



COMMERCIAL
CHILI CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM
28th ANNUAL HANOVER CHILI COOK OFF
September 1, 2024 11:00am - 5:00 pm (Rain or Shine)

Are you ready to enter your famous chili into this year's ultimate chili challenge, the Commercial Division? It's time to perfect your recipe and plan on feeding many chili heads. They come from all around just to get a taste of your winning chili! This is a great way to get free advertising for your business and gain new customers. You could also be recognized by winning one or more of the following categories: 2024 Commercial Chili Challenge, People's Choice and/or the Good Samaritan. All these awards will be granted on the day of the event located at 151 Moul Ave, Hanover PA 17331.

There is **No Entry Fee** for this challenge. We just ask if you can please bring a minimum of **20 - 30 gallons** of your famous chili for public sampling. Average attendance is around 5,000 chili fans and they love chili! Chili can be prepared in advance, with safe food handling procedures maintained at all times.

Each contestant will receive a 12'x18' cooking/display area. Please bring all your own cooking and serving equipment along with your own tent, tables and chairs. We will provide 2oz sampling cups, spoons & napkins. There is drive-in access to the competition field but your vehicles must be outside the gates by 9:00 am (no exceptions). There is no electricity in the field and portable generators are not permitted. Only propane stoves are allowed, no bbq, etc. Fuel must be the "single use" small canisters.

Please feel free to go crazy and decorate your space! You can brand it any way you wish! Give away items and coupons may be used to sway the public voting dollars at the event. You can start collecting votes anytime. Judging will be based on the following two criteria: **60%** is **Public Dollars** collected - You may collect pre-event votes, in cook-off collection container, to gain an edge on the competition and advertise for this charity event. The other **40%** is **Judging Chili - 16 oz.** of chili will be required for judging. **Note:** Turn in time for judging is **11:00am** at the Judge's Tent.

Remember, **MORE CHILI SAMPLES = MORE VOTES TO WIN!**

YOU CAN ALSO WIN!

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD: CASH awards given to **1st** (\$300), **2nd** (\$150) & **3rd** (\$50) place winners!

GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD: CASH award given to **1st** winner **only!** Receive **10%** of **ALL** Good Samaritan money collected at 4pm. This can **REALLY** add up!

You are also welcome to enter one of the four International Chili Society Chili competitions. If interested please let us know and we will send you the require entry information and forms.

TEAM NAME: _____ **CHILI NAME:** _____
PLEASE PRINT

HEAD COOK NAME: _____ **SHIRT SIZE:** _____ (S - 4XL)

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____ **Cell #:** _____

ON TEAM: _____ **TEAM MEMBER NAMES:** _____ / _____
(6 Free Team Members)

*Each cooking team is allowed **six** team members in for FREE. Anyone over that will be charged a \$10 admission fee.

Please return form to: Hanover Borough Office (Dorrie Felix), 44 Frederick St, Hanover, PA 17331
Or email it to: HanoverCookOff@yahoo.com by **August 1, 2024**

* **NO ALCOHOL 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 8:00 am at the Judging Tent. One representative per team will be required to attend. Cooks that pre-register will receive one complimentary T-shirt and up to six beverage tickets 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, August 31st from 3 to 7 pm with prior approval. Please send request to: HanoverCookOff@yahoo.com before August 28th. Please keep your booth within the 12' x 18' area.

* 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 not allowed 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.

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

* If you are interested in additional marketing for your business and feeling the joy of helping other, please complete this form and return it by **August 1, 2024**. This completed form will reserve your **12' X 20'** cooking and display space

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 & 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:** _____

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