



# 2011 Big Bear Chili Cook-off - July 16, 2011

## Regional OFFICIAL CONTESTANT APPLICATION FORM

**Payment Methods:** Money Order, Check, Master Card, Visa

Red Chili: \$35.00

People's Choice: 2 Gallons for free entry by ICS Member

Chili Verde: \$25.00

1 Gallon plus \$20.00 for ICS Member Only

Homemade Salsa: \$10.00

People's Choice Non ICS: 5 Gallons or \$50.00 entry plus 1 gallon

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

To participate as a contestant you must be a member of the International Chili Society (ICS).

If you are not yet a member of ICS, please fill out and send the attached application.

ICS Membership # \_\_\_\_\_  Life  Charter  Applied for Date of Cook-off \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Any use of commercial business names require prior approval of Cook-off Chairperson and/or ICS)

### Pay by Credit Card:

Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Cook's Special Requests

Please note any special requests or needs that you may have in the space provided below. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to satisfy every request.

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Will you be sponsored by anyone? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, fully disclose who and all details: \_\_\_\_\_

The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree that I will not be selling any food or items. I have read the International Chili Society official rules and regulations and I hereby agree to abide by such rules and regulations.

Signed Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- I will attend the Calcutta Dinner & Chili Booth Auction at Murrays Bar & Grill on Friday, July 15, 2011

**Make Checks Payable to the Big Bear Chamber of Commerce**

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**Admin Use Only**  
Assigned Space Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Copy of Insurance \_\_\_\_\_  
ICS Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
Received by \_\_\_\_\_



# OFFICIAL CONTESTANT RULES & REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations for cooks at the World's Championship, State, Regional and District Cook-offs are as follows:

1. Traditional Red Chili is defined by the International Chili Society as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients, with the exception of BEANS and PASTA which are strictly forbidden.
2. Chili Verde is defined by the International Chili Society as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with green chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients, with the exception of BEANS and PASTA which are strictly forbidden.
3. Salsa: **MUST be homemade.** Salsa may be prepared ahead of time or on site. It must be prepared by the ICS member whose name appears on the official contestant list and who signs for the official judging cup. Commercial salsa will **no longer** be accepted as an entry.
4. No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the commencement of the official cookoff. The only exceptions are canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, broth and grinding and/or mixing of spices. Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground. **MEAT MAY NOT BE PRE- COOKED.** All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period.
5. You must be an ACTIVE ICS member to compete in any ICS competition including Traditional Red Chili, Chili Verde, and Salsa. You must be at least 18 years old.
6. The cooking period will be a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 4 hours. The exact starting and ending of the cooking period is to be announced by each local sponsoring organization. Cooking during entire cooking period is at the sole discretion of the contestant.
7. A representative of the sponsoring organization shall conduct a contestant's meeting, at which time final instructions are to be given and questions answered, no later than 1 hour prior to the official starting time of the cookoff.
8. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, etc. The sponsors of the cookoff will provide an area for each contestant and in some instances stoves and/or electrical outlets.
9. Each contestant must cook a minimum of two quarts of competition chili prepared in one pot, which will be submitted for judging.
10. The sponsoring organization requires People's Choice Chili in lieu of the entry fee (2 gal maximum) or in addition to the entry fee (1 gal maximum), but cooks are encouraged to provide more. Contestants may elect to pay a cash entry fee rather than provide People's Choice Chili. **PEOPLE'S CHOICE CHILI MUST HAVE BEANS OR PASTA.** Non-compliance by a contestant of the Chairman's requirement will result in disqualification from the competition. This requirement is the same for each ICS contestant.
11. In order for a cook to receive the official judging cup for their specific contest, they must sign the contestant list and provide their official ICS membership number. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant's number by the Chief Scorekeeper and be given an official 32 oz. ICS judging cup. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their cup is the same as their assigned contestant number. Each contestant is responsible to deliver their cup, which must be filled to the bottom of the cup's rim, to the judging area at the official time for judging.
12. Judges will be told they should vote for the chili they like best based on the following major considerations: good flavor, texture of the meat, consistency, blend of spices, aroma, and color.
13. The decisions of the Chief Judge shall be final.
14. Contestants will not be permitted to sell any food.

## Booth & Display Criteria

We encourage all vendors to decorate their booth to their chosen theme.

### Location

- Participants agree that once booth space is assigned by the Big Bear Chamber of Commerce. NO changes are permitted.

Booth exteriors: We encourage you to theme your booth/area.

- Shade covering is recommended. We are closer to the sun with clear air and it is easy to sun burn.
- Sidewalls are not required, however back walls are encouraged to mask backstage areas

### Displays and Signage:

- Pegboard displays – pictures of all pegboards are required and must be pre-approved. Photos are mandatory.
- All freestanding racks, umbrellas, shelves, and displays outside the booth must be included on the booth perimeter plan or be subject to removal

### Storage

- Backstage storage space is not guaranteed. If it is not included in your booth perimeter plan, all cartons, containers, ice chests, and other paraphernalia may need to be stored in your booth and properly covered.

### Costuming Criteria

We encourage all vendors to dress and to decorate their booth to their chosen theme.

## Event Set-up and Break-down

- Event hours are 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday. All booths must remain open during these hours,
- Digging holes or tying things to trees must be pre-approved by the Big Bear Chamber of Commerce and is not encouraged.
- No open flame. (Food vendors please talk to vendor coordinator )
- Set-up is Friday July 15, Noon – 5pm or 7:30 am to 9:30 am, Saturday, July 16, 2010 **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Vehicles will be allowed on site during the above listed set-up hours. **Vehicles still on-site after 9:30 am on Saturday, July 16, 2010 are subject to towing and expulsion at the owner's expense.**
- Break-down is from 8:00 pm on Saturday, July 16, 2010 until 7:00 pm.
- Vehicles will be allowed on site during the above listed break-down hours.
- The Big Bear Chamber of Commerce **reserves the right to delay vehicle access if additional time is required to remove patrons.**
- After breakdown all of your booth area must be cleared of all trash, litter and debris.
- Dumpsters will be provided. **Do not use the small trash receptacles set up for patrons use.** That will result in the loss of your cleaning deposit.
- Provided your sites are clean, your cleaning deposit will be shredded at the end of event. **No deposits will be refunded on site.**