



**PEOPLE'S
FOOD CO-OP**
COMMUNITY-OWNED NATURAL FOODS GROCERY

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PFC First Annual Chili Cook-Off Official Rules 2018

Cook off date / time: Saturday 9/29/18 from 11a-3p

Open for set up: 9:00am

Turn in for Judging: 10:45am

Open for public: 11:00am

People's Choice Judging ends: 3pm

Winners announced: 4pm

1. Contestants must register for the cook off on or before the co-op closes on Monday 9/17. There will be a maximum of 10 contestants / chilis. Registration the day of the cook off WILL NOT be permitted.
2. There will be one (1) First place award of \$100 PFC Gift Card and one (1) Second Place award of \$50 PFC Gift card. The First and Second place winners will have their name(s) added to the Wooden Spoon Award which will be posted in PFC. There will also be a People's Choice winner.
3. All ingredients / chili must be pre-cooked and brought ready to eat prior to the event. NO cooking will take place at the event.
4. Each contestant is responsible for providing printed signage with the ingredients of their chili specifically noting any allergens. "Secret ingredient" is permitted on the signage provided it is NOT a common allergen. All common allergens (wheat, dairy, eggs, nuts/ tree nut, shellfish, soy) must be clearly labeled.
5. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own utensils and products related to their chili submission and maintenance of its proper temperature for serving. An electrical outlet will be available for each entry and a crockpot is strongly recommended. PFC will NOT supply any extension cords. If not using a crockpot, the contestant must provide an adequate alternate heat source to maintain food safe temperatures (165°) for the entire cook off.
6. Any items ancillary for the chili is the responsibility of the contestant. For example, green onion or cheese toppings.
7. Each contestant must provide **at least** 1 gallon of chili for competition. A 4oz portion of the chili will be used for judging. The rest will be for public consumption / judging. Any chili not consumed during the competition must be disposed of by the contestant at the end of the competition.
8. Bowls, spoons, napkins and hand sanitizer for the public will be provided.
9. Each chili entry will be assigned a "contestant number". They will be given a corresponding numbered container in which their chili will be presented for official judging. Judging will be blind and based on the following criteria:
 - a. Texture – 10 points
 - b. Flavor – 25 points
 - c. Consistency - 10 points
 - d. Spice and Taste – 25 points
 - e. Aroma – 20 points



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- f. Color – 10 points
 - g. The contestant with a final score closest to 100 points will be the First Place winner. The contestant with the next highest score closest to 100 will be the Second Place winner.
10. The decision of the judges is final.
 11. The People's Choice judging is done by the public attending the cook off. Voting ballots with each contestant's number will be provided (see below for example). Once a ballot is filled in, it will be placed in the locked "Vote Here" box. At 3pm, the box will be unlocked and all votes tallied.
 12. It is possible for the People's Choice winner to be either the First or Second place winner as determined by the judges. It is also possible for a contestant to be the People's Choice winner and NOT be either the First or Second place winner as determined by the official cook off Judges.
 13. Each contestant is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their area before, during and after the cook off. This includes maintaining a proper food safe environment at *all times*. There will NOT be an area for cleaning of crockpots / utensils / dishes. No items shall be left after the cook off ends.
 14. To ensure proper food safety each contestant must have the following:
 - a. Hand sanitizer
 - b. Disinfectant spray (bleach / water, Lysol)
 - c. Single use gloves for serving
 15. Gloves must be worn while portioning and serving.
 16. Contestant set up will be in a 10'x10' tent away from the judging area. Shared tables and trash/recycle receptacles will be provided. The trash/recycle receptacles will be for common use. We recommend using as much compostable / recyclable material as possible.
 17. Chili categories acceptable are:
 - a. Red – any red meat or combination of red meats (beef, venison, duck)
 - b. Green / White – any white meat or combination of white meats (pork, chicken, turkey)
 - c. Vegan / Vegetarian – any combination of beans, peppers and spices; red, white or green.
 18. Failure to comply with proper food safe handling or any conduct deemed inappropriate may result in disqualification and must immediately leave the event space.
 19. PFC Management reserves the right to limit, amend or revoke these rules as needed / warranted.
 20. PFC Board, employees or any representative is not liable in any way for any injury or illness incurred prior to, during or after this chili cook off.



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SAMPLE of People's Choice ballot
Place an X or check mark by YOUR favorite chili!
PEOPLE'S CHOICE BALLOT

Chili #	Favorite	Second Favorite
1		
2		
3		
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