

The Gowrie Development Commission proudly announces its 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held in Gowrie on Thursday, October 10th, 2019 at the Gowrie Fire Station!

We love to bring everyone together and love to meet new people, so we are looking for the inexperienced and the experienced to come join us! Bring your *secret recipe* for the perfect ingredients in making that special bowl of chili to share with everyone and prove to the judges that you have the *Best Chili in town!!*

Here's what to do:

Grab your recipes get your ingredients and ready yourself and your cooks to prepare to make 4 gallons (1 roaster) of your winning chili. There will be three categories for the chili:

- With beans
- Without beans
- Exotic – ie: made with pheasant, venison, etc.

We will have 8' tables for you to set up, so have fun with your display! Doors of the Gowrie Fire Station will open at 4:00. Judges will arrive at 5:15p.m. to start tasting all the fabulous chili that has been made. The doors will be open to the public at 5:30p.m.

Entry fee is \$20 per team by Thurs. Oct. 9th. For further information please contact Berna Tucker at Heartland Bank, or call 515.351.1122 and leave a message

Cash Awards for:

Judges Choice (Best)

People's Choice

You may enter the Cook-off by filling out the complete application form and returning it with your entry fee to Heartland Bank attn.: Berna Tucker.

We hope you will join us in all the fun and take your chance at taking home the victory and cash prize as well as the bragging rights for the best chili!!

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Official Rules

1. Registration forms are due Wed. Oct. 9th.
2. True chili is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with chili peppers, various other spices, and other ingredients with the exception of items such as rice, spaghetti, and other “fillers” which are strictly forbidden. Beans ARE allowed with the exception of refried.
3. Contestants will be permitted to set up their equipment and decorations any time after 4:00 the day of the cook-off. Be ready to serve by 5:00.
4. Judging will begin at 5:15 p.m. for the Judge’s Choice Award. The People’s choice will be open to the public at 5:30 p.m. All judging will stop at 6:45 p.m. All ballots must be in the ballot bucket by 6:45 p.m. so that we have time to count them. Winners will be announced at 7:00 p.m.
5. Contestants will be responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, water supply, etc. Electricity will be made available. Sample cups and spoons will be provided.
6. Each contestant must cook a minimum of 4 gallons (1 roaster) of chili. This sounds like a lot but remember the People’s Choice Award. The public will be invited to taste all the teams’ chili, so 4 gallons is the required minimum amount.
7. Each contestant will be assigned a random letter and be given an official Judges’ bowl (with their letter already on it) which will be collected prior to the start of the official judging.
8. Please make sure that your cooking area/site is clean of all debris and mess
9. The decisions of the Judges are final.