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HANOVER'S ULTIMATE CHILI CHALLENGE COMMERCIAL DIVISION

September 3, 2023, 11:00am - 5:00 pm (Rain or Shine)

27th ANNUAL HANOVER CHILI COOK OFF

The Hanover Chili Cook Off is proud to announce the continuance of the ULTIMATE CHILI CHALLENGE to the competition schedule for the 27th Annual Cook Off. Are you ready to enter your famous establishment's chili into this year's competitive event? Get ready and compete for your eternal fame and glory in the local chili arena located on Moul Field.

There is **No Entry Fee**, just bring samples for our crowd to taste and promote your brand of chili!

Please complete this form and return it to reserve your 12' X 15' cooking / display space. We request you to bring a minimum of **10** gallons of chili for public sampling for this event. We have thousands of chili fans waiting in line to just get a taste of your winning chili! Remember, **MORE SAMPLES = MORE VOTES!**

You may decorate your space and brand it any way you wish! Give away items and coupons may be used to sway **public voting dollars** at the event and you can start collecting votes anytime you wish. Chili can be prepared in advance, with safe food handling procedures in place.

There is no electricity in the field and portable generators are not permitted. Like your establishment, no outside alcohol is allowed, you will be given beer tickets for your team. There is potable water onsite. Please bring your own tent, tables & chairs. They are no longer donated. All cooking & serving equipment is your responsibility but sampling soufflé cups, spoons & napkins are provided. There is drive-in access to the competition field but your vehicles must be outside the gates by 9:00 am (no exceptions).

Judging will be based on the public dollar votes collected (60%), you are encouraged to collect pre-event votes, and taste judging by Committee members (40%). The Champions Trophy will be yours to display until the 28th Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off on September 1, 2024. Sixteen ounces (16 oz.) of chili will be required for judging. Turn-in for judging is at 11:00 am.

You are encouraged to enter the PA Keystone Cup Open Chili competition and the ICS Chili competitions as well; separate entry information will be sent upon your request.

THANK YOU for supporting this event in raising funds for nonprofits in the Hanover community.

TEAM NAME: _____

PLEASE PRINT

HEAD COOK: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE #: _____ **NUMBER ON TEAM:** _____

Please return this form to: Hanover Borough Office (Dorrie Felix), 44 Frederick St, Hanover, PA 17331
Or email it to: HanoverCookOff@yahoo.com

* **NO BEER OR ALCHOLOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE COOK OFF GROUNDS.** Be prepared to have your coolers and all containers inspected. This is a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**, should beer or other alcohol be found in your booth, your booth will be shut down and all on the cooking team will be escorted from the grounds until the end of the Cook Off. Each cook will be provided with complimentary tickets for beverages. Everyone will need to show a valid photo ID to get your wrist band. You will need a wrist band to order any adult beverage. Please make sure your entire team understands this policy and **has valid photo ID on them at the Cook Off.** As in years past, undercover agents from PA Liquor Control are expected to be on hand, you do not want to be responsible for the Cook Off event being closed down.

* This is an independent fundraiser for local non-profit organizations. ALL funds collected become part of the Cook Off donation pool. **NO** food, beverage or merchandise sales will be permitted without prior written approval of the Cook Off Committee. If you use these sales as part of your Good Samaritan Collection, your request *will be approved* but please send notice so an "Approved Vendor" sign can be posted on your booth. Commercial vendors will be contracted solely at the discretion of the organizing Committee.

* The mandatory cooks meeting to review the day and distribute competition entry cups will be held at 9:00 am at the Judging Tent. One representative per team will be required to attend. Cooks complimentary T-shirts and beverage tickets will be distributed at this meeting.

* Please have your booth set up and vehicles off of the field grounds by 9:00 am on the day of the Cook Off. **No vehicles, campers, or RVs** will be allowed on the field after 9:00 am during the Cook Off.

* The field can be available for booth set up on Saturday, September 2nd from 3 to 7 pm with prior Cook Off approval. Send request to: HanoverCookOff@yahoo.com before August 30th. Please keep your booth within the 12' face x 15' deep marked space.

* For safety reasons, chili with any seafood, peanuts or any other allergen content, must be **Clearly Posted**.

* Potable fresh water and sanitization solution tablets will be available.

* Electricity is not available and portable generators are prohibited in the Cook Off field.

* We will have volunteers check and replenish your supply of trash bags, spoons, cups & napkins throughout the event. Should you need more before we can get to you, the supply will be available at the Judging Tent.

* Please "police" your area for trash and separate all recyclable materials into separate bags. Recycling and trash control will be part of the judging criteria for the Showmanship Award. Additional trash and recycling bags will be placed in your booth and are available at the Volunteer Tent.

* Please spread the word to leave all pets at home. We can no longer allow them on the field.

* This will be a Cash Only Event. We will have an ATM on site.

* Please ensure that safe food handling procedures are followed at all times before and during the event.

COOKING BOOTH REQUIREMENTS

- * Surface sanitizing wipes
- * Hand sanitizer dispenser
- * Food service gloves
- * A-B-C rated fire extinguisher
- * Cooking thermometer of appropriate size
- * The Hanover Fire Department will check all stoves & fire extinguishers

Thank you for your support and Good Luck!!

Waver of Liability: In consideration of accepting this entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Hanover Chili Cook Off, the Borough of Hanover, the ICS, or any individual or group responsible for the organization or management of the Hanover Chili Cook Off. I hereby grant permission to the Hanover Chili Cook Off Committee and or/agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings and any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Hanover Chili Cook Off and the International Chili Society.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____