



The Best of Virginia – In Orange

Chili Cookoff & Brewfest

Saturday, October 21, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Orange County Fair Grounds

ORANGE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Do you have the best Chili recipe in the state of Virginia? If you believe that you do, this is the event you have to participate in.

We anticipate as many as 3,000 guests and ask that you prepare a minimum of 5 gallons of your BEST CHILI. Three places will be awarded. 1st Place will be judged by a Professional Chef, 2nd & 3rd will be voted on by “ People’s Choice”. Cash prizes of \$100 - \$75 - \$50 will be awarded to the winners.

Amateur Chef Category

Please complete the registration portion below and return it along with your entry fee of \$20 to the Orange County Chamber of Commerce at the above address. All checks are to be made payable to the Orange County Chamber of Commerce. EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED 4 PEOPLE (2 team members will receive complimentary Tasting Tickets, the other 2 team members will receive non-tasting tickets with the option to upgrade for an additional \$10 each).

Name of Team _____

Name of Chef & Helpers (ONLY 4 PEOPLE) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Upgrading to Tasting Ticket (\$10 each) \$ _____

Application Agreement

Chefs will adhere to attached rules and regulations regarding competition. Signee holds OCCC's and Orange County Fair Association's officers, directors, sponsors, employees and agents, harmless from any and all debts, accounts, suites, cause of action, proceedings, claims, liabilities, demands, judgment, which may include, but are not limited to all costs, expenses, damages and attorney's fees, arising out of participation in the event.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Voting will be by “People’s Choice”

Rules for Chili Cook Off:

1. Teams to consist of no more than 1 cook and 3 helpers. Teams are not allowed to have anyone else under their tent/table area. Family and friends will not be allowed to enter the grounds until the festival opens at 11:00 a.m.
2. All participants are to provide their own 10 X 10 tent *they must be anchored down to prevent them from blowing over*. They must also provide a work table, hand wash station, dish washing and a sanitation station as required by the Virginia Department of Health. They also must provide adequate equipment to maintain cold foods cold and hot foods hot for the entire duration of the festival. Floor covering must be provided unless set up on concrete, pavement, or thick lawn or grass. Contact the Orange County Health Department at 540-672-0223 or email marta.segarra@vdh.virginia.gov for more information on Health Department requirements. Amateur teams will need a temporary permit from the Health Dept. in advance, this is free of charge for Orange county residents.
3. Each team will be required to produce **5 gallons** of chili for tastings. The Chamber will provide tasting cups and spoons, ballots and ballot boxes. Professional teams may produce extra chili to be sold.
4. Chili must be prepared on site. Only Professional Teams may pre-soak beans and premix sauce at their permitted kitchens. Amateurs must do **all** the food preparation and cooking onsite. All food must be from an approved source. All meat must come from or be processed by a licensed dept. or butcher.
5. Entry Deadline is Friday, September 23, 2017.
6. Entry fees are to made payable to *Orange County Chamber of Commerce*.
7. Teams to furnish:
 - a. Non-electrical cooking apparatus (i.e. Coleman stove, charcoal grill, pots and utensils)
 - b. Coolers with ice or refrigerated units
 - c. Non-copper cooking pots with lids, non-copper cooking utensils
 - d. Hair control device (i.e. hats or nets)
 - e. Banners, signs, appropriate and unique setups. We encourage you to display a list of ingredients in case of any food allergies.
8. All teams must have proof of age to receive beer from any of the participating Breweries or the beer garden.
9. All teams must regularly wash hands and abide by the Department of Health Regulations regarding food preparation.
10. Teams are allowed on grounds for set up at 6:00 a.m. and should be ready for inspection by the Health Department by 6:30 a.m. Tastings begin at 11:00 a.m. We ask that you do not break down until the festival ends.
11. 2nd and 3rd places for Amateur Chili will be judged on the following & will carry a cash prize of \$75 & \$50:
 - a. Chili should have a unique name 1 – 10 points
 - b. Meat or vegetables, beans, spices, texture and overall quality 1 – 10 points awarded for each
 - c. *A separate category for **BEST DISPLACE** will have its own prize*. Judges will be looking for a sign with the name of the chili, a theme that runs throughout and is the presentation fun and eye catching.
12. 1st place Amateur Chef will be judged by a Professional Chef and will carry a cash prize of \$100.
13. Professional Teams will be judged by People’s Choice (scoring based on 11 a – c).
14. **No vehicles will be permitted in festival area until after 6:00 p.m.**

Any questions are to be directed to the Orange County Chamber of Commerce at 540-672-5216.

