

3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
**TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY  
MUSIC FEST & CHILI COOK-OFF**

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**CHILI, BEANS & SALSA COOK-OFF: SAT, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> 8A – 6P**

Heritage Place Amphitheater in Historic Downtown Conroe, Texas  
500 Metcalf (previously Collins) Street, Conroe, TX 77301

**CHILI COOK-OFF**  
**(INCLUDING BEANS & SALSA)**

**RULES & REQUIREMENTS**

1. Each team must consist of at least 2 members with a maximum of 4 members. Companies, organizations or restaurants are encouraged to join the general public in forming teams.
2. Each team must cook a minimum of 3 Gallons of Chili / 2 Gallons of Beans / 2 Gallons of Salsa for public give-away & 1 Quart for judging. Chili, Beans &/or Salsa may only be given out in official tasting cups to be provided. Chili may not be given to anyone NOT wearing a Food Tasting Wristband.
3. Each team must provide all equipment for cooking & serving including a cover not to exceed 12" x 12". Electricity cannot be guaranteed. Booths will be set up on a paved surface.
4. One fire extinguisher is required per booth.
5. Each team must comply with Montgomery County Food rules (see attached).
6. Decorated booths are suggested and encouraged. A Chili Name is required to be displayed. A 'People's Choice Award for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will be given for "Best Chili", "Best Beans", "Super Salsa", "Best Decorated Booth" & "Best Chili Name".
7. Cash Prizes will be awarded for "Best Chili", "Best Beans", & "Best Salsa" by Double Blind Judging. The Cash Prizes are:
  - ❖ **CHILI: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$2000 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$750 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$500**
  - ❖ **BEANS: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$250 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$75**
  - ❖ **SALSA: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$250 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$75**
8. Booths will be assigned in advance order. Booth check-in & set-up will begin at 8am. ALL BOOTHS MUST BE SET UP BY 9:45AM. Cooking may begin only after the booth is set-up. ALL VEHICLES MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE COOK-OFF AREA BY 9:45AM. An area will be designated for Vendor Parking. You will receive one Parking Pass for this area. Only 1 Parking Pass will be giving for each team. Additional vehicles will be subject to park in the public parking area.
9. Each team is responsible to serve the product entered in the cook-off (chili, beans, and/or salsa) to the public until 6pm. Each team is responsible for booth tear-down & clean-up after 7pm. The Chili Cook-Off Area will be closed so that contestants may load their vehicles.
10. A small sponsorship sign may be displayed & promotional items may be given away. NO ITEMS MAY BE SOLD AND NO MONEY MAY BE EXCHANGED. NO POLITICAL BOOTHS IN CHILI AREA!
11. All products must be ready to serve by 12-Noon. Chili, Beans and Salsa for judging must be brought to the judges Area at 2pm. Entries must arrive no later than 2:15pm to be eligible. All judged chili, beans &/or salsa must be cooked from scratch using raw ingredients the day of the cook-off. Preparation of ingredients, such as pre-chopping or marinating, is allowed.
12. The 'People's Choice Award' will be given based on tickets placed in Vote Buckets in your booth. You will be provided 5 Vote Buckets for the People's Choice Award – One for each of the following: Best Chili, Best Chili Name, Best Beans, Best Salsa, Best Decorated Booth.
13. Awards & Cash Prizes will be announced after 7pm from the Stage.
14. NO PETS.

