



**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HANOVER CHILI COOK OFF**  
**INTERNATIONAL CHILI SOCIETY (ICS)**  
**PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**September 1, 2024, 11am - 5pm (Rain or Shine)**  
**HIGHLIGHTS & ENTRY FORMS**

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

**ICS QUALIFICATION:** This event is an automatic qualifier for the **2025 ICS World Championship Chili Cook Off!**

**ICS MEMBERSHIP:** **ALL** cooks entering in the ICS competitions must be an ICS member. If you are already an ICS member, please **pre-register** for this event at [www.CHILICOOKOFF.COM](http://www.CHILICOOKOFF.COM) (See page 5 for pricing.)

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE CHILI:** (Please see attached entry forms for entry fees.)

Each cook is required to bring at least **4** gallons of People's Choice (PC) chili and pay all entry fees

Or

Each cook is required to bring at least **8** gallons of People's Choice (PC) chili and ALL ICS chili entry fees are waived. \*Quantities will be verified by Cook Off Officials

\*If you are able, we are asking you to please bring **10 -15 gallons** of **PC chili** to help feed the large following of **chili fans**. To help you with the cost of this, we have some **CASH** awards! We will payout the top three PC Chili winners, give **\$50.00** to ALL cooks serving chili all day up until 4pm and then enter those cooks into a raffle for one to win another **\$50.00!** The Hanover Chili Cook Off has thousands of fans that comes every year to get a sample of your award-winning chili! Last year we had such a great turn out that we ran out of PC chili within the first few hours. **Side Note:** The more chili you have for people to sample the greater your chances for winning the Last Cook Standing and the People's Choice (PC) Awards. (You will not be turned away if you don't bring 10-15 gallons of chili. You are just required to bring 4 or 8 gallons as stated above. Any contribution you bring is **Greatly Appreciated.**)

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

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

**YOUTH COOK OFF:** Ghon Eckley Memorial Youth Cook Off is for cooks ages 6-17 years of age. This year there is **No entry fee** and **No ICS membership** is required for this competition. This is in efforts to help grow the food sport of ICS. The youth chili is judged based on the **ICS Traditional Red Chili standards**. Parents, please email the attached Youth Entry form to [hanovercookoff@yahoo.com](mailto:hanovercookoff@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support!

**SET UP AVAILABLE UPON APPROVAL:** The field will be available for booth set up on Saturday, **August 31<sup>st</sup>** between 3:00–7:00pm with **prior** approval. Please email your request to [hanovercookoff@yahoo.com](mailto:hanovercookoff@yahoo.com). You can also set up September 1<sup>st</sup> between 6 am - 8 am. Reminder, booth must be kept in the 12' face x 18' deep area.

**CANOPY, TABLES & CHAIRS:** Please bring your own canopy, tables, chairs and supplies as needed.

**FOOD HANDLING SAFETY:** Members serving chili must wear protective gloves & a head/beard covering.

**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. This is mandatory due to safety.

**SHOWMANSHIP AWARD:** You must **pre-register to win**. Please let **Robin McCulley** in the Judge's tent know **prior** to the **8:00am** cook's meeting, if you want to be entered into the Showmanship Award. What a great way to win an extra \$250.00 for having fun and making your booth stand out! Below are the six judging criteria:

**Theme                      Costume                      Booth set up                      Interaction with Public                      Litter control and recycling**

**WINNER** receives **\$250** in **CASH!**



## Welcome Chili Cook,

We are excited to have you join us at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off on September 1, 2024, Labor Day Sunday. Our judging affiliation will remain with the International Chili Society (ICS). This allows us to offer CASH awards to our competition winners as **PA 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 2025 World Championship Chili Cook Off! Please visit ICS at, [www.chilicookoff.com](http://www.chilicookoff.com) for World Championship Chili Cook-Off details and recipes for past winning Chilis.

**\*Our local cook off entry forms are included** with this message. Please fill it out and send it back with payment. Once we receive paid entry, a confirmation message will be emailed to you with complete Hanover Chili Cook Off rules and discount coupons.

★ **All ICS competition chili** (Traditional Red, Homestyle, Youth, Verde, & Veggie) **must be made on site during** the designated cooking times. ICS rules state a three hour cook time for competition chili.

★ Please send all communications about the cook off 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 prepared prior to the event. Please ensure you use safe food handling procedures at all times.

★ 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 are on **Facebook**, please "**like**" and **follow** the **Hanover Chili Cook Off**. We put good information on there and it's a good way to help promote the event! Promote the Event to Promote YOU and your chili!

★ **All funds** collected for or raised at the cook off will be donated to local charities. Please see below for last year's beneficiaries.

-Boy Scout Troop #107

-Friends of Codorus

-Veteran's Matter

-Exchange Club of Hanover

-Guthrie Memorial Library

-VFW Post #2506

-Young Marines

-Hanover Area Fire & Rescue

-Local Food Banks

Our 2024 organizing committee **Thanks You** for your **support** and **participation** in The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off. This is a **great social event** for our community and we are **excited** to have you be a part of it this year! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at [hanovercookoff@yahoo.com](mailto:hanovercookoff@yahoo.com).

