

Big Lake Chamber of Commerce

4th Annual Fall Fest Chili Cook-off

September 9, 2006

Official Rules

All entrants are to be advised that this cook-off is not a registered event with the International Chili Society, and that these rules in no way reflect ICS regulations. Our event is to give local chefs a venue to promote their chili recipes, and to raise funds for advancing the Big Lake Chamber's Scholarship Program and Safety & Information Center.

1. To participate, entrants must complete and mail or bring entry form to: Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 520067, Big Lake, AK 99652. Checks should be made payable to the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce. Advance registration is \$10.00 per entry; registration on the day of the event is \$20.00 per entry. Call 892-6109 for more information.
2. Prizes will be awarded for each of two categories: Open Season, and No-Bean. There will be an additional prize for People's Choice.
3. All entrants will bring their chili in their own pots, and provide their own equipment to keep their chili hot. The minimum volume will be 2 gallons per entry. **Entrants must have heated their chili to at least 165 degrees F at some time after 11:00 am on the day of the event.** Approximately one quart of each entrant's chili will be sampled for judging; the remaining portion will be for public tasting. Chili submitted for judging becomes the property of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce and will not be returned.
4. All pans, pots, chopping boards, etc, shall be washed, rinsed and sanitized prior to cooking the chili. Chopping boards must be free from deep gouges or cracks.
5. All persons handling food must restrain hair if shoulder length or longer (e.g., tied back, chef's hat, hair net, under baseball cap, etc.), and maintain clean personal hygiene.
6. The display or use of commercial products and/or promotional signs or materials in conjunction with the Big Lake Fall Fest Chili Cook-off is expressly forbidden.
7. The decisions of the judges shall be final regarding all contest issues. There shall not be any liability against the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce. All taxes for prizes are the responsibility of the winner.
8. Everyone is eligible. Just follow the rules, complete the registration form and fees, and come prepared. We want to taste your chili!
9. NO ALCOHOL IS TO BE BROUGHT OR CONSUMED ON-SITE. This event adheres to a zero-tolerance policy for the use of alcohol and other drugs. This includes beer. Judges may be provided with non-alcoholic beverages for palate cleansing between tastings.
10. For more information, contact the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 520067, Big Lake, AK 99652, phone 892-6109, fax 892-6189, email: biglake@mtaonline.net, or visit www.biglake-ak.com.

Remember: Chili rules!