

**GOOD
NEIGHBOR
Festival DAY**

2019
CHILI COOK-OFF AND TASTING
Saturday, September 28, 2019



The deadline to enter the Good Neighbor Day Festival Chili Cook-Off & Tasting is Friday, September 20, 2019, at 5 pm. No Entry Fee.

Competition Rules

1. **TEAM PARTICIPATION:** Entry is open to amateur cooks of any age. There must be one designated cook and there should be at least one other assistant (up to three assistants) to help serve attendees during the tasting period. *A minimum of at least one person is required to be in attendance the entire time.*
2. **MAKE PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION:** You must bring the chili ready-to-eat on the day of the competition. All chili must be prepared in accordance with acceptable home sanitation.
3. **LIMITATION:** Only one (1) entry per neighborhood organization. You may not bring and/or serve more than one type of chili. ***** NEW RULE *****
4. **QUANTITY:** Each batch must be at least 1 gallon and no more than 3 gallons.
5. **FROM SCRATCH:** All entries must be homemade, not bought in a store or restaurant. Chili mixes are NOT permitted. You may, however, use commercial chili powder.
6. **INGREDIENTS:** You may include meat in your chili. However, chili made with pork must be clearly identified as such. In consideration of those with food allergies, you must post a list with all of the ingredients used in the making of your entry. Quantities are not required.
7. **EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES:** Each team will provide a crockpot (to hold and warm the chili), utensils to serve chili to the public and judges, extension cord, cleaning supplies for your table, neighborhood sign to sit on table, and any table decorations. The competition hosts will provide table space (at least a 4' space), tasting cups and spoons, napkins, and electrical outlets.
8. **COMPETITION CHECK-IN:** Team must check in between 10:00 am and 10:30 am.
9. **READY:** All participants must be prepared to greet and serve judges by 11:00 am
10. **TOPPINGS:** The chili may not include toppings for the purpose of judging.

Judging

ONLY TEAM MEMBERS ARE PERMITTED IN THE TENT DURING JUDGING. No sampling prior to judging.

BLIND TESTING: Each entry will be sampled by a panel of three (3) judges. Judging will be by blind testing and will represent 75% of the total score. The judges will be evaluating chili entries based on the following criteria:

- **TEXTURE:** The texture of the chili should not be tough or mushy;
- **FLAVOR:** The spices should be well blended and permeate the chili;

- **CONSISTENCY:** The chili should be a smooth combination of meat/filler and sauce, and not too thin or thick;
- **AROMA:** The smell should be appealing and not overwhelming;
- **APPEARANCE:** The chili should look appetizing. It should be bright and colorful, not dull or bland.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: During the free tasting period (11:30 am - 12:30 pm), members of the public will have the opportunity to sample the chili and cast one (1) vote for their favorite entry. Teams will be given a ballot box to be placed on their table for the People's Choice voting. Teams are encouraged to invite neighbors, friends, family and co-workers to attend and vote. The People's Choice votes will count for 25% of the total vote.

The decision of the judges shall be final. In the event of a tie, the judges shall be required to select one entry as superior. Only one entry per prize level.

Prizes

You will be competing for your neighborhood. All cash prizes will be awarded to the neighborhood organization the designated cook represents. The following cash prizes will be awarded:

- FIRST PLACE: \$500
- SECOND PLACE: \$250
- THIRD PLACE: \$100

Checks or gift cards will be made payable to the neighborhood organization and mailed within 7-10 days to the winning organizations. Gift cards will be given only if an organization does not have a bank account.

Table Decorations

Each team will be given table space (approximately 4' wide by 3' deep). Each team will create a sign that indicates which neighborhood organization that you represent. We encourage you to decorate the table with tablecloths and other items which fit your theme. Celebrate your neighborhood!

Schedule for Saturday, September 28, 2019

- 10:00 AM Check-In and Competitor Set-Up Begins inside Chili Cook-Off Tent
- 10:30 AM Deadline for Check-In
- 11:00 AM Competitor Set-Up Concludes
- 11:00 AM Competitors and Staff ONLY in Tent until Tasting
- 11:15 AM Judging Begins and Photographs of Table Displays Taken
- 11:30 AM Tasting and People's Choice Voting Begins
- 12:15 PM Ballot boxes with tickets collected for final tabulation
- 12:30 PM Winners Announced & Photographs Taken
- 12:40 PM Clean-Up Begins
- 1:30 PM All items MUST be picked up and area cleaned

Questions: Chili@GoodNeighborDay.org

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE CHILI COOK-OFF AND TASTING

QUESTIONS: Chili@GoodNeighborDay.org

FULL NAME OF NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

NAME OF DESIGNATED COOK OR ALTERNATE TEAM CONTACT

Designated Cook Alternate Team Contact

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

PLEASE SHARE ANY ADA ACCOMMODATIONS YOU ARE REQUESTING

Mailing Address for Prize Check or Cards

IN CARE OF (if the neighborhood organization does not have a direct mailing address)

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Agreement

Our team has read the 2019 GNDF Chili Cook-Off & Tasting Rules hereby commit to abide by the rules and final decision of the judges.

Signature

Print Name

Date

ENTER ONLINE before 5 pm on Friday, September 20, 2019. Visit our website at www.GoodNeighborDay.org.

MAIL this completed form so that it arrives before 5 pm on Friday, September 20, 2019. Mail your completed form to Neighbor 2 Neighbor, PO Box 100941, Nashville, TN 37224.

DELIVER this completed form before 5 pm on Friday, September 20, 2019. Deliver your completed form to Neighbor 2 Neighbor, 240 Great Circle Road, Suite 318, Nashville, TN 37228.