

## **Chili Cook-off**

### **Saturday, September 6, 2008**

This Chili Cook-off is a fund raiser for the Houston County High School Band. We hope to have a lot of fun and a lot of good chili.

**CHILI COOKED ON SITE** - All chili must be cooked from scratch on site the day of the cook-off. All chili must be prepared in the open (no cooking in motor homes etc.)

- a. **CHILI COOKED FROM SCRATCH** - "Scratch" is defined as starting with raw meat (meat must have a beginning temperature of no higher than 40 degrees), from an approved source. No marinating is allowed. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes (just add meat mixes that contain per measured spices) are not permitted. All ingredients must be checked in and approved upon entering the cooking area.
- b. **SANITATION** - Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary a manner as possible.
- c. **COOKING AREA** - Each cooking team will have a 10 feet by 10 feet area to prepare chili.

**INSPECTION OF COOKING CONDITIONS** - Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the head judge or his/her designee. (Failure to comply is subject to disqualification.)

**CHILI PER COOK** - Each head cook is responsible for preparing one or two pots of chili that he or she intends to be judged and turning in one judging cup from that pot. No more than two pots per cook. Each pot of chili will require a \$25.00 entry fee. No more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot.

**COOKS MUST SIGN NUMBER SLIPS** - Chili cooks must sign their secret number slips in ink with their first and last names at the time cups are issued. Winners will not be eligible if their secret numbers are unsigned when presented. NOTE: Cooks must present their signed secret numbers to win.

**PROTECT THE JUDGING CUP** - Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his or her judging cup. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the numbers on the outside of the cups. Any marked or altered cup must be replaced prior to turn-in or it will be disqualified.

**FILLING THE CUPS** - All judging a committee member will fill cups for turn-in. Cups will be filled - full 1 inch from the top.

**CHILI TURN-IN** - Chili will be turned in at the place and time designated at the cook's meeting or as otherwise designed by the head judge. Entry and set-up will begin at 8:00 am and continue until 9:00 am. Cooking will begin at 9:00 am and continue until 12:00

pm. Judging will begin at noon.

**PYROTECHNICS-** No chili contestant may discharge firearms or use any pyrotechnics or explosives at the chili cook-off. Contestants discharging firearms and/or using explosives or other pyrotechnics will be disqualified for the contest.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION** - No alcoholic beverages in cooking area except as used as an ingredient and approved by the committee during entry.

**INGREDIENTS** - Cooks must provide their own chili ingredients, cooking equipment and fuel. Electricity is NOT available.

No cook will start preparation or cooking prior to the official signal to start.

Teams must fill an application with the Chili Team Coordinator, and pay a \$25.00 per pot entry fee.

**PARTICIPANTS** - Everyone is eligible to enter unless affiliated with the Houston County High School Band Boosters, is a band member or parent or sibling of a band member.

# Cook-Off Application

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> ALTERNATE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

Entry Fee \$25.00 per pot of chili entered. No more than two pots of chili per cooking team.