



2023 Chili Cook Off

Saturday, October 14th, Noon – 5pm
Garden City Towne Center
NE Corner Ford / Middlebelt

2023 Chili Team Registration

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 29, 2023 @ 1pm.

Entry Fee: \$25 returnable clean up fee.

Chili Teams must check in by 8:00 am and cook 7 gallons minimum on site.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Full Address, City & Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Chili: _____

Team Name: _____

I received a copy of the attached rules YES / NO

_____ number of team members (Limit 5)

Registration and payment should be submitted as soon as possible to reserve your spot, space is limited.

Questions: Please call John at 734.261.2830 or Email: John@DowntownGardenCity.com

Garden City Downtown Development Authority, 29213 Ford Rd, Garden City, Mi. 48135

OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECV'D: _____

ENTRY FEE REC'D: _____



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Rules & Information

There will be a car & motorcycle show, beer tent, live music, wagon rides and children's activities concurrent from Noon to 5pm.

Schedule:

8:00am	Chili Teams cooking on site check in
8:00am to 11:30am	Preparation and Cooking Period
10:05 am	Cook's Meeting (at least one cook per team)
11:30am	Chili must be turned into the designated judging site
Noon	National Anthem
	Judging Begins
	Tickets on sale
4:00pm	Awards Ceremony
5:00pm	"Afterburn Party" to benefit Garden City Goodfellows

Prizes

Judges Choice:
Amateur Category
1st Place - \$500 plus trophy
2nd Place - \$250 plus trophy
3rd Place - \$100 plus trophy
People's Choice - \$100 plus trophy

Event Proceeds: A portion of the proceeds from the event will be donated to local Garden City charities selected by the Garden City DDA Board.

Chili Cook-Off Site: All cooking teams are located under tents at the Farmers Market Parking Lot on an asphalt surface. Wash stations and portable restrooms will be on site. No electrical service provided.

Chili Tickets: Public attendees will purchase tickets before entering the chili tent. A person must provide a ticket to receive chili. No money can be collected by the chili teams. Ticket sales will begin at noon, after chili from each team is pulled for the judges, not before.

A "taste" of chili = 1 ticket A "bowl" of chili = 3 tickets.

COOKING ON-SITE

1. Check in by 8:00 AM.
2. Please review the attached Wayne County Health Department Guidelines. This event requires the DDA to acquire a Temporary Food License and a Wayne County Health Dept. Inspector will be present to inspect before a license is issued.
3. All participants must be healthy and use proper care in their chili cook-off activities to ensure public safety and an enjoyable event.
4. No ingredient may be chopped, prepared or pre-cooked in any way prior to the cook-off event. All ingredients must be chopped and prepared on-site during the preparation period. Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground by a butcher. Store bought ingredients only.
5. All meats and cold food products will be tested at set-up; readings must be at 41 degrees F or below.
6. A minimum of **7 gallons** of Chili must be prepared for the public.
7. Once cooked, Chili must read 165 degrees F.
8. After cooking, Chili must be held hot at a minimum temperature of 140 degrees F or above.
9. When chili is turned in for judging, we will need to know the heat range of your chili: M= mild, H= hot, F= Fire. If your chili's heat is "Fire", you will need to explain what was used.
10. Chili will be judged on "smell", "texture", and "taste". The decision of the judges shall be final.
11. Animals & smoking is never allowed in food preparation, cooking, dishwashing or service areas.
12. Each team is responsible for cleaning up their area including removal of all garbage.
13. Chili teams are expected to remain at the event until awards are given.
14. If all of the above rules are met, the DDA will refund your \$25 registration fee.

Cooking Team's Needs:

Cooking teams are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, and everything needed for the chili cook-off preparation, cooking and clean-up activities. We encourage you to decorate your booth so be sure to bring whatever your creative needs require- table decorations, costumes, chef hats, etc. We will provide you with a 10' x 10' space along with a six foot table and two chairs. We will also provide chili sampling bowls, spoons and napkins.

Example of things to bring, but not limited to:

Cooking stove & fuel (propane or Coleman type), cooking pots, metal stem food thermometer, utensils, cutting boards, paper towels, matches, can opener, foil wrap, head coverings- hats or hairnets, hand sanitizer wipes (individual moist towelettes), food grade gloves, jugs of water (purchased), all ingredients for your chili and garnishing such as onions, cheese- must comply with item 5 listed in the attached guidelines, extra chairs and work table, items for decorating your area and most important- invite your friends and family to come and have a great time at the event.

Team Size and Minimum Age:

You must be at least 18 years old to participate as a chili cooker. Cooking teams limited to five participants.

Thank you for your participation in this year's Chili Cook Off!! May the cooks be spirited, the entertainment engaging, and the chili hot and spicy!

For additional information, contact:

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WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES

1. Each cook's area is considered a separate kitchen and must be maintained (clean & neat)
2. The public must remain on the opposite side of your barrier cooking table
3. All persons handling food may not wear loose clothing. Hair of shoulder length or longer must be restrained (tied back, baseball cap, headband, hairnet, etc...)
4. Hands must be washed before handling utensils, pots and food. Each cook must provide a sufficient quantity of pre-treated cleansing towels (i.e., Wet-Ones, Wash & Dry towelettes)
5. Cutting boards shall be hard maple or NSF approved plastic, free from deep gouges or cracks. Cutting boards must be washed and sanitized prior to use
6. All meat and food products must be purchased from
 - * A Commercial Source
 - * No homemade or home canned food is allowed
 - * All original food containers must be kept in your area until inspected
7. All fresh vegetables must be washed before slicing. All preparation must be done at the site.
8. All Meat Products
 - * Must be FDA inspected
 - * Wild game is not allowed
 - * Must be sealed in original container
 - * Have on hand a sales receipt stating purchase place and type of product
9. Meat must be stored and transported at a temperature of 41 degrees F or below
10. All cooking utensils, cutting boards, pot, pans, etc.. must be washed, rinsed and sanitized
11. Chili is the only food to be served to the public by cooks.
12. Beef must be cooked to a minimum temp. of 155 degrees F. Turkey to 165 degrees F
13. After cooking, the chili must be held hot at a minimum temp. of 140 degrees F or above
14. You must provide at least one roll of dry paper towels for spills
15. A metal stem thermometer with a range of 0 degrees to 220 degrees must be used to check temperatures
16. When serving your chili, only cooks may serve to the public. Bowls must be inverted for easy sanitary grasping and spoons must be removed from a container by the handle or use pre-packaged spoons
17. Cooks are not to taste their chili with their cooking spoon. A disposable spoon must be used and then discarded after each use
18. When manually washing and sanitizing equipment, the 3-compartment sink must be used in the following manner:
 - * 1st compartment - Wash with detergent
 - * 2nd compartment - Clear water rinse
 - * 3rd compartment - Final rinse w/sanitizer (bleach) at 50 ppm concentration (1/2 t bleach to ea gal of H₂O) Immerse items in 3rd compartment for 1 minute and allow to air dry
19. Animals and smoking is never allowed in food preparation, cooking, dishwashing or service areas.