

FESTIVAL OF SCARECROWS

CHILI COOK-OFF RULES AND GUIDELINES

Contestants will check-in from 9:00 – 9:45am on Saturday, October 12 at the Historic Olde Town Arvada Association booth located in the Square at the corner of 57th and Olde Wadsworth Blvd. Event begins at 10:00am.

Tables and electricity will be provided for you. You may setup your station once you have checked-in.

1. Chili is defined as any kind of vegetarian, red, green, or home-style recipe cooked with chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients.
2. All ingredients must be pre-cooked & treated prior to the event – chili is to be brought “ready-to-eat.”
3. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own utensils & products relating to serving their chili and for the maintenance of its proper temperature for consumption.
4. Each participant shall prepare a minimum of 1 gallon of consumable chili. Samples will be in 2 oz sizes for the public to taste.
5. The event will supply spoons and cups to the public for sampling.
6. Participants will be assigned a number for the judging and voting purposes based on their category entered.
7. The decision of the judges is final. Voting will take place at 1:30pm and winner will be announced at 2pm.
8. Each contestant is responsible for policing and cleaning up the area at the end of the event and removing all items from the area. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the Cook-Off.

JUDGING

In this competition the chili will be sampled opening in public, invite your friends and family to help your score! Voting will be based on the following 5 characteristics:

1. Texture: The texture of the meat shall not be tough or mushy
2. Consistency: Chili should be a smooth combination of meat and gravy not too thin or too thick
3. Spice and taste: Blending of the spices and how well they have permeated the meat (not too hot or too mild)
4. Aroma: This will be a personal preference of the judge
5. Color: Chili should look appetizing

The public will vote with tickets for their favorite chili. Tickets will be collected at 1:30pm for judging and winner with most tickets will be announced at 2pm.

PRIZES

Professional competition cooks includes area restaurants and organizations that serve the public on a regular basis.

1st Place receives a medal and the satisfaction of being the best!

Amateur competition is for the general public who has a great chili recipe they want to enter.

1st Place receives \$100 Gift Card

Additional prizes coming soon!

The Festival of Scarecrows Chili Cook-Off is in its inaugural year and is meant to be a fun competition. This is NOT part of the International Chili Society.

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