



ABATE of Georgia, District 5 Annual Chili cook-off registration

Name of Team \_\_\_\_\_ Team Number \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By:

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Check: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cook-off representative \_\_\_\_\_

1. Teams must file an Entry Form with full payment with ABATE District 5 Chili Cook-off to reserve a spot. **Registration is required no later than 12pm, Friday, Sept. 15, 2017.**
2. The cook-off site will open at 7:15 a.m. for registration and set up. Team Registration will be closed at 8:30 am. A mandatory team meeting with cook-off officials will be at 8:45 a.m. to review rules. The competition chili cook-off begins at 9 a.m. Teams will begin serving chili to judges at 1pm, so don't be late.
3. Teams will be assigned a 10' x 10' preparation area. If ya need more room, well ... that'll cost ya.
4. All teams must consist of at least two people but no more than 4 including team captain.
5. Each team is responsible for all cooking utensils, tables, chairs, cooking ingredients, set up and clean up. A tent or overhead covering of some sort is required.
6. Each team must supply all cooking equipment: propane camp stove, grills, generators, etc. (No electrical outlets are available).
7. Any ingredients that may trigger a food allergy must be posted on your tent.
8. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant number by the chief scorekeeper and given a container with lid for their chili. An official of the cook-off will deliver the chili entries to the judges for a blind taste test.
9. The public will select the People's Choice Award. The public will be able to purchase a tasting spoon and ticket to determine the people's choice winner. The team with the most tickets wins...
10. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of the judged and people's choice competition will receive trophies for each prize.
11. 1<sup>st</sup> place judged winner will have the opportunity to "Cook for the Capitol" and serve their winning recipe to the representatives at the Gold Dome in Atlanta for the annual ABATE chili feed at the gold dome (date to be determined at a later date). Participation is optional, however the winner is heavily encouraged to participate.
12. 1<sup>st</sup> place people's winner will have the opportunity to "Cook for the Soldiers" and serve their winning recipe to the residents at the Milledgeville Soldiers Home, as part of the ALR annual chili feed for the soldiers (date to be determined at a later date). Participation is optional, however the winner is heavily encouraged to participate.

## **COOKING RULES**

**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 team's assigned area (no cooking in motor homes, etc.).

**CHILI COOKED FROM SCRATCH**—No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the event. The only exceptions are commercial canned or bottled products such as tomatoes, peppers, and broth. Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground. **MEAT MAY NOT BE PRE-COOKED.** All other ingredients must be prepared (chopped, cut, cooked) at the event.

**COOK TIME** – Cooks will have up to four (4) hours to prepare their chili. No lighting of fires or any form of cooking will be allowed until after 9:00 a.m.\* and only after the announcement has been made to begin. All judging cups, filled to at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with chili must be delivered to the Judging Area promptly at 1:00 p.m. (You are not required to start cooking at 9 a.m. but you must have your chili ready to present at 1pm., regardless of when you begin.) *\*Cooking of breakfast is OK if no ingredients will be later used for your chili.*

**FILLERS IN COMPETITION CHILI** - Beans, hominy, corn, or other similar ingredients are permitted in this competition.

**CHECK-IN** – On the day of the event, prior to set-up, each chili cook must report to the Information Booth and check-in to receive their team number and booth space. Teams may arrive at any time after 7:15 a.m. and no later than 8:30. All vehicles must out of event area by 8:45.

**THE JUDGING CUP** - A judging number will be randomly selected for each team and written on the exterior of the cup. A team representative will then sign to confirm that the cup and number were given as described. Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his or her judging cup. Do not decorate, write on, or alter your cup in any way. Cooks must also not 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.

**SANITATION** - Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in a safe and sanitary manner. There is **NO SMOKING** allowed in the booth. Also, there are **NO LIVE ANIMALS** allowed in the booth. The County may be doing inspections and has authority to shut down a booth if found to be out of compliance. Please contact us for any concerns or questions.

**COOKS MAY BE REQUIRED TO TASTE THEIR OWN CHILI** - At the discretion of the official(s), chili cooks may be required to remove the lids from their chili cups and taste their chili before turning in for judging. (If a contestant refuses, his or her chili will be disqualified.)

**ONE CHILI ENTRY PER TEAM** - Each team is responsible for preparing at minimum, two gallons of chili that he or she intends to be judged. Each team will turn in one judging cup of chili from that pot. No more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot. Only chili is to be submitted. Do not include extra items or condiments (onions, cheese, jalapenos, crackers) on top of the chili and do not add fillers to your entry.

**CHILI TURN-IN**—Cups will be filled to at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  full and be turned in at the Judging Area promptly at 1:00 pm. Your entry cups will then be placed inside another cup to hide their identity from the judges.

**SAMPLES** – Each team is required to provide chili samples to the public once the judging cup has been filled and submitted for judging. Samples will be put into the sample cups that will be supplied. Visitors may purchase a wristband, which entitles them to a taster spoon to sample the chili. Additionally, each wrist band will be given 5 voting tickets to be placed in voting containers located at each table toward the people's choice voting. Teams are asked to provide taster samples to all visitors wearing the event wristbands, as requested by the visitor. A new cup must be obtained if additional samples are requested, however we ask that all visitors are given the ability to taste each chili once prior to any additional samples being distributed. If more cups are needed they will be provided. A table at the front of your booth area will be required for distributing the samples. We suggest not filling the cups all the way full. About half full will allow you to provide more samples. Please wear Food Handling gloves when serving. The public is not allowed into the cooking area.

**PENALTIES** - Failure to comply with cook-off rules may result in disqualification of a team. Decisions of the official(s) are final.