

Fire & Ice Chili Cook Off
February 15, 2014
Downtown Blue Ridge, Georgia

Rules and Information

- 1. Pre-registration is required for participation in this event. Registration form must be submitted with the \$35.00 entry fee. Deadline for registrations is Wed, February 5, 2014**
- 2. Contestants may enter in one of several categories: Individual, Civic Group, Restaurant or 17&Under. Contestants are required to be present during the competition.**
- 3. Check in for registration is at 8:00 a.m. at the courtyard of Christy Lee's Grille on Robert's Way. Contestants may park on the other side of the RR track from their assigned location.**
- 4. A 10-gallon minimum is required for each contestant; 5-gallons of chili must be cooked separately on site for judging. Contestants, with vendor status or restaurant license within the Blue Ridge City limits, are allowed to sell cups/bowls of chili to the public at Noon. Licensed food service participants must submit a copy of their City of Blue Ridge permit with their application. Licensed participants selling additional food products other than chili, must note those products on their application and be approved by the Blue Ridge Business Association. No beverage service is allowed without prior committee approval.**
- 5. Your chili must be prepared from scratch (no mixes) at your assigned location and out in the open – not inside motorhomes or enclosed tents. Cooking should begin at 8:30 A.M. on February 15, 2014 - the only chili that may be prepared in advance is that being sold to the public. Tables must be staffed and attended at all times. No booths can be dismantled before 6pm.**
- 6. Contestants are responsible for delivering 5 (five) official judging cups to the designated drop-off location by 12:00 pm. No marks or alterations can be made to the judging cups.**
- 7. Sales of food and/or other products may only be done through tickets sold by the business association. Tickets will be sold by and collected by Event Volunteers throughout the day. Vendors are responsible for assigning a ticket price to their items (i.e. 1 ticket = \$1; so, for example a bowl of chili = 10 tickets; a cup of chili = 2 tickets; a plate of BBQ = 7 tickets). Vendors will be responsible for collecting, saving and turning tickets over to Event Volunteers. 25% of all sales will be donated to the**

Association. Vendors will receive a check for 75% of their sales within 10 days of the close of the event.

8. All contestants and vendors must have their booth space inspected at the conclusion of break-down. Any that fails to leave their booth space 100% as clean as it was when they arrived will have a 10% cleaning fee deducted from their final proceeds check.
9. Public Tasting will take place from Noon to 4:30pm. Tasting cards will be sold to individuals wanting to participate in the *People's Choice* voting. All contestants are to punch the card when a tasting is given out. Only one tasting per contestant per card is allowed. This will eliminate multiple tastings and ensure that there is enough chili for everyone.
10. Blue Ridge Business Association will supply tasting spoons, cups and napkins for visitors and judges. Contestants must provide their own cups, bowls, plates, napkins and utensils for product sales as well as tents, tables and décor for their cooking/sales areas. No cooking utensils, equipment or heating containers (i.e. gas fired cooking pot, grill, roaster etc.) will be provided.
11. Please bring a poster with your name, your group's name or the name of your restaurant to display at your table. We also encourage you to display any previous Chili Cook Off awards, especially from previous years of our event.
12. Chili will be judged by two groups:

 The BRBA judges will award "Best of Blue Ridge" in each category

 Voting by the public will determine the "People's Choice Award"
13. Winners will be announced at 5 p.m. The decision of the judges is final!!

Neither the Blue Ridge Business Association nor the City of Blue Ridge will be responsible for any damages etc. to entrant's equipment or personnel while the event is being set-up, conducted or set-down. A liability release wavier must be signed on the day of the competition.