**This year is going to be our BEST yet! We can't wait for you to see all the good stuff we have planned!**



# 28TH ANNUAL HANOVER CHILI COOK OFF

## The 2024 ICS PA State Championship Chili Cook Off



### Major Characteristics of Chili to Consider Are:

**Flavor:** Above all else, chili should taste good. Although individual tastes will vary, a really good taste will stand out. Chili must have a good chili pepper taste (not too hot, not too mild)

**Texture** of the meat should be tender but not broken down

**Consistency:** Chili should be a good meat and gravy consistency. Chili should not be dry, watery, grainy, lumpy, or greasy, just good and smooth.

**Blend of the 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.

**NEW!** **ICS HOMESTYLE CHILI, The PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Homestyle Chili is any kind of meat, or combination of meats, and/or vegetables cooked with beans, chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. Homestyle chili may be any color. Beans are required. Preference is not given to either cut, ground, shredded or cubed meat. Seafood is allowed. **Chili must be made on site within the 3-hour cooking period.**

**AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$1250.00, Trophy & Entry into 2025 World Championship Chili Cook Off  
2<sup>nd</sup> \$500.00 and Trophy  
3<sup>rd</sup> \$300.00 and Trophy

**COOKING PERIOD:** Stove Light at 9:30 am / Turn In at 12:30 pm

**ICS CHILI VERDE, The PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** "Chili Verde" is defined by the ICS as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with green chili peppers, various 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 & Entry into 2025 World Championship Cook Off  
2<sup>nd</sup> \$200.00 and Trophy  
3<sup>rd</sup> \$100.00 and Trophy

**COOKING PERIOD:** Stove Light at 11:00 am / Turn In at 2:00 pm

**NEW!** **ICS VEGGIE CHILI, The PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** "Veggie" is any kind of vegetable or combination of vegetables, cooked with chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. The use of meat and/or any meat by-product is not allowed. The use of soy and meatless "meat" substitutes is allowed. Veggie chili can be any color. Beans are allowed. **Chili must be made on site within the 2 1/2-hour cooking period.**

**AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$400.00, Trophy and Entry into the 2025 World Championship Cook Off  
2<sup>nd</sup> \$100.00 and Trophy  
3<sup>rd</sup> \$ 50.00 and Trophy

**COOKING PERIOD:** Stove Light at 9:00 am / Turn in at 11:30 pm

**ICS TRADITIONAL RED CHILI, The PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** "Traditional Red Chili" is defined by the ICS as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various 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> \$1,400.00, Trophy & Entry into 2025 World Championship Chili Cook Off  
2<sup>nd</sup> \$ 500.00 plus Trophy  
3<sup>rd</sup> \$ 300.00 plus Trophy

**COOKING PERIOD:** Stove Light at 12:30 pm / Turn In at 3:30 pm

**ICS YOUTH RED CHILI- (GHON ECKLEY MEMORIAL):** "Traditional Red Chili" for Youth is defined by the ICS as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various 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.** Turn in cup is 32oz. **Youth cooks must have adult supervision.**

**AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$250.00 plus Trophy. Qualifier for 2025 World Championship Cook Off.  
2<sup>nd</sup> \$100.00 plus Trophy  
3<sup>rd</sup> \$ 50.00 plus Trophy

**COOKING PERIOD:** Stove light at 12:45 pm / Turn In at 3:45 pm.

**PEOPLES CHOICE (PC) AWARD:** = The **PUBLIC** votes with their **ENTRY TICKETS** for their **BEST** chili.  
**Winner** = The Person / Team that collected the most **ENTRY TICKETS** for their PC Chili.

**GOOD SAMARITAN (GS) AWARD:** = The **PUBLIC** votes with **CASH DONATIONS** for their **BEST** chili.  
**Winner** = The Person / Team that raised the most money for Good Samaritan.

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!**

**PC AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$300.00 plus Trophy and a Complimentary entry for 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> \$150.00 plus Trophy  
3<sup>rd</sup> \$ 50.00 plus Trophy

**GS AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> = Wins **10%** of **ALL** money collected for Good Samaritan that day and a Complimentary entry for 2025

**LAST COOK STANDING:** Goes to EVERY chili cook that serve chili ALL day to the public up until 4:00 pm. One lucky cook will be a drawing winner and be awarded another **\$50.00** and a complimentary entry for 2025!

