



REDLANDS OPTIMIST CLUB FOUNDATION, INC.

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Dear Past Participant,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your past support of the Redlands Optimist Club Chili Cook-off. It is through your participation that we are able to promote and sustain this outstanding event in Redlands!

Our event is scheduled for **July 18th, 2009**. Because of your past support, we would like to give you the first opportunity to reserve a cooking area. Cooking areas will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and prime locations will be given to those who register early.

Attached, please find the application (deadline July 10th, 2009) and Chili Cook-off Rules. Again we thank you for your support and we hope to see you at the Redlands Optimist Chili Cook-off!

With best regards,

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2009 Redlands Optimist Club Chili Cook-off

Official Application

Organization: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (evenings/weekends) _____

E-mail: _____

This year's **Optimist Chili Cook-off** will start at **8:00 am** on **July 18th, 2009**. The cook-off will be located at the south end of Sylvan Park (*on the corner of University & Colton, Redlands, Ca.*)

Deadline for application is Friday, July 10, 2009. Space is limited to first 30 paid applications. Applicant agrees to conform to the participation guidelines provided with this application. *Applicant agrees to hold harmless:* the Optimist Club of Redlands, Optimist International, the City of Redlands and any member of the Optimist Club of Redlands. Applicant assumes all liability for any risks associated with outdoor cooking of chili and other food stuffs.

Booth space provided is approximately 10' by 10'. Booths should conform to the space provided. **The entry fee for each booth is \$35. Please make check payable to: "Redlands Optimist Club"**. Reservation priority given is based on the date of the application and the receipt of entry fee. *No outside alcohol beverages are allowed. Any chili recipe that contains alcohol must receive prior approval and only the amount required will be allowed. Violation of these guidelines will result in disqualification of the contestant. Disqualified contestant will be asked to leave the premises with no refund of entry fee. Decision of judges is final. Thank you!*

Name of responsible person: _____

Date: _____ x _____
(Signature of responsible person)

For more information, please contact John Miechowicz at:

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Official Rules

All cookers and assistants shall adhere to the following rules:

Chili: True chili is defined as any kind of meat or combinations of meats, cooked with chili peppers, various spices, and other ingredients. Chili Verde (green chili) is not allowed although you may use green chili peppers in red chili.

Cook's Meeting: There will be a mandatory cook's meeting at **8:00** am, at which time, the chief judge will give final instructions and answer any questions.

Preparation: The preparation period for ingredients will be from **8:15** am to **9:15** am.

Cooking: The cooking period will be three hours from **9:15** am to **12:15** pm. *Judging will commence at 12:50* pm

Utensils: Contestants will supply their own cooking utensils, stoves, etc. A cooking area of 10'x10' will be provided. **NO ELECTRICITY IS AVAILABLE!**

Set-up: Contestants will be permitted to set up their equipment, decorations, and booth on Friday between 12:00 and 8:30 pm or Saturday after 6:30 am.

Minimum Chili: Each contestant must *cook a minimum of one gallon* of chili at the event for best chili competition. At least five gallons of chili must be provided for visitor tasting and the Peoples Choice Award.

Assistants: Each contestant will be permitted to have six assistants in the cooking area.

Recipe: Each contestant's recipe shall become public domain, outside the realm of copyright, and shall include all the ingredients, techniques, and methodology used during the competition. The recipe must be delivered to the chief score keeper at the time of the judging.

Demonstrations: Demonstrations throughout the spectator area are permitted; however, contestants are asked that their support team respect their visitors and their views.

Awards: Awards for best chili, the Peoples Choice and Best Presentation will be presented upon completion of the judging at approximately **2:00** pm.

Alcoholic Beverages: No alcoholic beverages or other beverages may be given away or sold by contestants. Contestants may not have any alcohol in the booth, except what is requested to work with or that, which is purchased at the car show.

Decision of Judges: The Decision of the judges shall be final.

Tasting Samples: Only one-ounce servings may be provided, in exchange for tickets.