



Registration Packet for
2018 Lexington County Chili Cookoff

Sunday, January 28, 2018
Icehouse Amphitheater
105 West Main St, Lexington, SC 29072

Deadline to enter: Friday, January 19, 2018

DAY OF THE EVENT

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Stand Set-up:	beginning at 8:00 AM
Check-in:	9:00-11:00 AM
A volunteer will come to your stand during this time to finalize any details and distribute initial supplies (including your container(s) for judging).	
Chili Preparation:	Immediately following set-up
Gates Open / Music begins	12:00 noon
Judging Samples Due:	3:00 PM
Awards Ceremony:	5:00 PM
Clean-up:	Following the awards

Chili Cookoff Competition Rules

General

1. Teams are responsible for supplying all ingredients, cooking devices, tables, coolers, and all other related items. The Cookoff Volunteers will supply sample cups, spoons, and napkins.
2. **Four individuals per team will be admitted for free.** All additional team members must purchase an admission ticket for entrance. The free admission wristbands will be distributed to the teams during the checkin on the morning of the event. Anyone not wearing a wristband during the event will be escorted out of the venue and required to pay admission to return inside.
3. While teams are encouraged to market their company or organization, you may not offer any items or services for sale. Promotional items may be given away – coupons, brochures, printed promo items (pens, notepads, etc.).

Setup / Teardown

1. Each team will be allocated a space 10' wide along the parking lot. All spaces are approximately 10' deep. Teams will be provided one 8' table and a canopy. Reminder that this is a rain or shine event.
2. Electricity *may* be available for team use. A source for hot and cold running water will be provided.
3. Cook teams are discouraged from placing any items/displays that could prohibit walking traffic from moving easily through the concourse. No audible devices will be allowed, since we have awesome music!
4. Stands can be setup beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the event.
5. Vehicles may be parked in the set up area during unloading. All vehicles must be parked in the designated area after unloading and before 11:00am.
6. Teams are expected to tear down their stands and remove all debris from their area within a reasonable amount of time following the awards ceremony.

Chili Preparation

1. The Chili Cookoff will recognize chili recipes as any soup-like or stew-like food. Chili may or may not contain meat. Chili may or may not contain beans. Chili may be red, white, or any other color. This year we are entertaining two chili classifications: Traditional (tomato-based, spices, beef, etc) and Non-Traditional (anything goes!!! As long as chili ingredients are listed to prepare the public)
2. Only one recipe (per classification) will be judged per team. Teams can make additional recipes for public sampling.
3. Every stand will be health inspected and must meet those requirements to participate and serve their chili.
4. The preparation period will begin immediately following set-up the morning of the Chili Cookoff (approximately 9:00 a.m.). All teams must have a representative check-in with a volunteer to find your exact space. Spectator sampling will begin promptly at 12:00 noon. One quart samples for judging will be collected at 2:00pm. Please bring the container (provided by the cookoff committee) to the judging area no later than 2:00pm.
5. Teams are asked to prepare at least 15 to 20 gallons of chili. There is no maximum quantity each Team or Individual may prepare. One (1) quart of chili must be reserved for judging.
6. This is an All-You-Can-Eat event – guests are entitled to sample an unlimited number of chili recipes. We recommend distributing sample cups that are only half-full. **Please do not fill the entire sample cup with chili!** This should help your samples last longer and reduce waste. If they like your chili, they can keep coming back for more.

Judging / Awards

1. Chili will be judged by the following criteria: Aroma, Appearance, Consistency, Taste and Aftertaste. The winning chili must rate well in each of these criteria. All criteria will be weighted equally and the team with the highest overall score will win the top honors. There will be trophies for the top ten Traditional chilis and top 4 for Non-Traditional chilis. To ensure confidentiality and impartiality during the judging process, each team will be assigned a team number and will be given an official sample judging cup with their number on it. Cup numbers and sample collections will be controlled by the Chili Cookoff Committee. It is a violation of these rules for a team member to tell anyone other than their teammates the number they have been assigned.
2. The People's Choice Trophies will be awarded by a count of how many People's Choice tokens are received by each team. Trophies will be awarded for top four chilis.
3. Team theme, visual display, and showmanship will be evaluated in determining the STAND prize winners. We encourage each team to maximize their judging points as well as market their company products and/or services. Teams will only be judged on presentation within their assigned areas. One trophy will be awarded for Showmanship.
4. The decisions of the judges are final. All entrants participate at their own risk. The Town of Lexington Amphitheater, and the Cookoff Committee are not liable for losses or damages resulting from team participation in this event. The Cookoff Committee reserve the right to change or modify these rules at any time. Any changes will be communicated to all entrants. The Cookoff Committee also reserves the right to disqualify any team for violation of these rules.

Regarding Alcohol Consumption

The Chili Cookoff is intended to be a fund raising event, creating competition and friendships while benefitting our community. Please refrain from bringing personal alcohol into the event. There can be no consumption of personal alcohol while beer sales are open to the public, which will start at 12:00 noon. If a team is discovered to be consuming personal alcohol during the time the event is open to the general public, the Cookoff Committee reserve the right to sanction the team. Sanctions could include but are not limited to warnings,

discarding the alcohol, removal and/or disqualification from the event. Any Visibly Intoxicated Persons will be dismissed from the event. If a team wishes to purchase alcohol during the event, discounted beer tickets will be available for participants.

Registration Details

Registration Deposit:

\$25.00

Make check payable to Lexington County Blowfish

*Note: Your deposit will hold a space for you at our event. This money will be forwarded to the charities as part of their overall donation (including gate admission). Any team that registers and fails to attend the event will lose their deposit and it will go toward the cookoff charity proceeds.

The Chili Cookoff Committee is very excited about this 2018 Chili Cookoff and we are looking forward to a HOT and SPICY day with great chili sampling, tremendous music provided by Freeway Music and even greater financial contributions to the many worthy non-profit organizations.

Admission

Each Chili team will receive four (4) free admission wristbands. Free team wristbands will be distributed during check-in on the day of the event. Your team is responsible for getting them to your members. They must be worn during the event. Additional admission wristbands may be purchased at the admission gate or from the Team Liaison. **Every person inside the gates must wear a wristband** as proof of admission. The color of the band will also indicate if the wearer's age is of the legal limit to purchase and/or consume alcohol.

**Admission: \$10.00, includes all-you-can-eat Chili
and all-you-can-hear music**

(Children under 12 - \$5.00, children 4 years and under are free)

Beer Tickets

We will make discounted beer tickets available to team members. The exact cost will be disseminated on the day of the event and they will be available from the Team Liaison throughout the day.

Questions?

John Clinger is your contact for all cookoff related questions. Please feel free to contact him at john@oldmillbrewpub.net



Mail this application with \$25. payment to:
Lexington County Blowfish
(Deadline: Friday, January 19, 2018)

Old Mill Brewpub, 711 E. Main St., Lexington, SC 29072
Make checks payable to: *Lexington County Blowfish*

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Team Name: (keep it clean!) _____

Sponsoring Organization (if applicable): _____

Contact Person (one name only): _____

Contact's e-mail address: _____

Contact's mailing address: _____

Contact's phone number: _____ This is a: Home Cell Work number.

Make checks payable to: Lexington County Blowfish Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____