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Dear Chili Cook-Off Contestant:

The Martin County Parks & Recreation Department is proud to announce our 5th Annual ***“Fire in the Bowl”*** Chili Cook-Off and Concert Benefiting Special Olympics of Martin County. This year’s event will take place on Saturday, January 15th at Indian Riverside Park in Jensen Beach.

The chili cook-off will be divided into six categories: Individuals, Public Safety, Organizations, Government, Businesses and Restaurants. There will be awards presented for each of these categories, as well as awards for Best Themed Booth, Best Overall Chili, People’s Choice Chili, and Hottest Chili. All entries are welcome.

We would like to invite you to join us and enter a booth into the chili cook-off. There is no entry fee, but each booth must provide at least 5 gallons of ready to serve chili. Booth set up will begin at 1:00 p.m. and chili must be ready to serve by 3:15pm. The featured band, ***“Crossbone”*** will perform from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Chili will be served throughout the event and awards will be presented during the bands intermission. Proceeds from the sale of chili will go to benefit Special Olympics of Martin County.

So, come on out and enjoy the festivities while helping a great cause! Please read over the attached Rules and Regulations and fill out the entry form as soon as possible. Entries will be excepted until space is full. Please feel free to contact me at 772-221-1430 or by email at dgladdin@martin.fl.us if you have any further questions.

Respectfully,

Dave Gladding
Recreation Administrator
Martin County Parks and Recreation Department

Enclosures

TELEPHONE
772-288-5434

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<http://www.martin.fl.us>

DOUG SMITH
Commissioner, District 1



Cook's Entry Form



Category: _____

Team Name: _____

Head cook/ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

I have read, understand, and agree to the Rules and Regulations of the Chili Cook-Off. If these rules are broken, I understand that my team may be disqualified without the return of my entry fee.

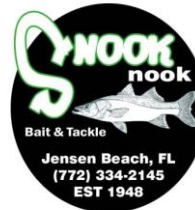
Signed: _____

Date: _____

Entry Fee: A minimum donation of 5 gallons of chili.

Please send entry form to: Martin County Parks and Recreation
Attn: Fire In The Bowl
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996

Or fax to (772) 419-4096



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Rules and Regulations



1. Chili Preparation and Ingredients: Chili may be prepared prior to the event; however, a minimum of 5 gallons of ready to eat chili must be presented on site. Any combination of meats, spices, beans and vegetables can be used to make the chili for tasting and competition.

2. Cooking Equipment: Teams are allotted a 10' x 10' area for booth set up, but no equipment will be provided. Teams are permitted to use the equipment they deem necessary, but a list of highly recommended items are as follows: Table, tent or canopy (without stakes in the ground due to underground utilities), large chili pot or crock pot, dipping or serving spoons, portable camping stove, matches, propane fuel cylinder, tablecloth, paper towels, ladles, coolers and ice, dishpan, soap, scrubbers, and at least 2 gallons of water. Each booth is required to have working fire extinguisher. We do require some type of heating element to keep chili warm throughout the day. Limited electricity is provided on-site.

3. Cleaning and Sanitation: All teams must bring large buckets and dish soap to wash cooking utensils. Teams may be asked to taste their own chili before serving to the public and must be approved before it can be served. A water hose will be available; however, we do not recommend that this water be used for cooking or drinking.

4. Time Line: Set up will begin at 1:00 p.m. and teams may construct their booth until 3:00 p.m. At 2:45 p.m. there will be a mandatory meeting with each of the teams to go over rules, regulations, serving, and judging. Each team must be ready to serve chili at 3:15 p.m. The band will begin performing at 4:00 p.m. and run until 6:00 p.m., taking one intermission. At this time chili awards will be presented. Chili is to be served from 7:00 p.m.

5. Judging: Judges will circle the cooking stations to ensure that cooking is being done appropriately and according to the listed rules and regulations. Judging will be on the following criteria: aroma, consistency, taste, color, and aftertaste. The judges will rate each of these categories and come up with a total for each chili entry. The highest scoring entry will win the category.

6. Turning Chili In: Each team must turn in 2 quarts of chili so that each of the judges has an ample tasting sample. A bowl for turning the chili into the judges will be provided on site. All entries must be turned in by 3:00 p.m. or they will be disqualified.

7. Feeding to the public: Martin County Parks & Rec. will sell the only valid wristbands for chili tasting. Martin County Parks & Rec. will also provide the spoons and bowls for tasting.

8. Booth Decorations: All entrants are encouraged to develop a theme for their booth. Judges will determine the best decorated booth and will present an award along with the other chili awards. When developing a theme, please remember that this is a family event.

