



## NEW for 2023

**EVENT FIELD:** Location **Moul Field, 151 Moul Ave. Hanover, PA 17331.**

**ICS QUALIFICATION:** This event will be an automatic qualifier for the **2024 ICS World Championship Chili Cook Off!**

**ICS MEMBERSHIP FEE:** We no longer process ICS applications. All ICS cooks must pre-register through the ICS website: [www.CHILICOOKOFF.COM](http://www.CHILICOOKOFF.COM) See page five for pricing. It's cheaper than you think! Watch out 2024 World Championship Cook Off!

**ENTRY FEES:** (Choose One)

☐ Each cook is required to bring at least **3** gallons of People's Choice (PC) chili and pay all entry fees

*Or*

☐ Each cook is required to bring at least **6** gallons of People's Choice (PC) chili and all ICS chili entry fees are waived. \*Quantities will be verified by Cook Off Officials

\*We are asking if cooks could bring 10-15 gallons of PC chili this year. Last year we ran out of public sampling chili within the first few hours. To note: the more chili you have for people to sample the greater your chances for winning the Last Cook Standing, People's Choice (PC) and Good Samaritan Awards. (You will not be turned away if you don't bring 10 gallons of chili. You are just required to bring 3 or 6 gallons as stated above.)

**OPEN CHILI is OPEN to ALL COOKS:** Our **Open Chili** competition will be open to **all cooks** this year. It will still be called the PA Keystone Cup Chili Competition, since it is won in PA. Cash awards and trophies are awarded to the winners. There is a \$25.00 entry fee. This fee is waived when included with an ICS Red Chili entry by **PA** residents only.

**YOUTH COOK OFF:** Ghon Eckley Memorial Youth Cook Off is for cooks ages 6-17 years of age. The chili is judged based on ICS Traditional Homestyle Chili standards. Parents, please email [hanovercookoff@yahoo.com](mailto:hanovercookoff@yahoo.com) to register your youth for the Cook Off. Youth ICS entry form is attached. No ICS membership is required.

**FOOD HANDLING SAFETY:** All team members serving chili must wear protective gloves and a head covering.

**TENT, TABLES & CHAIRS:** Please bring your own tent, tables & chairs as needed. They are no longer being donated.

**STOVE SAFETY:** Members of the Hanover Fire Department will be inspecting stoves, fire extinguishers and gas canisters in every cook and commercial food vendor booth. Due to public safety concern, **this is mandatory.**

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE VOTING:** We will vote with entry ticket.



E-mail: [HanoverCookOff@yahoo.com](mailto:HanoverCookOff@yahoo.com)  
Web site: [www.Hanoverchilicookoff.com](http://www.Hanoverchilicookoff.com)

## Welcome Chili Cook,

The Cook Off Committee has been busy planning the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off on Labor Day Sunday, September 3, 2023. We are working to create an event that is enjoyable for all. Our goal is to again break the \$65,000 level for donations from this community fund raising event! Our judging affiliation will remain with the International Chili Society (ICS) which allows us to offer cash awards to all of our competition winners as **Pennsylvania State Champions!**

To enter any ICS competition, you must be a member of the ICS. The winner of each ICS category earns the right to represent Pennsylvania at the 2024 World Championship Chili Cook Off! Visit the ICS at, [www.chilicookoff.com](http://www.chilicookoff.com) for WCCC details and recipes for past winning Red Chili, Chili Verde and Homestyle Chili.

- ★ **All competition chili (ICS Red, ICS Homestyle Chili, Chili Verde, Youth & PA Keystone Cup Open Chili) must be made on site during the designated cooking times. ICS rules stipulate a three (3) hour cook time for competition chili.**
- ★ Please send all communications about the cook off should to: **[hanovercookoff@yahoo.com](mailto:hanovercookoff@yahoo.com)**.
- ★ **People's Choice (PC)** voting (entry ticket) and **Good Samaritan** voting (cash) will be conducted with separate collections and awards. Please see below for more information.
  - ❖ People's Choice (PC) Chili for public sampling may be made prior to the event. Please ensure you always use safe food handling procedures.
- ★ **We ask ALL cooks to please bring at least 10 - 15 gallons of chili for public samples.** With around 10,000 chili fans through the gate, every taste helps feed the masses! This could also help increase your odds on winning the Last Cook Standing and People's Choice Award! More chili can equal more votes!!
- ★ Sales of food, soda, water or any items are prohibited without prior written permission from the Cook Off Committee. If you have used these sales as part of your **Good Samaritan Collection**, your request *will be approved* but please send notice so that an "**Approved Vendor**" sign can be posted on your booth. Commercial vendors will be contracted solely at the discretion of the Cook Off Committee.
- ★ **No pets, campers, RVs or electric generators** will be allowed on the field during the Cook Off.
- ★ **NO outside alcohol may be brought into the Cook Off grounds.** This is a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**. Please make sure your entire team understands this policy. If you pre-register, your team will be allocated drink tickets. **EVERYONE must show a valid photo ID to receive a wristband and be served alcohol at the Cook Off.**
- ★ Please be prepared to have your coolers and all containers inspected by Cook Off security team.
- ★ If you or anyone on your Team is on Facebook, please "**like**" the **Hanover Chili Cook Off**. Let's get the word out to make this another GREAT event for all!!

