



Pillow Bicentennial Chili Cook-off Rules

- ✦ To reserve a spot return entry form with \$10.00 registration fee by April 30, 2018. Reserving a spot after April 30, 2018 will be an additional \$5.00.
- ✦ There will be three categories – Business, Individual/Team, and Fire Company.
- ✦ All participants are responsible for all their cooking utensils, tables, chairs, ingredients, set up and clean up.
- ✦ All participants must supply all cooking equipment: propane camp stove, grills, etc. (Electricity is available but limited. It will be on a first come first serve basis.)
- ✦ No chili can be pre-cooked or prepared prior to competition. All food preparation including meat, cutting of veggies, etc. must be done on-site in a sanitary manner and should not include any alcoholic or illicit substances. Please keep chili tightly covered when not serving.
- ✦ All ingredients must come from approved food sources, so it's absolutely safe for public consumption (No Roadkill).
- ✦ Chili powder and other spices are fine and dandy, but complete commercial chili mixes are not permitted. Thickeners such as corn meal, masa or flour are allowed – so are canned tomatoes, chipotles and beans. Hate to be this obvious but no canned chili is allowed.
- ✦ Judging will be a blind number system that works as follows: At check in, the head cook will receive one quart container with your official judging chili number. This is the number that will be read and recorded by the judges as they rate your chili. Judging is done by these numbers ONLY! At no time during the judging will anyone know the identity of the numbered samples. Judges decisions are final.
- ✦ Best Chili will be judged in the following areas on a scale of 1-10 by a panel of judges:
 - Color – Chili should look appetizing, reddish brown and the standard of good.
 - Aroma – Chili should smell good.
 - Consistency – Chili should have a good ratio between sauce and meat.
 - Taste – Taste should consist of a combination of meat, spices, etc.
 - After Taste – The aftertaste or bite is the heat created by the varying spices.
- ✦ The public will select a People's Choice Award. The public will each be given a ticket to give their favorite chili. The participant with the most tickets wins. It's up to you to entice them to try your chili and cast their vote for you. The more chili you have, the more votes you can get but a minimum of 3 gallons is required. You may also sell chili by the bowl or quart after judges receive their portion.
- ✦ We will provide tasting cups and spoons for public to sample your chili.
- ✦ Prizes will be awarded for best booth decorations and best costumes.
- ✦ Don't forget....HAVE FUN!!!



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SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018
IN MAPLE DALE PARK, PILLOW, PA

\$10.00 Entry Fee must be submitted
with your Entry Form
Please make checks payable to:
"Pillow Historical Society"

Participants must be set up and cooking by 9am and start serving judges and public at 12pm. Participants can sell their chili after judges have been served. Awarding will take place at 2pm.

Circle one: Business Individual/Team Fire Company

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Entry _____

Please mail entry form and \$10.00 check to:
Pillow Historical Society
Attn: Chili Cook-off
PO Box 193,
Pillow, PA 17080