

## 2021 NINE MILE CHILI COOKOFF RULES

October 9, 2021 1100am-200pm

Nine Mile Community Center

1. Chili is defined as “a hearty stew that is also used as a topping condiment on other dishes and has varied recipes and ingredients, with or without meat, ultimately derived from the Mexican-style chili con carne.”

2. The entry fee is \$10.00 and is limited to the first 25 contestants. To enter the Chili COOKOFF please send a \$10 check made-out to the NMCC, along with your name, address and email/phone, noting that it is for the Chili COOKOFF, mailed to the NMCC, P.O. Box 1061, Frenchtown, MT 59834 or contact Shannon Stalpaert (360) 632-2587 or Jule Van Hise (406) 626-2535. Limit one chili dish per household. Entries must be submitted no later than October 5th. There will be awards for First and Second Place and a People Choice Award will be given out at 1:00pm. The winners may also be featured in a future Nine Mile Community Center Newsletter. Also, contestants will receive one FREE lunch/dessert ticket for the event.

3. All ingredients must be pre-cooked, pre-assembled, and ready to eat prior to the beginning of the contest.

4. Please make a minimum of 8 quarts of chili. Ensure your dish is hot upon arrival and in a suitable container to allow the chili to remain hot (ie crockpot). Also, please bring a spoon or ladle that can be used to serve the chili.

5. Contestants are responsible for the maintenance of the chili's proper temperature for serving, if required. Small bowls and utensils will be provided by NMCC.

6. Each contestant will list the ingredients of their chili (in no particular order or amounts) on an index card to be displayed, in order for the public to know the contents pertaining to food allergies. Do not place your name on the index card.

7. Each contestant is responsible for setting up promptly by 10:45am, and for cleaning up their area at the end of the day and removing all items from the area. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the Chili COOKOFF.

### **Judging**

The public will select the People's Choice Award by placing their chili ticket in a box in front of each entry. The box with the most tickets at the end of the contest will win the People's Choice Award. A panel of three judges (selected by the NMCC) will award the First and Second Place winners at the conclusion of the event. The judging will start promptly at 10:45am. The competition will be blind judged (no one knows the identity of the contestant).