★ **All funds** collected for or raised at the cook off will be added to the donation pool administered by the cook off committee. This is a significant fundraising event for our nonprofit organizations. These funds will be donated to many local charities.

**Last year's donations went to:**

- Black Rose Rollers
- Boy Scout Troop #107
- Exchange Club of Hanover
- Friends of Codorus
- Guthrie Memorial Library
- Hanover Area Fire & Rescue
- Hanover Area Jaycees
- Veteran's Matter
- VFW Post #2506
- Young Marines

**\*Your cook off entry forms are included with this message. A confirmation message with complete Hanover Chili Cook Off rules and discount coupons will be sent when your paid entry is received.**

The organizing committee THANKS you for your support and participation in The Hanover Chili Cook Off. This is a great social event for our community and we are glad to have you be a part of it this year! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us on [hanovercookoff@yahoo.com](mailto:hanovercookoff@yahoo.com).

Thank you,  
The Hanover Chili Cook Off Committee, 2023



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Web site: [www.Hanoverchilicookoff.com](http://www.Hanoverchilicookoff.com)

## Competitions at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off The 2023 ICS PA State Championship Chili Cook Off

**ICS RED CHILI, The PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Traditional RED CHILI is defined by ICS as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, other spices and other ingredients with the exception of beans and pasta which are strictly forbidden. **Chili must be made on site within the 3-hour cooking period.** Judging will be based on the following six criteria:

**Flavoring** – Chili should have good flavor with distinct chili pepper taste that is neither too hot nor too mild. The chili pepper taste should be obvious as well as balanced.

**Texture** – The texture of any meat, bean or veggie should not be too tough or too mushy. If they are, they have most likely been undercooked, overcooked, cooked too quickly or possibly over-marinated. Cut, size or shape of the ingredients should not be a consideration.

**Consistency** – The consistency of chili “gravy” should not be too thick nor too thin. Its texture should be a smooth mixture of ingredients and gravy, and never overly lumpy or overly dry.

**Spices** – Spices and herbs make an important contribution to the chili’s final flavor. They should permeate and accentuate the ingredients but should not overpower the overall flavor.

**Aroma** – The smell should be pleasing. A pleasing smell usually indicates the ingredients are properly cooked, well-combined and balanced.

**Color** – A reddish-brown hue is typically most desirable for any category using red chili peppers. A true-green hue is typically most desirable for Chili Verde. Color can vary considerably.

**AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$1,250.00, Trophy and Entry into the 2024 World Championship Chili Cook Off  
2<sup>nd</sup> \$500.00 plus Trophy  
3<sup>rd</sup> \$300.00 plus Trophy  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Trophy

**COOKING PERIOD:** Stove light at 12:00 noon. Turn in at 3:00 pm

**ICS CHILI VERDE, The PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** CHILI VERDE is defined by ICS as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with green chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients with the exception of beans and pasta which are strictly forbidden. **Chili must be made on site within the 3-hour cooking period.**

**AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$500.00, Trophy and Entry into the 2024 World Championship Cook Off  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Trophy

**COOKING PERIOD:** Stove light at 10:30. Turn in at 1:30.

**ICS SALSA, The PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** While no set of ingredients is required for the preparation of salsa, it should contain chiles. Other vegetable, fruit, spice and herb ingredients may be added at the cook’s discretion. Salsa MUST be homemade. Commercial salsa will not be accepted. Salsa may be prepared ahead of time or on site.

**AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$500.00, Trophy and Entry into the 2024 World Championship Chili Cook Off  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Trophy

**TURN IN AT:** 11:30 am

**NEW!**

**OPEN CHILI - The PA Keystone Cup Chili Competition:** Aroma, consistency and taste are the three primary components for this chili competition. Just about anything can be called chili, Red or Verde. A blend of meat with beans, vegetables or pasta is what the judges will be expecting. Chili **must be made on site and have beans, pasta or other ingredients** to distinguish the entry from ICS Red Chili or Chili Verde. Open to **All Cooks!**

**AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$1,250.00 plus Trophy  
2<sup>nd</sup> \$500.00 plus Trophy  
3<sup>rd</sup> \$300.00 plus Trophy  
4<sup>th</sup> \$250.00 plus Trophy  
5<sup>th</sup> \$200.00 plus Trophy  
6<sup>th</sup> \$100.00 plus Trophy  
7<sup>th</sup> \$50.00 plus Trophy  
8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Trophy

**COOKING PERIOD:** Begin as soon as your kitchen is prepared. Turn in at 12:00 noon.

**PEOPLES CHOICE (PC) AWARD:** = The PUBLIC votes with the ENTRY TICKETS

**GOOD SAMARITAN (GS) AWARD:** = The PUBLIC votes by CASH DONATIONS

These are a combination of chili flavor, friendliness of staff and presentation at your chili-cooking booth. Patrons will vote with cash donations or a ticket at their favorite booth. The more chili you bring for people to sample, the more chances you have to earn more votes! We recommend that you prepare to cook at least 10 - 15 gallons of sample chili to increase your chances for this award! **Each category above will be counted and awarded separately!**

**AWARDS:** (PC) Trophy and Complimentary entry into 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off, September 1, 2024

(GS) Trophy and Complimentary entry into 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off, September 1, 2024

**LAST COOK STANDING:** \$50.00 awarded to all Cooks continuing to serve chili to the public up until 4:00 pm. Must be serving to our chili fans all day. One lucky drawing winner will be awarded a complimentary entry into the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off on September 1, 2024 and an additional \$50.00 award!

**AWARDS:** \$50.00 to each cooks continuing to serve chili to public up until 4pm.

**WINNER:** Another \$50.00 Complimentary entry into 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off, September 1, 2024

**SHOWMANSHIP AWARD:** To be judged by Committee members and volunteers. Booth presentation along with litter control will be keys. Details with your entry confirmation.

**AWARD:** \$250.00 plus Trophy.

**VISIT: [CHILICOOKOFF.COM](http://CHILICOOKOFF.COM) AND JOIN ONLINE**

**Hanover will no longer process ICS application fees! You must visit [chilicookoff.com](http://chilicookoff.com) to process your membership!**

<p>1 COOK-OFF</p> <p><b>\$10</b></p> <p>PER ADULT COOK</p> <p>Cook at 1 cook-off within 1 Year from Sign-up</p> <p><a href="#">Join Now</a></p>	<p>ANNUAL UNLIMITED</p> <p><b>\$45</b></p> <p>PER ADULT COOK</p> <p>Cook at Unlimited Cook-offs within 1 Year from Sign-up</p> <p><a href="#">Join Now</a></p>	<p>3 COOK-OFFS</p> <p><b>\$25</b></p> <p>PER ADULT COOK</p> <p>Cook at 3 Cook-offs within 1 Year from Sign-up</p> <p><a href="#">Join Now</a></p>
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**ICS Contestant rules available in a separate file upon request or at [chilicookoff.com](http://chilicookoff.com).**



E-mail: HanoverCookoff@yahoo.com  
Web site: www.Hanoverchilicookoff.com

**ICS PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS &  
PA KEYSTONE CUP OPEN CHILI COOK OFF ENTRY FORM**  
**September 3, 2023, 11am-5pm, (Rain or Shine)**  
**27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HANOVER CHILI COOK OFF**  
**151 Moul Ave, Hanover PA 17331**

Thank you for entering this year's competition! Please complete this form & return it, with your payment, to the below address. Pre-registering will reserve your 12' X 15' cooking area with special parking. If possible, we are asking you to bring 10-15 gallons of PC chili for public sampling. We have a large following & they love your chili! Your food donations help raise funds for many local, nonprofit, organizations. Thank you for helping make this event a success!

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT

**HEAD COOK:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SHIRT SIZE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(S - 4XL)

**ICS MEMBER #** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NUMBER ON TEAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MARK COMPETITIONS YOU WILL ENTER**

**ENTRY FEES** (If you are claiming the **6 gal. fee waiver**, Please CHECK HERE ☐)

**ICS Red Chili: Fee \$35.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**ICS Salsa: Fee \$25.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**PA Open Chili: Fee \$25.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**ICS Chili Verde: Fee \$25.00** \_\_\_\_\_

(Included with PA Resident ICS Red Chili entry)



**Please fill out and sent payments to:** Guthrie Memorial Library/Hanover Chili Cook Off  
44 Frederick St.  
Hanover PA 17331

**NOTE:** • All ICS competitions *require* ICS membership.

- Cooks that pre-register by August 15, 2023 are guaranteed a Cook Off T- shirt, beverage tickets and special parking privileges. (You don't want to miss this!)

