



## Chili with a Kick

February 25, 2012 at Dickey Stephens Park

### Official Rules and Regulations

This is a **FREE STYLE** event! Chili is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats (or vegetables) cooked with chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients. So, that means beans and other fillers are allowed and encouraged! Vegetarian Chili entries are welcome!

Chili with a Kick will provide an 8 x 8 numbered space on the concourse at Dickey Stephens. This is a covered area so tents aren't necessary (unless we run out of space in which case we'll let you know in advance). CWAK will also provide tasting cups, spoons, and napkins for the People's Choice. The rest is up to you.

Gas stoves & grill are allowed. Small and or quiet generators are permitted. We will have electricity but it is not guaranteed.

Bring a table, tent, cooking supplies, cooler, and anything else you need to prepare your chili onsite. **Dickey Stephens does not allow cooking oils on the concourse.**

The chili may be cooked at the cook-off site or cooked offsite and warmed at the cook-off site. **You must cook at least 2 gallons of chili.**

Beer will be available for sale at the event so please do not bring any alcohol to the event. Doing so will result in immediate disqualification and you will not be allowed to come back.

Chili must be ready for judging at 11 a.m. Chili will be judged by an impartial panel based on a set of criteria in a **BLIND** taste test.

Contestants are encouraged to participate in a competition of showmanship. Create a theme, make displays and just go all out on your booth decorations. Showmanship is a form of competitive entertainment that adds to the fun of a chili cook-off. Showmanship will also be judged by a panel of judges based on set criteria. Just remember, this is an all ages event!\*\*

#### Awards for Best Chili:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>\$100 + Trophy + Medal</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Trophy + Medal</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Medal</b>
<b>People's Choice</b>	<b>\$100 + Medal</b>
<b>Best in Show</b>	<b>\$100 + Medal</b>



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### **Cook-off Schedule: (Tentative)**

- 8:00 a.m. - Cooks may start arriving to set up
- 10:30 a.m. – Chili Set up must be complete and cooking in progress
- 11:00 a.m. – Judging begins (Chili and Showmanship)
- 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Live local music
- 11:30 a.m. – Till we run out!! \*\*Chili available to guests while it lasts
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 Jalapeno Pepper Eating Contest
- 4:00 p.m. – People’s Choice voting ends
- 4:30 p.m. – 4:45 pm. Present chili winners, showmanship winners and people’s choice.
- 5:00 p.m. - The party goes on...
- 9:00 p.m. – Kickball Tournament Awards Ceremony



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**Chili Entry Registration Form**

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cook-off Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee**

The entry fee will be \$25.00 per chili entry and includes 4 tickets to the event. Contestants may enter TWO chilies with an entry fee of \$40 and includes 6 tickets to the event. **Space is limited so sign up soon!**

General Admission to the event is \$5 and each guest will be provided a ballot on which to vote for the People's Choice Award. Additional people's choice tickets can be purchased for \$1.

**Payment Information**

**Registration checks can be given to a Big Red Ball Charitable Foundation representative or mailed to:**

Erin Jester, Treasurer  
 The Big Red Ball Charitable Foundation  
 215 S Johnson St.  
 Little Rock, AR 72205

For more information, please call Larry Betz, Director of the LRKA and the Big Red Ball Charitable Foundation, at 501-563-1244 or email him at [thegrandpoo@yahoo.com](mailto:thegrandpoo@yahoo.com) or Erin Jester at 501-590-8298 or email her at [ejester@spp.org](mailto:ejester@spp.org). **The BRBCF is a non-profit. All donations are eligible for a tax deduction!**



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Yes! We will support Youth Home, Inc. and the Big Red Charitable Foundation by sponsoring the 2012 Chili with a Kick event!

<input type="checkbox"/>	Big Boot Presenting Sponsor <i>with Painted Pig</i>	\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kick and Slide Chili Cook-Off Sponsor	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockin' Balls Music Sponsor	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fair Ball T-shirt Sponsor	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pop-up Banner Sponsor	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/>	Home Run Trophy Sponsor	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/>	Good Sport All Round Sponsor	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chili Cook Sponsor	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Amount	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual tickets to Saturday event	\$5 each x _____ = _____
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

Please make checks payable to the Big Red Ball Charitable Foundation.

