

VERMONT'S NORTH COUNTRY CHILI CHALLENGE COOKOFF

SEPTEMBER 28th, 2024, Saturday 12 to 2 pm

Setup starting at 11:00 am on Main Street, downtown Newport

In combination with the Newport Fall Festival

***** This is the Chambers yearly & only fundraiser *****

The Chili Challenge Cook-off will take place rain or shine.

In case of rain, it will be held in the Municipal Gymnasium on Main Street.

CONTACT: laplante@vtlink.net 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. **4 to 5 PRECOOKED GALLONS IS NEEDED TO MAKE IT LAST UNTIL 2 PM FOR LATE ARRIVERS**

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 11:15 am to be ready to serve by 11:30 to 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. **WE WILL BE CREATING A MAP OF WHERE TO SET UP, SO GET REGISTRATIONS IN SOON.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

DO NOT GIVE SAMPLES TO ANYONE WHO HAS NOT PURCHASED A SPOON



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Official Rules and Regulations for the Chili Challenge Cook-off

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: laplante@vtlink.net or, "Welcome Center," or PO Box 243, Newport.
5. All ingredients must be pre-cooked & heated prior to the event – chili is to be brought, "ready-to-eat". All tables, tents, heating items, banners, etc. should start set up and ready by 11:30 am, and provided by contestants. No equipment other than cups will be provided.
DATE: Saturday, September 28, 2024. The competition begins at Noon. Folks start coming at 11:30 so be ready by then.
6. A location for each contestant's location will be provided by the Chili Challenge Cook-off event chairman. All will be on Main Street locations. We will map it out ahead of time.
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 4-5 GALLONS of competition chili. Contestants are permitted to prepare only one recipe of competition chili to tasters. This allows late arrivers to festival to be able to sample chili, which they have bought a spoon for, later in event to afternoon, until close.
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. There are 4 or 5 levels. 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 the votes are counted. Framed certificates will be awarded soon there-after with place of position.
12. Each contestant is responsible for policing and cleaning up the area at the end of the day, removing all items from the area. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the Cook-off. PLEASE POST YOUR NAME IN LARGE LETTERS FOR PEOPLE TO SEE. THEY DO NOT REMEMBER when they decide to vote after going to all of the contestants.