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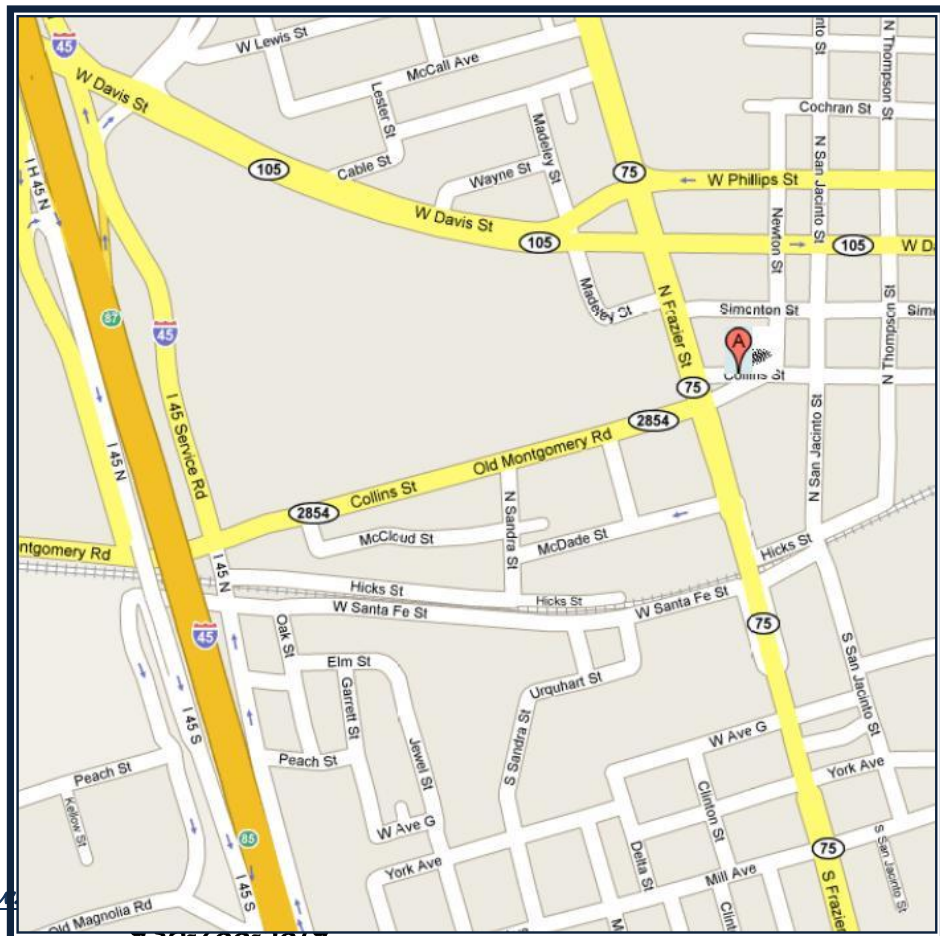
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15. NO SOFT DRINKS OR ALCOHOL OF ANY KIND MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE FESTIVAL. CHILI COOKERS MAY BRING BOTTLED WATER IN A SMALL COOLER FOR TEAM CONSUMPTION ONLY!

## SUGGESTIONS

1. Use an “EZ Pop-Up” type cover. Decorate with a theme tied to your Chili Name.
2. This is a Rain or Shine Event. Come prepared.
3. Use a plastic cover or tablecloth on your serving table.
4. Bring a cart or wagon to transport booth items to/from your parked vehicle.
5. NO SMOKING inside the booth area.
6. This is a ‘Just-About-Anything-Goes’ Event. However, all ingredients must meet the standards of the Montgomery County Health Department. Each cook **MUST** be willing to eat their own chili, beans & salsa and may be required to do so prior to serving or judging.
7. Chili is generally judged by 5 Criteria: Color, Aroma, Taste, and Consistency & Aftertaste.
8. Serving of crackers, cheese, Fritos, beans, rice, etc is optional in the Chili Contest, but may help you win a ‘People’s Choice Award’. Entrants for the Salsa competition shall furnish chips for salsa tasting.
9. Extra hot chili or chili with alcohol should be labeled accordingly to warn the public.
10. TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO COME TO THE FESTIVAL TO VOTE FOR YOUR CHILI, BEANS & OR SALSA IN THE PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARDS.



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## CHILI COOK-OFF TEAM OFFICIAL 2010 ENTRY FORM

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Chili Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK THE DIVISIONS YOU WISH TO COMPETE IN. YOU MAY SELECT ONE OR MORE DIVISION.

- CHILI     BEANS     SALSA  
 RESTAURANT DIVISION



I have read and understand the Texas Independence Day Music Fest & Chili Cook-Off Rules & Regulations online at [www.TexasIndependenceDay.org](http://www.TexasIndependenceDay.org). I agree that I will be responsible for set up and clean up of my assigned booth area. I understand and agree that all team members MUST wear a Festival Wrist Band. (Each team has been provided with 2 Complimentary Festival Wrist Bands. Additional Festival Wrist Bands may be purchased at a discounted rate of \$5.00 each for additional team members &/or family members.) Children 12 and under are free and will be given a Kid's Festival Wrist Band upon entry.

**SPACE IS LIMITED!** BOOTH SPACE PLACEMENT IS GIVEN ON A FIRST PAID BASIS!

Team Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date Accepted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE FEB 28, 2010!**

Cook-Off Entry Fee only \$25.00 per 12x12 Booth Space for 1 product entered  
+\$10 for each additional product to be entered

ALL DECISIONS BY JUDGES IN DOUBLE BLIND JUDGING ARE FINAL.

**Make checks payable to Conroe Downtown Area Association (CDAA).**

Payment MUST be submitted with this completed form! **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** You may deliver your entry form in person or by mail to: James Canada at AAMCO Transmissions, 612 W Phillips St, Conroe, TX 77301 (936) 760-2626.

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