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## **Detailed Chili Cooking Rules and Information for Chili Contestants**

- 1. Chili Cooked Off or On-Site** – Chili may be assembled off or onsite the day of the cook-off.  
You may cook your chili from scratch onsite or you may bring your chili already prepared to the cook-off site. **Dickey Stephens does not allow cooking oils on the concourse.**
- 2. Cooking Area** – All cooks must provide their own display booth and equipment. Each cooking team will be provided with an approximate 8x8 area to set up in. One 6 foot table may be provide but is not guaranteed. Cooks are responsible for cleaning the area at the end of the day and removing all items from the area; no items will be allowed to remain after the close of the cook-off. The cooking area will be organized in the concourse area of Dickey-Stephen's Park. This area is covered and equipped with overhead heating.
- 3. Cooking Supplies** – Cooks are responsible for supplying their own cooking supplies, including utensils and any condiments. Cooks will need to maintain their chili at the proper temperature for serving. Spoons, cups, napkins for serving to the general public will be provided.
- 4. Make Extra Chili** – Each cook must supply a minimum of 2 gallons of competition chili. But we encourage you to cook more!!
- 5. Contestant Number** - Cooks will be assigned a contestant number to display on their area. Contestants must stop by the judging booth to pick-up and sign for their contestant number.
- 6. Judging Cups** - Cooks will be provided a judging cup for the judges with their assigned number written on the bottom. All judging cups will be identical in color and size. The judges will not be able to distinguish which cook's chili they are judging. This will be a blind judged cook-off.
- 7. Palette cleansers** – Judges will be provided with an assortment of palette cleansers and will be required to cleanse their palettes before tasting the chili. (e.g., crackers, cheese, celery, grapes, etc).
- 8. Judging Criteria** – A single score takes into consideration the following criteria for scoring chili:
  - **Aroma** - This will be a personal preference of the judge.
  - **Taste, Flavor, and Spice** - The chili should have a good flavoring and chili pepper taste (not too hot or not too mild). Blending of the spices and how well they permeated.
  - **Consistency and Texture** – The texture of the meat shall not be tough or mushy. Chili should be a smooth combination of meat and gravy not too thin or too thick.
  - **Appearance and Color** - The submitted chili should look appetizing.



9. **Scoring** – Chili will be scored on its own merits with a whole number from 0 – 10, 10 being the highest. The decision of the judges is final. People’s choice will be awarded to the entry that receives the most ballots. Tickets to participate in the people’s choice award will be handed out at the park entrance. If the “people” chose to, they may purchase as many additional tickets as they want at a cost of \$1 each. The cook receiving the most tickets from the “people” will win the people’s choice award.



## **Showmanship Rules and Information for Contestants**

1. **Showmanship Entries** – To be judges, contestants must declare intentions to compete at least thirty minutes prior to the start of showmanship. This may be done when signing for your contestant number at the check-in booth
2. **Show teams must be participating in the chili cook-off.** Showmanship teams must have at least one cook entered in the chili competition in order to qualify for showmanship points.
3. **Performance of Showmanship** – Showmanship teams must be limited in their activity so as not to interfere with the other contestants.
4. **Show Standards** – Nudity and lewdness are not allowed.
5. **Show Area** - The show area is your cooking area. Show teams will be judged at their cook sites.
6. **Interference** - Showmanship teams may not interfere with other showmanship performances.
7. **Showmanship Period** – Judging will be held 30 minutes following the chili judging.
8. **Showmanship Judging Criteria** – Showmanship will be judged on the following criteria.
  - **Theme**
  - **Costume**
  - **Booth Set up**
  - **Action**
  - **Audience Appeal**
9. **Scoring** – Each showmanship team will be scored on its own merits with a whole number score from 1 to 10, 10 being the highest.
10. **Prizes** - Cash prizes MAY be awarded (TBD). 1<sup>st</sup> place winning teams will be awarded a trophy. Plaques will be awarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners.

### **Event Policies**

- No refunds.
- Only purchased food and drinks are allowed.
- Pets and coolers are not permitted.
- All attendees must wear wristbands.
- Alcohol sold only to persons age 21 and over and you must have a wrist band denoting that you are 21.
- Children under 12 get in free.