

# 29th Annual Marion Downtown Chili Championship

## Official 2015 Chili Team Application

**Friday, July 17th**  
**Main Street in downtown Marion**

*Mail Application to: Marion Downtown  
P.O.Box 915  
Marion, VA 24354*

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chili: \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Sponsor Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your chili team: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your team booth / decorations / theme: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE:** Space included is 10' x 10'. If you need two spaces, you must pay for the additional space!

Entry fee is **\$50** per team. All teams are required to prepare and serve a minimum of **three (3) gallons of chili on site** for public tasting. Both "taster" and competition chili **MUST** use the exact same recipe. See attached Official Rules. Entry Deadline is 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2015. (MUST have health permit 10 days prior to event). Total of \$500.00 in cash prizes will be awarded. **Good Luck!** For more information, call 783-4190.

**\*\*\*ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE A VALID PERMIT FROM THE VA HEALTH DEPARTMENT -  
CALL 781-7450 FOR INFORMATION\*\*\***

**“29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARION DOWNTOWN CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP”**  
**July 17, 2015      Chili Team Information**

1. Contestants must pre-register with MDRA and have a valid Temporary Food Permit from the VA Department of Health. Contestants must supply all their own cooking utensils, including gas stoves, table(s), utensils, hand washing and sanitizing disposal system. MDRA will supply each contestant an allocated space (approximately 10 x 10), tasting cups and official signage.
  
2. Setup for chili teams begins at 5:15 pm AT THEIR ASSIGNED SPACE ON THE SIDEWALK. Teams may move their setup onto the parking space adjacent to their assigned space immediately **after Main Street is cleared of traffic** (around 6pm). **NO ONE MAY MOVE ONTO THE ASPHALT UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO DO SO!**
  
3. All team captains must attend a "Chili Team" Meeting, set for 6:15 pm on the corner of Main and Church Streets (beside the Bank of Marion) for last-minute instructions.
  
4. Preparation of ingredients may begin at 6:00 pm. Cooking may begin at 6:15 pm and will end at 9:30 pm.
  
5. Each contestant must cook all chili on-site. Contestants must cook a minimum of three (3) gallons of chili. **It may contain beans or pasta - cook's choice!** Contestants are permitted to cook **only one pot of chili**, which will be used for public sampling and will also be submitted for judging. The chili must be ready to be served to the public by 8:00pm. MDRA Officials will collect one quart of competition chili for judging beginning at 8:00 pm. **NOTE NEW PICKUP TIME!**
  
6. Contestants will provide a 'taster' sample of chili in exchange for each ticket presented.
  
7. ***The decision of the judges is final.*** Awards Ceremony will begin at 10:00 pm, or immediately following official decision by judges, whichever comes later.
  
8. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers, and for "Showmanship." Cash prizes are: ***First Place, \$250. Second Place, \$100. Third Place \$75. Showmanship, \$75.*** Total of \$500 in cash prizes will be awarded! A Trophy will also be awarded for "People's Choice" and for "Chili Wimp" (Least Hot Chili).

**By submission of application and by attending the team meeting, all contestants agree to hold harmless the Marion Downtown Revitalization Association, The Town of Marion, all sponsors and their agents, for any accidents or misfortunes that may occur prior to, during, or following the above event.**