

VERMONT'S NORTH COUNTRY CHILI CHALLENGE COOKOFF

SEPTEMBER 24th, Saturday 12 to 2 pm

Setup at 11 am on Main Street, downtown Newport

In combination with the Newport Fall Festival

*** This is the Chambers yearly fundraiser ***

Official Rules and Regulations for the Chili Challenge Cookoff

1. The following rules are to be adhered to by all cook-off contestants:
2. The cook-off contest is open to professionals and amateurs, alike.
3. The term "Chili" is loosely interpreted to be home-style or professional, beans or no beans, and chili must contain some chili peppers.
4. A pre-registration form must be filled out and returned to the event organizers in Advance via email or at "Welcome Center," 246 The Causeway Newport, PO Box 243.
5. All ingredients must be pre-cooked & treated prior to the event – chili is to be brought "ready-to-eat". All tables, tents, heating items, banners, etc. must be set up and ready by 11:00 am, and provided by contestants. No equipment other than cups will be provided. DATE: Saturday, September 24, 2022. The competition begins at Noon.
6. A location for each contestant's location will be provided by the Chili Challenge Cook-off event chairman.
7. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own utensils & products relating to their chili submission and maintenance of its proper temperature for serving. Spoons and cups for use in serving chili to the general public will be provided by the event staff.
8. Each contestant must cook a minimum of FIVE GALLONS of competition chili. Contestants are permitted to prepare only one (1) recipe pot of competition chili. This allows late arrivers to festival to be able to sample chili, which they have bought a spoon for.
9. This is a "People's Choice" contest. Each contestant will be assigned a "contestant's number" at the time of the start of the contest. Each contestant will ONLY serve their chili to the public who have purchased an official spoon. Each person sampling the chili will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite chili by returning their ballot to the judges stand.
10. The contestant with the most votes, wins. The second most votes wins, second place, and the third most votes wins, third place. In case of a tie, the judges will blindly select a winner from among the tied contestants.
11. The decision of the judges is final and will be announced SOON AFTERWARD/ON-SITE. after votes are counted. Prizes will be awarded at time.
12. Each contestant is responsible for policing and cleaning up the area at the end of the day and removing all items from the area. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the Cook-off.

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The Chili Challenge Cookoff will take place rain or shine. In case of rain, it will be held in the Municipal Gymnasium on Main Street.

CONTACT President@vtnorthcounty.org WITH QUESTIONS

Return Registration Forms to: Newport Welcome Center. 246 The Causeway, Newport

Or: Mail to: PO Box 243 Newport, VT 05855

REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Contestant (business, club, individual, organization, etc.)

2. Contact Person: _____

3. Email of contact: _____

4. Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

5. Are you associated with a Main St. Business & need to be out front of this business?

6. Do you agree to start setup by 11 am to be ready to serve by noon?

7. By entering or participating in the contest all contestants, their staff and personnel agree to the rules and regulations, and absolve Vermont's North Country Chamber of Commerce, its volunteer staff, the City of Newport and its staff of any and all liability associated with the event.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

