



Charlotte Harbor Chili, Beer, & Music Fest

Chili Challenge- Setup/Breakdown Info

Due to limited space, no vehicles are allowed inside the festival grounds during festival hours
Access is Friday, January 24th from Noon to 5pm, Saturday, January 25th from 7am to 10:30am,
Gates open at 11:00am
Break Down is after 6pm on Saturday, January 25th and Sunday, January 26th from 8am to 5pm

- All cooks must provide their own display booth and equipment, including tent if desired
- You must have a fire extinguisher in your booth at all times
- The festival is outside, so suitable protection from sun, wind, rain is strongly suggested (Laisley Park is on the water and there is always a breeze, please properly secure tents with stakes and/or weights.
- All cooks are responsible for preparing their chili in accordance with acceptable home cooking sanitation procedures: if Chili is prepared before event day it must be refrigerated in the interim.
- Advanced registration is required. We must receive your application no later than January 20, 2025
- Booth Spaces are assigned on a first come basis.
- Set up time begins at Noon on Friday, January 24th. Due to the number of teams please unload your vehicle and move it to the designated parking lot as quickly as possible.

CHILI COOKING RULES

- Any individual, group, club, service organization, or business may have a Chili Challenge Team
- Chili Cooking Equipment– Cooks are expected to provide their own cook stove or grill, serving utensils, pots, etc. **A limited number of Propane burners and Chili Pots are available for rent**
- Each Cook Space is 15' deep x 15' wide. All of your booth and equipment must fit inside your space.
- Tasting cups, retail bowls, napkins, and spoons will be provided by the event. Please return any unused items to the event.
- Each cook is expected to utilize safe and clean stoves and equipment. The cooking area must show itself to be a safe and clean working environment.
- There is potable water behind the cook sites. You must provide your own hose or transport vessel. 20amp electric is available, please provide your own extension cords.
- Samples are sold by ticket only. The event will sell tickets through designated ticket booths.
- Chili teams may turn in their tickets once they are out of chili or after the event is over.
- **Team proceeds will be split 70% Team / 30% Event organizer.**
- **NO CASH SALES OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED BY CHILI TEAMS**
If you are caught taking cash– you will be disqualified and will not be allowed to redeem your tickets– Teams buying or giving samples for free for voting tickets will also be disqualified and lose their ticket sales
- **A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED AT EACH BOOTH**



Official Entry Form



Anyone Can Enter!

The 14th Annual
Charlotte Harbor Chili
Beer, & Music Festival
is a great opportunity to gain
exposure for your Club,
Organization, Non-Profit group,
Business, or just great
exposure and bragging rights
for your great Chili.

Use your booth to educate the
public about your products,
services, organization, or
cause!

Or just put a team together to
have a great time and win some
prize money!!!



Maybe your team will be the next Charlotte Harbor Chili Challenge Champions!

January 25, 2025 Laisley Park, Punta Gorda

www.PuntaGordaChiliFest.com



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Chili Challenge- Chili Cookoff Rules

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BEST BOOTH- SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

- Your team is encouraged to participate in the Best Booth-Showmanship contest.
- The theme for 2025 is COWBOY CHILI (Think Western)
(Show off your best decorations/costumes)
- You may decorate your booth however you choose using any type of decorations, lights, banners, flags, props, etc. The only requirement is everything must be inside your 15 x 15 booth area.
- Chili Teams may also dress the theme or wear costumes as part of the booths appearance.
- Booths will be judged on five criteria– Theme, Action, Costume, Audience Appeal, and Booth creativity
- Judging will be done by a secret panel of judges who will randomly judge your booth sometime during the day.
- All booths must be in good taste. Lewd or obscene themes are prohibited!
- Prizes are as Follows: **First Place- \$500 + Trophy**
Second Place- \$250 + Trophy
Third Place- \$150 + Trophy

BEST CHILI- PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

- Each attendee will receive a voting token when they enter through the main gate until 4:00pm
- Collect as many of those Tokens from people visiting your booth as you can! The Team with the most Tokens wins the coveted People’s Choice Award and \$500!
- People’s Choice Tokens will be collected at 4:00pm with the winner announced at the Award Ceremony at 5:30pm on the main stage
- There is a \$500 Award for the People’s Choice of Best Chili

BEST CHILI- JUDGED CATEGORY

- **Protect your Judging Cups**– Once judging cups are issued, each head cook is responsible for their judging cups. Cooks must not write on or tamper with the code on each cup. Any altered cups or lost cups may result in disqualification.
- **Chili Turn In**– Chili Judging Samples to be turned in by 1:00pm to the place designated at the cook’s meeting.
- **Judging Rules**– Judges will score Chili samples on a scale from 1 to 10 with 10 being the best. There are five criteria for scoring– Aroma, Consistency, Color, Taste, and Texture.
- **NOTE:** Heat is not a grading factor!
- **Awards Ceremony– 5:30pm on Main Stage**
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CHILI CHALLENGE COOKING GUIDELINES

Chili Cooking- Pre-cooking Chili may be done ahead of time due to the high demand the day of the Chili Challenge. A MINIMUM OF 15 GALLONS IS REQUIRED (More is recommended)

- **Precooking ingredients** - Commercial Chili powder is permissible, however complete commercial chili mixes (“just add meat mixes that have premeasured ingredients) ARE NOT. Individual ingredients may be marinated, soaked, chopped, cut, or precooked prior to the Chili Challenge.
- **Sanitation** - Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary a manner as possible, with a hand washing station in each booth, Water, soap, paper towels and a drain bucket are required. No water or waste of any kind may be dumped on the ground. If garnish (Cheese, Onions, etc) is added to chili upon serving, please use sanitary gloves.
- **Inspection of cooking/serving conditions-** Cooking/Serving conditions are subject to inspection by judges or Event Director. (Failure to qualify is grounds for disqualification)
- **Cooks Taste**– At the discretion of the judges, a cook may have to taste their own chili prior to turn in to judges.
- **One Chili per Entry**– Each Cook Team is responsible for preparing a MINIMUM of 15 gallons of Chili for sampling to the public. From that same recipe a judges sample must be provided (3– 4 oz cups).
Chili Samples are 1 ticket per 2oz. sample
Teams can redeem tickets to Event for a 30% to event/70% to team split
It is highly suggested that teams can make more than 15 gallons of Chili to sell.
The more you make the more people can sample and vote for you.
Also the more you make the more money you will collect! (Highly Recommended)

Last year there was a huge demand for chili!

If you are able to make more than 15 gallons, please do so!

But the more you make the more you can earn, and the more people get to sample your chili!





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SATURDAY – January 25, 2025 Lashley Park– Punta Gorda

Entry Fee: \$50 per booth space (15'X15')

NOTE: Each booth includes a 110 electric power receptacle (average 10 amps per outlet)
Additional Spaces may be purchased at \$50 per 15x15 space– Each space is entitled to enter one Chili sample

Now AVAILABLE– Chili Cooking Setup Rental– 1– Propane Burner with 20lb. Propane Tank, 1- 10 Gallon Pot with Cooking Utensils– RENTAL for \$50 (LIMITED SUPPLY)

Team Name _____

Sponsored by: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Team Members -

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Each Team will receive 4 Passes

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

NOTE: Booths cannot be reserved without payment. Payment is NOT Refundable

Remit Payment to:

Florida Outdoor Education Foundation

2924 Palm Dr

Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

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VENMO and CASHAPP Available upon Request