



3RD ANNUAL EUHARLEE CHILI COOK-OFF RULES

October 31, 2009 ♦ 11 am – 4 pm

FRANKIE HARRIS PARK ♦ EUHARLEE, GA

CHILI

- Cooking of chili is to begin no earlier than 7:00 am on Saturday, October 31st and must be ready for turn-in by 11:30 am.
- All chili **MUST** be assembled and prepared on site. Your team will be disqualified if the chili ingredients are mixed together prior to 7:00 am Saturday, October 31st.
- Chili meat may be precooked but not marinated or combined with other pre-chopped ingredients prior to Saturday. **BEANS** may be put in the competition chili. Commercial chili mixes are not permitted. Chili powder is okay.
- Chili must be cooked in your designated site and prepared in a sanitary manner.
- 1 quart of chili is required to submit for judging.
- A minimum of 4 gallons should be available for public sampling for the People's Choice Award.

BRUNSWICK STEW

- All Stews **MUST** be assembled and prepared on site and ready for turn-in by 12:00 pm (individual ingredients may be prepared off site).
- Commercially prepared meats and stew mixes are not permitted.
- 1 quart of stew is required to submit for judging.
- A minimum of 4 gallons should be available for public sampling for the People's Choice Award.

GENERAL COOKING INFORMATION

- Participants must furnish their own cookware and utensils.
- Cooking sources include propane camp stove, Coleman fuel, BBQ, charcoal, wood, etc.
- Use good, clean methods of food preparation. Remember...others will be eating your chili/stew.
- Containers holding the chili/stew **MUST** remain covered except when serving.
- Food items not stored in coolers must be stored up off the ground.
- Participants must taste their own chili/stew if requested by the Cook-Off Officials.
- Failure to comply with officials on any matter is subject to disqualification of the individual cook for that cook-off. Anyone disqualified will be notified immediately.
- Decisions of the official(s) are final.

Cook Site Rules

- Each participating team will be allocated an approximate 20' x 15' space, one 15 amp electrical connection, and access to water.
- We will try to accommodate oversized rigs if you notify us **in advance** as to how much space you need.
- Generators are permitted.
- You may set up your cook site either Friday or Saturday (October 30 or 31).
- All participants setting up on Friday are allowed to camp inside their respective cook site on Friday night.
- Quiet time begins at 10 pm Friday and lasts until 7:00 am Saturday.
- Set up must be completed by 7:00 am Saturday. Site tear down (litter free) should be completed and removed from the park by 6:00 pm Saturday.
- **Public sampling will begin at 12:30 pm.**
- No food or drink is to be sold to the public from your booth site. If you wish to become an official event sponsor, please go to www.euharlee.com for details.

Cook's Meeting

A representative from your team will need to attend the Cook's Meeting Saturday at 6:45 am. It is recommended that registration and booth set up be completed prior to that time. Registration and the event site will close on Friday at 9:00 pm sharp and will reopen at 6:30 am Saturday. At the Cook's Meeting you will:

- Review the rules.
- Review the turn-in times.
- Receive the event schedule.
- Receive 200 two oz. sample cups per entry for public sampling.
- Receive your pre-numbered containers to submit to judging.
- Receive collection containers for People's Choice for both chili and stew.
- Receive a special Chili Cook-Off gift.

CHILI & STEW COMPETITION JUDGING RULES

- Each participant will be assigned a “contestant number” by the Chief Scorekeeper and be given a container in which their chili and/or stew will be collected at the time of the official judging.
- Each participant should verify that the number on the bottom of their container is the same as the contestant number assigned to them by the Chief Scorekeeper.
- Judges samples must be submitted in the containers provided at registration to the turn-in table at the following times:
 - **11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. – Chili**
 - **12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Brunswick Stew**
- The number assigned to the container will be covered and changed prior to delivery to the judging area.
- The decision of the judges is final. Competition judging will be based on scorecards.

Judging

The chili and stew will be blind judged (no one knows the identity of the cook) based on the following:

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

Scoring - Each chili/stew will be scored on its own merits with a whole number from 1 to 10, 10 being the highest.

Each Chili/Stew Should Be Scored - If a judge determines (by aroma, consistency, and/or color) that he/she does not want to taste a chili/stew, it still must be given a score.

Ballots - The official ballot must be used for voting. Only 1 ballot shall be submitted per Judge. Vote only for the entry that best meets the ideal combination of the above scoring criteria.

Sanitation – Each judge will transfer a sample from the turn-in container to a fresh portion cup with a new spoon for judging.

Tabulating Results – Judge’s ballots will be collected by the Table Captains and delivered to the Chief Scorekeeper for tabulation. Entries will be ranked according to the total of all scores received from all judges. In the case of a tie, a separate panel of three judges will taste and score the tied entries to determine the finishing order. Once awards have been announced, all results are final.

Presentation of Awards – Awards will be presented at 4:00 pm.

People's Choice Judging

- The People's Choice Award will be determined by the number of tickets and/or cash you collect for your chili and/or stew. .
- Tickets may be purchased inside the park for 50 cents each.
- In lieu of tickets, cash may be put in the vote containers and will count as one vote per 50 cents.
- The vote containers will be collected at 3:00 pm, counted, and the winner announced at 4:00 pm.

Best Booth Judging

- The Best Booth Award will be determined by the greatest number of votes cast for a booth. Both cook teams and vendors are eligible for this award.
- There will be a Best Booth voting area where attendees may cast votes.
- The votes will be counted at 3:00 pm, and the winner announced at 4:00 pm.

Judging Criteria:

- Theme and decoration of booth
- Enthusiasm of cook or vendor participants
- Creativity (costumes are encouraged!)
- Over-all appearance

Award Information

Prizes:	<u>Chili</u>	<u>Brunswick Stew</u>
1st	\$250 and award	\$250 and award
2nd	\$100 and award	\$100 and award
3rd	\$50 and award	\$50 and award

People's Choice Award - \$100

The “**People's Choice Award**” is given to the team who has received the highest number of tickets. 4 tickets will be given to each person paying for entrance to the cook-off. Additional tickets may be purchased at the cook-off for 50 cents each. Since this award is determined by the public, it is up to you to entice them to try your chili and cast their vote for you. The more chili you have, the more decorative your booth, the more “outstanding” you are, the more votes you will get!

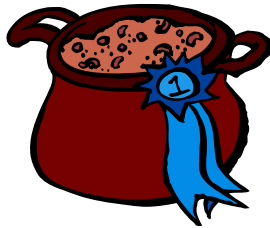
Best Site/Booth Award - \$50

A special “**Best Booth Award**” will also be awarded to the cook site or vendor booth with the most creative theme and decorating style.

Miscellaneous

The sponsors of this event will not be liable for any event or contract failures whatsoever caused by weather, natural causes, acts of God, or any other. This is an outdoor event.
No refunds for bad weather.

Remember - Have Fun! Life is Too Short Not To!



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