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Dear Chili Cook,

The Cook Off Committee is busy planning the 16th Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off on Labor Day Sunday, September 4, 2011. We are working to create an event that is enjoyable for all. Our goal is to break the \$50,000 level for donations! Our judging affiliation will remain with the International Chili Society (ICS) allowing us to offer cash awards to our competition winners as Pennsylvania State Champions! We have listened to Cook's feedback and some significant changes have been made to help you better enjoy the day and level the competitions!

Our Open Chili competition has been re-named **The PA Keystone Cup Chili Competition** and will be open to **PA RESIDENTS ONLY** with **larger cash awards** and a trophy "surprise." The entry fee will remain \$25.00 and will be included with an ICS Red Chili entry. However, to enter any ICS competition you must be a member of ICS, at \$50.00 annually and the fee for each entry category will be \$25.00. The winner of each ICS category earns an entry into the 2011 World's Championship Chili Cook Off to be held in Manchester, New Hampshire on September 30 to October 3, 2011. The first place prize for Red Chili at the ICS World's Championship is \$25,000! Visit the ICS website, www.chilicookoff.com, for details and recipes for past winning chilis.

- ★ **Only PA residents are eligible to compete for the PA Keystone Cup Open Chili prize.**
- ★ **Good Samaritan and Peoples Choice Awards will be conducted with SEPARATE COLLECTIONS AND AWARDS.**
 - ★ **Separate Good Samaritan Awards** will be presented for Individual and Sponsored / Corporate Teams.
- ★ The Guthrie Memorial Library, the Borough of Hanover and The H.A.R.T. Center are again in control of planning and running this year's Cook Off. All communications should be sent to our email box: hanovercookoff@yahoo.com or call Ron Bean at: 717-465-8935.
- ★ Chili for public sampling, or "throw down" chili, and **competition salsa** may be made in advance of the event. Each Cook is **requested** to have a minimum of 15 gallons of chili for public sampling. **All competition chili (ICS Red, Chili Verde and 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 review the time schedule below.
- ★ Local meat markets and grocery stores will again be offering a discount to Chili Cooks for chili meat and supplies.
- ★ 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 vehicles, pets, campers, RVs or electric generators** will be allowed on the field during the Cook Off.
- ★ **NO BEER OR ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE COOK OFF GROUNDS.** This is a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**. Please make sure your entire team understands this policy. Your team will be allocated tokens for beer and **"Cooks Only"** service lines will be set at each beer truck. Only tokens will be accepted this year! Each Team Member must have valid **photo ID at the Cook Off**.

The organizing Committee thanks you for your support and participation in The Hanover Chili Cook Off. This is a significant fundraising event for local nonprofit organizations and a great social event for our community. Lets all try to make it even better and "if you don't have fun on Cook Off Sunday, it's your own fault!"

Your Cook Off entry and ICS membership forms are attached to this message. A confirmation message with complete Hanover Chili Cook Off rules and discount coupons will be sent when your entry is received.

Thank you,

The Hanover Chili Cook Off Committee, 2011

Competitions at The 16th Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off

The 2011 ICS PA State Championship Chili Cook Off

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, but 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. This competition will be open to **PA RESIDENTS ONLY!**

AWARDS: 1st \$750.00 plus Trophy
2nd \$500.00 plus Trophy
3rd \$300.00 plus Trophy
4th \$250.00 plus Trophy
5th \$200.00 plus Trophy
6th \$100.00
7th \$50.00
8th to 10th Trophy

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

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**. Judging will be based on the following six criteria:

GOOD FLAVOR and chili pepper taste, not too hot, not too mild.

TEXTURE of the meat: not too tough or not too mushy.

CONSISTENCY: not too thick or not too thin.

BLEND OF THE SPICES and how well they have permeated the meat.

AROMA The chili should have a pleasing smell, usually a personal preference.

COLOR. The chili should look appetizing, with a rich reddish-brown color

AWARDS: 1st \$500.00, Trophy and Entry into the 2011 World Championship Chili Cook Off
2nd \$250.00 plus Trophy
3rd \$150.00 plus Trophy
4th and 5th 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**. Judging is the same as above.

AWARDS: 1st \$150.00, Trophy and Entry into the 2011 World Championship Chili Cook Off
2nd to 5th Trophy

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

ICS SALSA, The PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: What ever you call salsa *is* salsa. There are no strict rules, vegetables, fresh herbs, fruits or whatever the cook feels will taste good is allowed in this competition. Salsa for competition and public sampling may be prepared in advance of the Cook Off or prepared on site. Turn in at 11:00 am.

AWARDS: \$150.00, Trophy and Entry into the 2011 World Championship Chili Cook Off
2nd to 5th Trophy

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD = PUBLIC VOTES WITH TICKETS

GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD = 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 their ticket stub at their favorite booth. The more chili samples you have for those attending will increase your potential to earn donations. We recommend that you prepare to cook at least **20 to 30** gallons of sample chili to increase your chances for this award! **Each category will be counted and awarded separately!**

AWARDS: Trophy and Complimentary entry for 2012 Hanover Chili Cook Off. Separate Good Samaritan Awards will be presented to Individual and Sponsored Teams.

