



**9th Annual “Knock Your Boots Off”
Chili Cook-Off & Beer Tasting**
*Presented by the Golden Chamber of Commerce
in partnership with Coors Distributing Company and MillerCoors*

CHILI COOK GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

Date, Time, Location

Saturday, October 15, 2016

1:00pm-4:00pm

Historic Downtown Golden: Foss building parking lot on the corner of 12th and Arapahoe Street.

Proceeds

Proceeds to benefit Golden Chamber of Commerce’s Community Projects, including Golden High School Scholarships, and supporting St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

Chili Booth Fees

Individual/Business Chili Booth Fee

- \$10 for ONE chili entry
- \$15 for TWO or MORE chili entries
- *10 gallon minimum per chili (traditionally less does not last the entire event)*

Restaurant Chili Cook Booth Fee

- \$10 for ONE chili entry
- \$15 for TWO or MORE chili entries
- *15 gallon minimum per chili (traditionally less does not last the entire event)*
- *Restaurant chili can be prepared off-site*

Each entry receives 4 free badges to participate in the event. Any additional tickets may be purchased online at goldenchamber.org.

COOK-OFF SCHEDULE

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Set-up – Chili cook teams
12:00 pm	Cook’s Meeting – Welcome & Review of Rules
1:00 pm	Open to Public
1:00 pm	Judging Cups due to Judge’s Table
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	People’s Choice and Showmanship Judging Chili & Beer
4:00 pm	Tasting of Beer & Chili is Closed

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm Award Presentation
4:30 pm End of Event

Set Up and Take Down

Set-up will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2016. You may set up any time between 7:00am and 9:00am. You will be assigned a booth number. You may pull a vehicle up to your booth to unload, but then it must be removed from site as quickly as possible and for the duration of the event.

Take down will begin starting at 5:00pm due to limited site access and safety considerations. No vehicles will be allowed into the event prior to 5:00pm.

Chili Entry Categories

- Red
- Green
- Other

Chili Cook Sampling, Judging, and Awards

Chili booths will prepare a one once cup and spoon (cups and spoons provided) for event attendees. Judging will be done by a panel of volunteer judges. Chili cooks will be asked to submit a sample of chili for blind judging. Judges will select the winners for Red, Green, and Other. Ribbons and Golden Chamber Bucks will be awarded for 1st and 2nd places for Red, Green and Other chilis in Restaurant and Non-Restaurant categories. We will also award 1st and 2nd in both People's Choice and Showmanship Awards (Booth Presentation). Entries may be eligible for more than one prize. All visitors to the Event will be provided a ballot on which to vote for the People's Choice Award.

Chili Judging Criteria

- Aroma
- Consistency
- Color
- Taste
- Aftertaste

NOTE: HEAT is not a grading scale factor!

Showmanship Rules

Make your booth a PARTY! Give it a THEME!

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING CRITERIA AND SCORING: A single score takes into consideration five criteria for showmanship:

- Theme
- Costume
- Booth set-up

- Action
- Audience appeal

Showmanship must be in good taste. Lewd or obscene themes are prohibited! Alcoholic beverages may not be distributed to the public as part of the showmanship.

Booth Information

Each Chili Booth will receive a pre-assigned 10x10 space. Cooks will be allowed to drive up to their space to unload and load during designated times. The Event will provide sample cups, spoons, and napkins. Chili cooks are responsible for their own tent, chairs, and table. All tents must be properly weighted with 40lb weights at each corner. Be prepared for sun, wind, rain and snow. NO ELECTRICITY IS AVAILABLE.

Chili Cooking Rules

The “*Knock Your Boots Off*” Chili Cook-Off and Beer Tasting is not sanctioned or sponsored by the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) or any other chili cook-off organization.

