

## Team Rules

1. Each team will be assigned a space and number upon check in. These numbers will be kept confidential with the exception of the committee.
2. Chili MUST be cooked from scratch on site however, meat can be prepared prior to arrival.
3. Chili will be judged on the following categories: Good Flavoring, Texture, Consistency, Aroma and Color (does not have to be traditional chili, all flavors accepted)
4. In the event of a tie, the judges shall resample the tied chili and rescore. Once a tie breaker has been established the losing chili shall take the 2nd place spot and the 2nd place chili shall take the 3rd place spot.
5. Champs: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$250 and prime tent location for next year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$100, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$50. All placing chili teams will be awarded a trophy.
6. Items you should bring:
  - a. Tent (with anchors) Keep dimensions as close to 10'x10' as possible
  - b. Chairs
  - c. Heat source for chili (no electric)
  - d. Fire Pits optional (must be covered)
  - e. 6 gallons minimum of chili for judging and individual spectator sale
  - f. Tables
  - g. Ladle to serve chili (gloves will be provided)
  - h. Condiments such as cheese, crackers, onions (often times we get cheese and crackers donated but this is not a guarantee)
  - i. Meat thermometer (chili should reach 165 degrees prior to serving)
7. Items you may not bring:
  - a. Alcohol (other than for the Bloody Mary contest or as an ingredient in your chili)
  - b. No glass containers. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
  - c. Generators
8. Arrival and set up time is 7:00am to 9:00am
  - a. Cooking can begin after set up, but MUST begin no later than 8:00am
  - b. First round of judging will begin at 11:00am
  - c. Awards will begin between 2:30pm and 3:00pm

9. Raffles and games to raise funds in support of the Williamson County Heartland Rotary at your booth are acceptable. (Separate from theme donations contest, see item #13)
10. All teams will be provided with sample cups, spoons, gloves and napkins for individual chili samplers
11. Hotdogs, chips, and beverages such as soda and water will also be available for individual purchase.
12. Each team will be assigned a volunteer to help with the questions and special needs.
13. Each team theme will be judged by spectators. All teams will have a donation box at their tent and the team that makes the most donations will be the Tent Theme Champ! 1st place trophy will be awarded. Themes must be **Saturday Night Live (nothing inappropriate for children please)** related.
14. There will be a "People's Choice" award. Each person who purchases an armband will be given a People's Choice ballot to vote on your chili.
15. There is also a Most Money Raised award. This award speaks for itself and is based off of the most money raised at your tent. A trophy awarded for this prestigious honor.
16. Team will be responsible for cleanup of their areas after the event. This includes fire pits.
17. Team members will have to pay \$5 to sample the competitor's chili. Please keep your eyes open for those that you are serving that might not have an arm band. If one has not be purchased, please direct them to the admission table to purchase one.
18. Other activities: DJ Music in Motion, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Raffles, Bag Tournament, Bloody Mary Contest (see rules). Beer will be sold outside and alcoholic beverages are available for purchase inside of The Elks.
19. No outside raffles or sales unless proceeds are donated to the Williamson County Heartland Rotary.
20. Feel free to donate Silent Auction items or provide volunteers the day of the event.