LAST COOK STANDING: \$25.00 entry fee reimbursed to all Cooks serving chili at 4:00 pm. One drawing winner will be awarded a complimentary entry into the 17th Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off in 2012.

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

AWARD: \$250.00 plus Trophy



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ICS PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP and PA KEYSTONE CUP OPEN CHILI COOK OFF

Sunday, September 4, 2011 at the
16th ANNUAL HANOVER CHILI COOK OFF

Please complete this form and return to the above address with the entry fees to reserve your 12 X 15 foot cooking space. A minimum of 20 gallons for public sampling is **requested** for this event.
Again, thank you for your continued support for this event and for our community.

The Hanover Chili Cook Off Committee

PLEASE PRINT

TEAM NAME: _____

HEAD COOK: _____

ICS MEMBER # (or application and fee) _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE #: _____

PLEASE CHECK COMPETITIONS YOU WILL ENTER

ICS Red Chili: Fee \$25.00 _____

ICS Chili Verde: Fee \$25.00 _____

ICS Salsa: Fee \$25.00 _____

NOTE: All ICS competitions require ICS membership!

Open Chili: Fee \$25.00 (Included with PA Resident ICS Red Chili entry) _____

ICS Membership: \$50.00 _____ (Application enclosed or Membership # above)

Total enclosed: \$ _____ (Make check payable to Guthrie Memorial Library / Hanover Chili Cook Off and return to the address above.)

Signature: _____

Check #: _____ Date Rcd: _____





One Year ICS Membership

Dear Folks at Chili Headquarters,

As a “true lover of chili” I want to become a “card carrying” member of the International Chili Society, and if accepted, agree to comply with the rules, regulations and by-laws. Enclosed is my check, money order or credit card information.

____ U.S. Resident: \$50.00
____ Canada/Mexico Resident: \$57.00 U.S.
____ Other International Resident: \$70.00 U.S. (Non U.S. Bank, please send Money Order)

Enclosed find \$ _____ Check _____ M. O. Membership # _____ for Renewal

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Chili Team Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State / Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____

**Make checks payable and mail to: International Chili Society
13938 Tiffany Pines Circle N.
Jacksonville, FL 32225-2577
Phone 877-777-4427 or 949-496-2651 • Fax 904-374-4704**

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION (If mailing to above ICS address only)

Name as it Appears on Card: _____

Amount \$ _____ MasterCard Visa American Express

Street Address (If different from above): _____

City: _____ State / Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature (as it appears on card): _____ Date: _____

ICS OFFICIAL CONTESTANT RULES & REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations for cooks at the World's Championship, State, Regional and District Cook offs are as follows:

1. Traditional Red Chili is defined by the International Chili Society 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.
2. Chili Verde is defined by the International Chili Society 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.
3. Salsa: there are no rules as to the ingredients or how to prepare your Salsa. It may be prepared at home and brought to the site that day, or it may be prepared at the Cook off.
4. No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the commencement of the official cook off. The only exceptions are canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, broth and grinding and/or mixing of spices. Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground. MEAT MAY NOT BE PRE-COOKED. All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period.
5. You must be an ACTIVE ICS member to compete in any ICS competition including Traditional Red Chili, Chili Verde, and Salsa. You must be at least 18 years old.
6. The cooking period will be a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 4 hours. The exact starting and ending of the cooking period is to be announced by each local sponsoring organization. Cooking during entire cooking period is at the sole discretion of the contestant.
7. A representative of the sponsoring organization shall conduct a contestant's meeting, at which time final instructions are to be given and questions answered, no later than 1 hour prior to the official starting time of the cook off.
8. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, etc. The sponsors of the cook off will provide an area for each contestant and in some instances stoves and/or electrical outlets.
9. Each contestant must cook a minimum of two quarts of competition chili prepared in one pot, which will be submitted for judging.
10. Contestants will be permitted to sell or participate in People's Choice Chili with the approval of the cook off chairperson and in compliance with State and local agencies. It is at the discretion of each contestant if he or she wants to participate in People's Choice, unless the sponsoring organization requires People's Choice Chili in lieu of the entry fee (2 gal maximum) or in addition to the entry fee (1 gal maximum) may be required, but cooks should not be limited to a specific amount. Contestants may elect to pay a cash entry fee rather than provide People's Choice Chili. PEOPLES CHOICE CHILI MUST HAVE BEANS OR PASTA.
11. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant's number by the Chief Scorekeeper and be given an official 32 oz. ICS judging cup. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their cup is the same as their assigned contestant number. Each contestant is responsible to deliver their cup, which must be filled to the bottom of the cup's rim, to the judging area at the official time for judging.
12. Judges will be told they should vote for the chili they like best based on the following major considerations: good flavor, texture of the meat, consistency, blend of spices, aroma, and color.
13. The decisions of the Chief Judge shall be final.

Rules and regulations specific to The Hanover Chili Cook Off will follow with your entry confirmation.