



Saturday, October 8th | 2pm - 10pm

1. **LOAD IN IS 1pm-2pm ONLY - ENTER FROM BROAD ST.**
2. **NO Electricity, or Water Source will be Provided**
3. **MUST use QUIET Generators or Gas.**
4. **Contestants must pre-register with the Town of Marion 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 systems. MDRA will supply each contestant an allocated space (approximately 10 x 20), tasting cups and official signage.
5. **Setup time for Chili Teams & Vendors will be 1pm-2pm ONLY. Everyone must be completely set up and vehicles cleared from the street by 2pm.** Enter using Broad Street.
(Any late entries will have to carry all supplies and provisions in from available parking areas outside the Contest Area).
6. **Hours of Operation: 2pm – 10pm**
7. All team captains must attend a **“Chili Team” Meeting, set for 2:15 pm at the Chili Info. Tent by the Main Stage** for last-minute instructions.
8. Preparation of ingredients and cooking may **begin at 2:30 pm and must be ready by 6pm for tasting to begin.**
9. **Each contestant must cook all chili on-site. Contestants must cook a minimum of five (5) gallons of chili** (most teams do more - more chili = more votes!). 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. **Both “taster” and competition chili *MUST* use the exact same recipe. The chili must be ready to be served to the public by 6:00pm. MDRA Officials will collect one quart of competition chili for judging beginning at 6:00 pm.**
10. Contestants will provide a ‘taster’ sample of chili to every person who shows their official armband.
11. ***The decision of the judges is final.*** **Awards Ceremony will begin at 8pm**, or immediately following an official decision by judges, whichever comes later.
12. 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”.***

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.

2022 | MarionVA Chili Cook-Off | Rules & Regulations

2022| Marion 36th Annual Chili Cook-Off Application

Please complete the application below and return with payment, if needed, Town Hall or the address below. **Applications must be received by Wednesday, September 28th at 5:00 p.m.**

You will receive a confirmation of your Chili Entry via email, along with instructions for Chili Day.



- ☐ **Chili Team - \$50**
Located on Main St.
- ☐ **Food Vendor - \$50**
Located on Broad St.
- ☐ **Commercial Vendor - \$100**
Located on Main St.
- ☐ **Community Vendor – Free (MUST turn in application so we can reserve your place.)**
Located on Main St.

Name (Print): _____

Business or Sponsor Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Chili Team Name: _____

Chili Name: _____

Previous Awards: _____

Describe your team booth / decorations / theme: _____

NOTE: Space included is 10' x 20'. If you need two spaces, you must pay for the additional space!

*****ALL FOOD VENDORS & CHILI TEAMS MUST HAVE A VALID PERMIT FROM THE VA HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CALL 276-781-7450 FOR INFORMATION*****

Mail Application to: Marion Downtown Chili Championship

P.O. Box 1005 Marion, VA 24354