choice Award. No exceptions.