- Chili Cooking Equipment:** Cooks are expected to provide their own propane cook stoves, serving utensils, pots, fire extinguisher, etc. Cooks shall provide their own canopy or awning if desired (10’ x 10’ maximum please) and chairs as necessary. The Golden Chamber will provide tasting cups, napkins and spoons to the cooks. No electricity will be provided. Each cook is expected to utilize safe and clean stoves and other equipment. The cooking area must show itself to be a safe and clean working environment.
- Chili Cooked On-Site:** All non-restaurant chili must be cooked on site the day of the cook-off. All chili must be prepared in the open (no cooking in motor homes, enclosed tents, etc.)
- Precooking Ingredients:** Commercial chili powder is permissible, however, complete commercial chili mixes (“just add meat” mixes that contain pre-measured spices) are not permitted. Individual ingredients may be marinated, soaked, chopped, cut or pre-cooked prior to the cook-off. *Only restaurants may choose to cook their 12+ gallons off-site, due to the increased quantities requested of them.*
- Sanitation:** Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary a manner as possible. Please refer to the Jefferson County Health Department guidelines for more information.
- Inspection of Cooking Conditions:** Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the head judge or his/her designee. Failure to comply is subject to disqualification.
- Cooks May Have to Taste Their Chili:** At the discretion of the head judge or his/her designee, chili cooks may be required to remove the lids from their chili cups and taste their chili prior to turning in for judging. If a contestant refuses, his or her chili will be disqualified.
- One Chili Per Entry:** Each head cook is responsible for preparing one pot of chili that he/she intends to be judged and turning in one judging cup from that pot. No more than one

judging sample may be taken from any one pot. Cooks must prepare at least 10 gallons of chili per entry. Please note: many cooks prepare more to avoid running at the event.

- h. **Cooks Must Sign Number Slips:** Chili cooks must sign their secret number slips in ink with their first and last names at the time cups are issued. Winners will not be eligible if their secret numbers are unsigned when presented. NOTE: Cooks must present their signed secret numbers to win.
- i. **Protect the Judging Cup:** Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his/her judging cup. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the numbers on the outside of the cups. Any marked or altered cup must be replaced prior to turn-in or it will be disqualified.
- j. **Filing Cups:** Cups will be filled $\frac{3}{4}$ full or to the level designated at the Cooks' Meeting.
- k. **Chili Turn-In:** Chili will be turned in at the place and time designated at the Cooks' Meeting or as otherwise designated by the head judge.
- l. **Judging Rules:** A complete set of judging rules will be available to Cooks on the day of the event and will be reviewed at the Cooks' Meeting.
- m. **Penalties:** Failure to comply with cook-off rules is subject to disqualification of that entry. The decision of the official(s) is final. In the case of disqualification, the official monitoring the cook-off must immediately notify the head cook and give a reason for the disqualification.

Event Policies

- Booth fees must be paid two weeks for to the cook-off.
- NO refunds
- Only purchased food and drinks are allowed
- Pets and coolers are not permitted
- ALL attendees must wear wristbands
- Alcohol will be sold only to persons aged 21 and over

COOK'S WAIVER: UPON ENTERING THIS EVENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES AS DISPLAYED ON THE GOLDEN CHAMBER CHILI WEBSITE: WWW.GOLDENCHAMBER.ORG AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL OF THESE RULES. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE EARLY DUE TO LIMITED ACCESS OF THE SITE.** FURTHER, I WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS I MAY HAVE AGAINST GOLDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR GOLDEN DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL, FIRM OR ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED THEREWITH, RESULTING IN WHOLE OR PART FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE 9TH ANNUAL "KNOCK YOUR BOOTS OFF" CHILI COOK-OFF AND BEER TASTING. I HEREBY GRANT FULL PERMISSION TO THE GOLDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND COORS DISTRIBUTING COMPANY TO USE ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOTAPES, LIVE BROADCASTS, MOTION PICTURES, RECORDINGS OR ANY OTHER RECORD OF THIS EVENT FOR ANY LEGITIMATE PURPOSE.

2016 CHILI COOK APPLICATION

Deadline to apply: Friday, September 30th

First & Last Name

Business Name

Address, City, State, Zip

Email (Required)

Phone

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Chili Booth Fees (check the box you are registering for)

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10 gallon minimum
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10 gallon minimum
- Restaurant Chili Booth** for ONE chili entry: **\$10.00**
15 gallon minimum, can be prepared off-site
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Each entry includes 4 event tickets. Any additional tickets may be purchased online at goldenchamber.org.

Chili Category

- Red Chili Name: _____
- Green Chili Name: _____
- Other Chili Name: _____

Please make checks payable to the Golden Chamber of Commerce.

Mail check and this form to:

Golden Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Chili Cook-Off
1010 Washington Avenue
Golden, CO 80401

For more information please call the Golden Chamber at 303.279.3113 or go to goldenchamber.org