



# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff

Saturday, March 28th, 2026 | 11AM – 2PM | New location-Tuckerman Brewing Company, Conway!

## Chili Cookoff Registration | Professional Chefs & Amateur Chefs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Business / Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Chef/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose your category:**     Professional (Restaurant/Hospitality Industry)    OR     Amateur

**Choose your entries:**

*\*Teams may enter both a meat & vegetarian chili and pay a discounted \$25.00 fee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> chili entry.*

**Meat Chili \$50**     **Veggie Chili \$50**    (\*If entering both, 2<sup>nd</sup> entry is only \$25)    **Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose your warming method:**

*\*Chili must be kept heated throughout the event in an appliance brought by you. Unless you are using a sterno system with flame, you will need to add an electric fee for plugging in your heating appliance.*

**Electric \$15**     **Sterno flame - no fee**    **Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Purchase additional admission tickets**

*\* Registration includes 2 free tasting tickets. If you would like additional tasting tickets, indicate the number below..*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Additional admission tickets x \$8**    **Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Entry Deadline: Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**TOTAL DUE** \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT:**     Check     Cash     Credit Card Online ([Click here to pay](#))

Other Credit Card Options: By Phone (603-356-5701), in person at our office, or enter info below

**Registration fees are non-refundable.** Please let us know **ASAP** if you are unable to attend.

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Professional Chef Category**

- Entry Fee:** 1 Meat or Vegetarian Chili - \$50 team non-refundable fee  
*You may enter both Meat & Vegetarian for judging for an additional \$25.00 fee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> chili entry*
- Included:** Two (2) Chili Chef Participants; additional participants must pay an entrance fee of \$8.00 pp
- Prizes:**
- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Best Chili 1st Place             | \$200 Chamber Advertising Package & Certificate Award |
| Best Chili 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | \$150 Chamber Advertising Package & Certificate Award |
| Best Chili 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | \$100 Chamber Advertising Package & Certificate Award |

## **Amateur Chef Category**

- Entry Fee:** 1 Meat or Vegetarian Chili - \$50 team non-refundable fee  
*You may enter both Meat & Vegetarian for judging for an additional \$25.00 fee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> chili entry*
- Included:** Two (2) Chili Chef Participants; additional participants must pay an entrance fee of \$8.00 pp
- Prizes:**
- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Best Chili 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | \$200 Chamber Advertising Package & Certificate Award |
| Best Chili 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | \$150 Chamber Advertising Package & Certificate Award |
| Best Chili 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | \$100 Chamber Advertising Package & Certificate Award |

## **Overall Prizes**

- Prizes:**
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|------------------------------|--|
| Judges-Best Veggie Chili     | \$100 Chamber Ad Package + gift bag with olive oil & gift card |
| People's Choice-Best Display | Bragging rights, olive oil gift bag & gift cards               |
| People's Choice-Best Chili   | \$100 Cash & olive oil gift bag                                |

## **JUDGING**

### **Professional Judging:**

- ✓ Judging by Culinary Evaluators will be held in an area off-limits to both contestants and the public.
- ✓ Each Culinary Evaluator will score Chili entries in a blind judging process.
- ✓ Each entry will be given one (1) numbered quart container and corresponding numbered slip for professional judging.
  - 🔪 This is a Chili Cookoff, NOT spaghetti sauce, BBQ, Beef Stew, Pulled Pork, or Buffalo Wings
  - 🔪 Each entry team will have their one (1) quart cups ready to be picked up by 10:30 AM
  - 🔪 Based upon point scores in seven (7) categories: Aroma, Consistency, Texture, Flavor Profile, Balance, Finish and Creativity.
  - 🔪 Possible point total of 55 points
  - 🔪 The most points wins & ties will be broken.

### **People's Choice Judging:**

- ✓ Online voting will be available for attendees at the Chili Cookoff. One vote per attendee for each category: best chili and display
- ✓ Most votes wins.
- ✓ Balloting closes at 2:00 pm

**Awards Ceremony will be held on site immediately following the Chili Cookoff at 2:15pm**



## **INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ENTRIES, PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR**

### **SETUP**

1. Set-up begins at 10:00AM and must be completed by 11:00AM
2. The chef's name/restaurant will be posted and visible at assigned location
3. Chefs will be assigned a space which will include a 4' or 6' wooden high top, or 6' plastic table
4. Chili stations are required to be staffed from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

### **CHILI REQUIREMENTS & INGREDIENTS:**

1. Each chef is required to make a minimum of **three (3) gallons** of meat or vegetarian chili (must arrive ready to eat)
2. Chili to be served from 11:00 to 2:00 PM (or until chili runs out.)
3. **"Chili Rating"** sign **MUST** be posted on table with chef or restaurant name. This **MUST** include:
  - 🌶️ Chili heat as **Mild, Medium, or Hot**
  - 🌶️ Whether Meat Chili or Vegetarian Chili
  - 🌶️ Warning against any potential food allergens, (peanut oil, milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, soy, and wheat)

### **PRESENTATION, SERVING & CLEANUP:**

1. Chefs are responsible for supplying own chili container suitable for sterno or electric heat with utensil to serve
2. MWV Chamber of Commerce will provide spoons, cups & napkins for the public to sample chili.
3. Chefs are responsible for table area cleanup
4. All chefs and staff serving chili are required to wear appropriate food service gloves
5. MWV Chamber of Commerce will provide a container for any leftovers you wish to donate to Dinner Bell.

### **BEST DISPLAY:**

1. Participating chefs from all Chili divisions are invited to participate in the Best Display competition. We encourage each participant to create a fun festive theme for their tables. This award will be determined by People's Choice.  
*\* New venue, floor plan and table sizes for 2026 may limit the use of backdrops and other props.*

**Awards Ceremony will be held at Tuckerman Brewing Company,  
immediately following the Chili Cookoff at 2:15pm.**

**Rules and Guidelines are subject to change.**