

4TH ANNUAL
**TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY
MUSIC FEST & CHILI COOK-OFF**

MARCH 5TH 11A TO MIDNIGHT & MARCH 6TH NOON TO 7P

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 each item for judging. Chili, Beans &/or Salsa may only be given out in official tasting cups to be provided by the festival. Chili may not be given to anyone NOT wearing a Texas Independence Day Music Fest & Chili Cook Off Wristband!
3. Each team must provide all equipment for cooking & serving including a cover not to exceed 12" x 12". Electricity is available BUT CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. Booths will be set up on a paved surface.
4. **PER HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS: 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 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place will be given for "Favorite Chili", "Best Beans", "Super Salsa", "Best Decorated Booth" & "Best Chili Name".
7. Cash Prizes will be awarded for the following **DOUBLE BLIND JUDGED** winners as follows:
 - ❖ **CHILI: 1st Place - \$2500 / 2nd Place - \$1250 / 3rd Place - \$750 / 4TH Place - \$200 / 5th Place \$100**
 - ❖ **BEANS: 1st Place - \$250 / 2nd Place - \$100 / 3rd Place - \$75 / 4th Place - \$25**
 - ❖ **SALSA: 1st Place - \$250 / 2nd Place - \$100 / 3rd Place - \$75 / 4th Place - \$25**
- ❖ Additional Cash Prizes will be awarded for the following **PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD** winners as follows:
 - ❖ **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS: FAVORITE CHILI - \$100 / BEST BEANS \$25 / SUPER SALSA \$25**
 - ❖ **BEST CHILI NAME: \$25**
 - ❖ **BEST DECORATED BOOTH - \$50**
8. Booths will be assigned in advance order. Booth check-in & set-up will begin on SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH @ 7am. ALL BOOTH SET UP MUST BE FINISHED 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 SUBJECT TO LIMITED/AVAILABLE SPACE. 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 chili, beans, and/or salsa to the public beginning at Noon 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. However, NO ITEMS MAY BE SOLD AND NO MONEY MAY BE EXCHANGED.
11. **Chili must be ready to serve by 12-Noon.** Chili to be served to the public may be prepared according to the health department standards and regulations prior to the festival event. All judged chili must be cooked from scratch using raw meat the day of the cook-off. Preparation of ingredients, such as pre-chopping or marinating, is allowed. 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.
12. The 'People's Choice Award' will be given based on tickets placed in Vote Buckets in your booth. You will be provided 3 Vote Buckets for the People's Choice Award – One for each of the following: Favorite Chili, Best Beans, Super Salsa, Best Chili Name, & Best Decorated Booth.
13. Awards & Cash Prizes will be announced after 6pm from the Stage.
14. NO PETS.
15. Due to TABC & Festival Regulations NO SOFT DRINKS OR ALCHOHOL OF ANY KIND MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE FESTIVAL. CHILI COOKERS MAY BRING BOTTLED WATER IN A SMALL COOLER FOR TEAM CONSUMPTION ONLY! VENDORS WILL ALSO HAVE WATER, SOFT DRINKS AND BEER FOR SALE IN THE PARK.

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CHILI COOK-OFF TEAM
OFFICIAL 2011 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**



I have read and understand the Texas Independence Day Music Fest & Chili Cook-Off Rules & Regulations online at 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. ALL DECISIONS BY JUDGES IN DOUBLE BLIND JUDGING & FESTIVAL COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.

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 10, 2011!

Cook-Off Entry Fee only \$35.00 per 12x12 Booth Space for 1 product entered
+\$10 for each additional product to be entered

Make checks payable to TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY FEST

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: Debbie Glenn, Glenn Agency 800 Houston St, Conroe, TX 77301 (936) 788-5819.