

The Rules and Regulations for cooks at the 1st Annual Pleasant Hill Lodge # 380 A.F. & A.M. Cook-off are as follows:

- 1. Traditional Red Chili** is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients, with the exception of BEANS and PASTA which are strictly forbidden. Judges will be told that they should vote for the chili based on the following major considerations: good chili flavor, texture of the meat, consistency, blend of spices, aroma and color.
- 2. Beans** may have any ingredients you wish and judging will be based on taste and consistency.
3. No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the commencement of the official cook-off. The only exceptions are canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, broth and grinding and/or mixing of spices. Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground. MEAT MAY NOT BE PRE-COOKED, in any manner. All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period. Beans may be pre-soaked but NOT pre-cooked.
4. The cooking period will be a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 4 hours. The gates will open for set up at 6:00 am Saturday March 24th 2012. Cooking will start after 8:00 but not before and must start by 9:00 am. Cooking during entire cooking period is at the sole discretion of the contestant. Judging samples will be picked up by 12:00 and winners announced by 3:00 pm. Samples will not be served to the public until 12:00 after your judging samples have been turned in. Please do not leave your station unattended or leave before 5:00 or until all of your chili or beans have been sampled to the public.
5. We will conduct a contestant's meeting at 7:00 am at which instructions are to be given and questions answered.
6. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils and heat source and all contestants are responsible for the removal of their own trash. We will provide an area for each contestant to set up their cooking and serving stations, and stations will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.
7. Each contestant must cook a minimum of four gallons of competition chili or beans prepared in one pot of which 1 quart will be submitted for judging. Sample bowls and to go containers will be sold to benefit the Tri-County VFD. No teams can sell or give away their chili or beans.
8. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant's number by the Chief Scorekeeper and given an official 1 quart judging cup. In order for a cook to receive the judging cup for their specific contest, they must sign the contestant list and have entry fee paid in advance. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their cup is the same as their assigned contestant number. Each contestant is responsible to deliver their cup, which must be filled to the bottom of the cup's rim, to the judging area at the official time for judging.
9. Fees are as follows: Each team will be given 1 cooking and serving space for a \$25.00 fee. Each additional item entered for judging will be an additional \$25.00.
10. Please follow these rules to insure the competition is fair. Any violation of these rules may result in disqualification. We want to have fun and raise money for a good cause, and of course enjoy some healthy competition.

The Rules and Regulations for vendors at the 1st Annual Pleasant Hill Lodge # 380 A.F. & A.M. Cook-off are as follows:

1. No vendors can sell food or drinks to be consumed on the premises. Packaged food and canned or jarred food may be permitted if pre-approved.
2. Set up will start at 8:00 am Saturday March 24th, please be set up by 10:30 am. We will open the doors to the public from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please do not take your booth down or leave it unattended until after 5:00 pm.
3. All vendors will be responsible for all set up and tear down of booths, and providing your own tents, tables or any other items needed. You will be furnished a 10ft by 10ft booth space on a first come first serve basis. Each vendor will be responsible for removal of all of their trash.
4. The donation for a 10ft by 10ft booth space is \$25.00. If additional spaces are needed please let us know upon registration and each additional space will be \$25.00.
5. Thank you for your support.

Entry Form

Please fill out the following and turn it in at least 2 days prior to the event:

Cook-off Team _____ Vendor _____ Number of cooking spaces or booths needed _____

Name of Cooking Team or Vendor Name _____ Contact Person _____

Contact Phone # _____ Contact Email _____

Chili contest entry fee \$25.00 \$ _____

Beans contest entry fee \$25.00 \$ _____

Vendor booth \$25.00 \$ _____

Total paid \$ _____ Please make all checks payable to Pleasant Hill Lodge # 380. No credit cards please. Cash is welcome. Please remit entry form to any member of Pleasant Hill Lodge, or mail to our Treasurer Bud Dumesnil at 120 Pin Oak Lane, Hempstead TX, 77445, or remit via email to dallas.kirkpatrick@hotmail.com. Entry fees can be paid upon arrival if necessary. For any inquiries please call Dallas Kirkpatrick at 281-389-5620.