



2020 White Mountains Chili Cook Off Rules, Guidelines and Awards

All entrants must follow these rules or risk being disqualified. All judges' decisions are final and no refunds will be given to disqualified teams.

1. Each entrant or team must fill out an entry form in pen and answer every question.
2. Entry fee is \$25.00 and must be submitted with completed entry form to Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall, 325 W. White Mountain Boulevard, no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2020. It is possible the event will sell out prior to that date, so please plan to submit your entry early.
3. Each entry is allowed a maximum of 4 people per team.
4. All recipes for chili, salsa, cornbread and cobbler must be an original recipe. Category rules must be followed. Absolutely no store bought entries will be accepted.
5. Teams must supply their own propane, propane stove, hot plate, cooking pots, ice chests, ingredients, table covering and all utensils needed to prepare chili. No wood-burning or charcoal stoves are permitted. The Town of Pinetop-Lakeside will provide each team with one table and a 10' by 10' space to prepare and cook their entry. Gloves must be worn during all prep and cooking. A Navajo County Health Inspector likely will attend to ensure all proper food handling techniques are being followed.
6. All chili entrants are required to provide at least two gallons (8 quarts) of chili.
7. All chili entrants must supply their own ingredients and all ingredients must be visible to judges on the table provided.
8. All entrants are required to attend a pre-cook off meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the White Mountain Nature Center Building B, 425 S. Woodland Road in Lakeside. Prep and cooking may not begin until 2:00 p.m. Meat may be cut and trimmed in advance, but no other ingredients (with the exception of beans) may be chopped, prepped, seasoned or measured in advance. No ingredient may be pre-cooked or marinated in advance, except beans. Beans (and only beans) may be prepped and cooked in advance. Teams are encouraged to have four members on their team to assist with cutting, chopping, keeping track of time, etc.
9. All entries for salsa, cornbread or cobbler must be prepared in advance and brought to the event ready to serve. These are the only items where advance cooking will be allowed. No on-site preparation in these categories will be allowed. All salsa entrants must provide at least a half gallon of salsa. Cornbread and cobbler entrants must provide at least 60 samples.
10. All entrants are responsible for submitting a container of chili to be judged. A team member must deliver the container, provided by the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, to the judges' stand no later than 4:30 p.m. Only the container provided will be accepted and late entries will be disqualified. The head judge's watch will be the official watch.



11. Garnishes and toppings are not permitted in samples submitted to judges. This includes cheese, creams, herbs, crackers, chips, juices, etc.
12. All entrants must provide taste-size samples free of charge to attendees. Sample cups and spoons will be provided by the town. Samples must be distributed until 6:00 p.m. or until their chili is gone, whichever comes first.
13. Teams are encouraged to decorate their cooking area/and or dress in costume. The most-creative team will receive an award.
14. The Awards Ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. Each team must be present to accept awards.
15. Chili entries will be judged based on the following:

Aroma
Color
Consistency
Flavor
Heat (not too hot, not too mild)

Salsa will be judged on consistency and flavor. Cornbread will be judged on consistency, flavor and moisture. Cobbler will be judged on flavor and consistency.

16. Awards will be presented for each chili category as follows:

1st place - \$150
2nd place - \$100
3rd place - \$75
Th Place - \$50

For salsa, cornbread and cobbler, a \$50 first place prize will be awarded only in each category.

17. All Entrants are responsible for completely cleaning their area prior to the awards ceremony.

Event Schedule

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| 1 p.m. | Mandatory meeting for all teams at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex. At least one team member must attend |
| 2 p.m. | Prep and cooking may begin; Live music by The Blue Tattoo |
| 3 p.m. | Ice sculpting demonstration |
| 4:30 p.m. | Samples must be submitted to judging table; Free tasting for attendees begins |
| 5:30 p.m. | Awards ceremony |
| 6 p.m. | Event ends |

Questions - Contact Tony Alba at 928-368-8696, Ext. 240.