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

**WINNER:** Another **\$50.00** to drawing winner and Complimentary entry for 2025

**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.

**ICS Contestant rules available in a separate file upon request or at [chilicookoff.com](http://chilicookoff.com).**

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>Join Now</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>Join Now</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>Join Now</p>
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# INTERNATIONAL CHILI SOCIETY (ICS)

## PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM

September 1, 2024, 11am - 5pm (Rain or Shine)

## 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HANOVER CHILI COOK OFF

151 Moul Ave, Hanover PA 17331

**THANK YOU** for entering this year's exciting competition! We are honored to have you cook with us! As you might know, we have one of the largest fan followings and our attendees **LOVE** your chili! If possible, we ask if you could bring **10-15 gallons** of PC chili to the event. To help with this extra cost, we have added prize money to the top three PC winners. This is in addition to the **\$50.00** cash award to each last man standing (serving until 4pm) and another **\$50.00** award to the last man standing raffle winner. We are very grateful for all your chili donations and would like you to know a **100%** of proceeds go to local nonprofit organizations.

**To enter**, please complete this form & return it, with your payment, to the below address. **Pre-registering** will reserve your 12' X 18' cooking area, with close parking and a cook's bag. Thank you for donations to help make this event a huge success! We wish you the **BEST** in this and all your future competitions!

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

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

ICS MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_ CHILI NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER ON TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member Names: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(4 Free Team Members)

**PLEASE "X" ALL COMPETITIONS YOU WILL ENTER**

**ENTRY FEES** (If you are claiming the **8 gal. fee waiver**, Please CHECK HERE  )

ICS Red Chili: Fee \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ ICS Homestyle Chili: Fee \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

ICS Veggie Chili: Fee \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ ICS Chili Verde: Fee \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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



Please fill out & Send payment 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 9, 2024** are guaranteed a Cook Off T- shirt, beverage tickets and close parking privileges. (You don't want to miss this!)

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

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





# YOUTH ICS CHILI COOK OFF ENTRY FORM

(GHON ECKLEY MEMORIAL)

September 1, 2024, 11am - 5pm (Rain or Shine)

## 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HANOVER CHILI COOK OFF

151 Moul Ave, Hanover PA 17331

**THANK YOU** for entering this year's Ghon Eckley Memorial competition! This event is to memorialize our late Chief Judge and Friend, Ghon Eckley, in our ICS Youth Traditional Red Chili Cooking Competition. We are **THRILLED** to have you join us! This is your opportunity to show off your cooking talents and skills to our fellow chili lovers!

The "Traditional Red Chili" for Youth is defined by the ICS as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various 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.** Turn in cup is 32oz. **Each Youth cooks must have adult supervision.**

**AWARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$250.00 & Trophy. Qualifier for 2025 World Championship Cook Off.

2<sup>nd</sup> \$100.00 & Trophy

3<sup>rd</sup> \$ 50.00 & Trophy

**COOKING PERIOD:** Stove light at 12:45 pm / Turn In at 3:45 pm.

### Highlights:

- \$0 Entry Fee & Youth ICS Membership is **NOT** required
- Chili Cook must be 6 - 17 years of age to enter.
- Chili will be judged with the above **ICS Traditional Red Chili standards.**
- **Youth Cooks** must do **ALL prep** and chili **cooking** activities.
- Adult may assist with moving pots of hot material & managing burner.
- Winner will be announced at 4:30 pm from main stage.



\*Please pre-register by **August 9, 2024.** This will reserve your 12' X 18' cooking area along with a T-shirt, Rita's Ice ticket and special parking for one vehicle.

YOUTH COOK: \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PRINT YOUTH SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SHIRT SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILI NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(6 - 17 YRS OLD) (ADULT SIZE S - 2XL)

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

SUPERVISING ADULT: \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PRINT ADULT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER ON TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member Names: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(4 Free Team Members) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and mail to: Guthrie Memorial Library / Hanover Chili Cook Off  
44 Frederick St, Hanover, PA 17331  
Or email it to: [HanoverCookOff@yahoo.com](mailto:HanoverCookOff@yahoo.com) by **August 1, 2024**





# **INTERNATIONAL CHILI SOCIETY (ICS)**

## **Chili Cook's Time Line**

**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HANOVER CHILI COOK OFF**

**151 Moul Ave, Hanover PA 17331**

- 6:00** - Set up
- 7:45 - 8:00** - Cooks Meeting at Judging Tent (All cooks must attend)  
(Pre-registered Cooks pick up beverage tickets & One T-shirt)
- 9:00** - Stove inspections by Hanover Fire Department  
- VEGGIE Chili **Stove Light**
- 9:30** - HOMESTYLE Chili **Stove Light**
- 11:00** - Gates open to public  
- COMMERCIAL Chili Challenge **Turn-in**  
- Chili VERDE **Stove Light**
- 11:30** - VEGGIE Chili **Turn-in**
- 12:30** - HOMESTYLE Chili **Turn-in**  
- Traditional RED Chili **Stove Light**
- 12:45** - YOUTH RED Chili (Ghon Eckley Memorial) **Stove Light**
- 2:00** - Chili VERDE **Turn-in**
- 3:30** - Traditional RED Chili **Turn-in**
- 3:45** - YOUTH RED Chili **Turn-in**
- 4:30** - Awards Ceremony at Stage
- 5:00** - Gates close & beer taps turned off until the next year

