

CALEDONIA BANDS CHILI COOK-OFF RULES

1. Official chili cook-off registration forms must be submitted with a non-refundable entry fee **no later than Sunday, March 22, 2020.**
2. A chili entrant team will consist of a minimum of 2 people: 1 person to dispense chili into tasting cups and 1 person to serve the public.
3. Set up of your assigned area must be complete and chili ready to serve by 6:00pm. Entrants may begin setting up their area at 5:00pm.
4. Appropriate “themed” decoration of your area and related costuming is encouraged but not required.
5. Caledonia Bands will provide an assigned table, testing cups, spoons and bowls for the public, tickets and a ballot box to contestants.
6. Chili must be cooked from scratch at home and brought on site the day of the cook-off. Each cook must prepare 4-12 quarts of chili to be judged by the public. This is a popular event, so the more you can make the better!
7. All meat and poultry must be obtained from USDA approved sources. Please note: Home canned and home prepared foods are not allowed unless entering the wild game category.
8. A listing of ingredients used to make the chili must be displayed. Quantities do not need to be included.
9. The chili container must be a crock-pot or electric roaster to maintain the chili at a temperature of 140 degrees or higher. It is recommended that contestants also bring extension cords.
10. Contestants will provide a food thermometer to check internal temperatures of chili to assure proper temperature for serving. Caledonia Bands will have a thermometer on site for use, if necessary, and will be monitoring food temperature periodically throughout the event.
11. Contestants will provide multiple sets of utensils to be changed out in case of contamination.
12. All food, equipment and utensils must be stored at least six inches off the floor on pallets, tables or shelving protected from contamination.
13. No bare hand contact with food is allowed. Hand washing facilities will be available.

REMINDER: Contestants must wash their hands after using toilet facilities, coughing/sneezing and handling soiled equipment, etc.

14. All food-handling personnel shall maintain a high degree of personal cleanliness by wearing clean outer garments and hair restraints (cap, hat or hair net).
15. At the discretion of the representative from the Health Department or Caledonia Bands, Chili Cook-off cooks may be required to taste their own chili prior to serving or at any time so requested during the event.
16. All food must be covered when not in use to protect from customer handling, coughing, sneezing or other contamination.
17. All personal belongings must be stored in a designated area away from food, equipment, utensils, etc.
18. No deliberate sabotage to another contestants or their entry will be tolerated. Such an act would lead to automatic disqualification.
19. Contestants understand that all money collected will be donated to Caledonia Bands.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY FORM AND FEE:

- To the band room at the high school or middle schools.
- Mail cash/check to Chili Cook-Off Entry Form, PO Box 501, Caledonia, MI 49316.
- Submit online at caledoniabands.com/store. Credit card entry details there.