



"Knock Your Boots Off"
Chili Cook-Off & Beer Tasting
Presented by the Golden Chamber of Commerce
in partnership with Coors Distributing Company and MillerCoors

2017 CHILI COOK Rules

Date, Time, Location

Saturday, October 14, 2017
1:00pm-4:00pm
Parfet Park, Golden, CO

Proceeds

Proceeds from this event benefits Golden Chamber of Commerce's Community Projects, including Golden High School Scholarships, and supporting St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Chili Booth – NO Fees

Cooks must prepare at least 10-12 gallons of chili per entry

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
12:00pm Noon	Cook's Meeting – Welcome & Review of Rules
1:00 pm	Open to Public
1:00 pm	Judging Cups due to Judge's Tent
2:50pm	Awards Announced – Presented at each booth
4:00 pm	Closed Tasting of Beer & Chili
4:10 pm	Winners – for an all group photo -meet at the Band Tent

Set Up and Take Down

Set-up will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2017. You may set up any time between 7:00am and 9:00am.

When you arrive, go to the Chili Cook/Volunteer Check-in Tent near the main event entrance on the east side of the park. Check-in and receive your assigned booth number.

Due to this new event venue, NO vehicles are allowed on the Park grass.

Come prepared with your own wagons, dollies, etc. to bring your items to your booth. In addition, the Golden Chamber will have volunteers with golf carts to help unload your vehicle and bring your items to your designated booth; and to help move your items after the event.

We appreciate your patience in waiting for assistance.

Break down begins at 4:15pm due to limited site access and safety considerations.

Booth Information

Each Chili Booth will receive a pre-assigned 10 ft x10 ft space on grass.

The Golden Chamber will provide cooks with: sampling cups, a ladle, and napkins.

Chili cooks are responsible for their own: tent, chairs, and tables.

All tents must be properly weighted with 40lb weights at each corner in case of windy weather.

NO stakes are allowed in the Park grass. Be prepared for sun, wind, rain and snow.

NO ELECTRICITY IS AVAILABLE.

Chili Entry Categories

- Red
- Green
- Other

Chili Cook Sampling, Judging, and Awards

Chili booths will prepare a 1 ounce sampling cup (cups are 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 & Cash Money will be awarded for 1st places for Red, Green, and Other (white)

Ribbons only are awarded for 2nd place in Red, Green and Other (white)

Awards are given for both Restaurant and Non-Restaurant categories.

Entries may be eligible for more than one prize.

Award Chili Judging Criteria

- Aroma
- Consistency
- Color
- Taste
- Aftertaste

NOTE: HEAT is not a grading scale factor!

Best Booth Award - Showmanship Rules

1st Place & 2nd Place receive a Ribbon

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.

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.

- a. **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.
- b. **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.)
- c. **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 gallons off-site, due to the increased quantities requested of them.*
- d. **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.
- e. **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.
- f. **Chili 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 10-12 gallons of chili per entry.** Please note: many cooks prepare more to avoid running out at the event.

- g. **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.
- h. **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.
- i. **Filing Cups:** Cups will be filled $\frac{3}{4}$ full or to the level designated at the Cooks' Meeting.
- j. **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.
- k. **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.
- l. **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

- NO Alcohol is allowed to be brought into the event
- Pets are not permitted
- Valid ID must be shown in order to get a wrist band
- Must be 21 years in order to drink alcohol
- Must wear wristbands to taste beers

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 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.