**Total enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the official rules of the Hanover Chili Cook Off and International Chili Society.



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Web site: www.Hanoverchilicookoff.com

**YOUTH ICS CHILI COOK OFF ENTRY FORM**  
**(GHON ECKLEY MEMORIAL)**  
**September 3, 2023, 11am - 5pm (Rain or Shine)**  
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Thank you for entering this year's competition! Please complete this form & return it, with your payment, to the below address. Pre-registering by August 15, 2023 will reserve your 12' X 15' cooking area along with special parking. This event is to memorialize our late Chief Judge and Friend, Ghon Eckley, in this ICS Youth Red Chili Cooking Competition.

Send form & payment to: **Guthrie Memorial Library/Hanover Chili Cook Off**  
**44 Frederick Street**  
**Hanover PA 17331**

**Highlights:**

- Youth ICS Membership is NOT required
- Chili Cook must be 6 - 17 years of age to enter.
- Chili will be judged with ICS Traditional Red Chili standards, see attached page.
- Each Cook must have an adult Supervisor.
- Youth Cooks must do all prep and chili cooking activities.
- Adult may assist with moving pots of hot material & managing burner.
- Stove light at 12:15 pm.
- Turn in time: 3:15 pm.
- Winner will be announced at 4:30 pm from main stage.
- Winner will receive a cash award, trophy, and become an automatic qualifier for the 2024 World Championship Chili Cook Off!
- Let's have some FUN!

**Thank you and Good Luck!**

**Entry Fee \$10.00**      Received by Cash: \_\_\_\_\_      Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH COOK:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT**

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERVISING ADULT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADULT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_





## COOK'S TIME LINE

**6:00** - Open for Arrival and Set up

**8:00** - Cooks Meeting at Judging Tent  
(Pre-registered Cooks will pick up beverage tickets and a T-shirt)

**9:00** - Stove inspections by Hanover Fire Department  
- PA Keystone Cup Open Chili stove light

**10:30** - ICS Chili Verde stove light

**11:00** - Admission gates open to public  
- Chili Challenge – **Commercial Division** turn in

**11:30** - ICS **Salsa** turn-in

**12:00** - ICS Red Chili stove light  
- **Open** Chili turn-in

**12:15** - ICS Youth (Ghon Eckley Memorial) Chili stove light

**1:30** - ICS Chili **Verde** turn-in

**3:00** - ICS **Red** Chili turn-in

**3:15** - ICS **Youth** Chili turn-in

**4:30** - **Awards ceremony at stage**

**5:00** - Gates Close & beer taps turned off until the next year





**Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission**  
**Fire Chief's Office**  
228 High Street  
PO Box 1292  
Hanover, PA 17331



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Hanover Chili Cook-Off Vendors

**FROM:** Anthony Clouser, Fire Chief

**DATE:** 22 May 2023

**RE:** Fire & Gas Leak Inspections, Extinguishers needed

Vendors & Participants,

Thank you for your interest in the annual chili cook-off. This annual event is always a very successful fundraiser that benefits organizations within our community.

In an effort to protect the public, as well as your staff, the Fire Department conducts fire inspections and gas leak detection at all public events that include food trucks/food trailers and other food vendors. This is our standard practice for all public events. There is no charge to you for the inspection.

**CHILI COOKS & FOOD VENDORS:**

An officer of the Fire Department, with ID, will stop by your space prior to the opening of the event. They will check any LP gas equipment for leaks using a combustible gas detection meter and ask to see your fire extinguisher. Please make sure it has been inspected & tagged within the last year. A single 5 lb. ABC type extinguisher is sufficient.

**FOOD TRUCKS & FOOD TRAILERS:**

Food Trucks & Food Trailers with cooking equipment that produce grease-laden vapors are now required by the International Fire Code to be equipped with a Type I Hood System with automatic fire extinguishing system. (Section 319.3 IFC 2018).

Food Truck & Food Trailers that use deep fryers are required by the International Fire Code to have a Class K – Rated fire extinguisher (1.5 gallon minimum) regardless of the presence of any other extinguishing system.

We ask that you check your equipment thoroughly prior to the event. If a leak is detected and cannot not be repaired on-site, that equipment will not be permitted to be used.

If anyone has any questions regarding these inspections, please contact me. My number and email are listed on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Clousher', written over a light gray rectangular background.

Anthony J. Clousher  
Fire Chief

Cc: Brenda Rigsby