



11th Annual Mount Vernon Chili Cookoff

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017

Cash prizes for People's Choice and first, second, third place chosen by judges.

Chili Team Name: _____

Team captain: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (____) _____ Email: _____

Space is limited. Please register your team early! Early bird deadline is Oct. 6
Questions can be directed to Matt at margheim65@yahoo.com or by phone at 319-895-4085

Early Bird Registration

Register by **Oct. 6** and get:

- Entry Fee returned
- Gary's Foods gift card worth \$25

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_____ I'm cooking with propane – Free

_____ I need electricity to cook – \$10

_____ I need a 10x10 tent – \$40

_____ Total entry fee – **Make checks payable to CDG**

Please send your completed registration form and entry fee to:

**Matt Margheim
603 5th Ave. N
Mount Vernon IA, 52314**

Teams that meet early bird deadline will have entry fee returned at the cookoff.

RELEASE

Entrants and participants by execution of this Entry Form release and discharge the State of Iowa, Linn County, the City of Mount Vernon, the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group Chili Cookoff and anyone else connected to the management or presentation of this contest from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant or participant to his person or property. We also agree to follow the rules and guidelines of this contest.

Signature of Team Captain

Date

Chili Cookoff Guidelines

Thanks for taking part in the 11th annual Mount Vernon Chili Cookoff. These are a few guidelines to help make the cookoff a success for teams and for the public.

The cookoff takes place on First Street East in uptown Mount Vernon. Portable restrooms and a handwashing station will be on site.

Please note that food safety is critical. Use sanitary practices and keep chili hot. The Linn County Department of Health will inspect each team's set up.

- **Chili must be cooked on site. 5 gallons minimum.**
- Camp stove/propane use/turkey fryer pot recommended
- Limited electricity is available. Power strips are not allowed.

You'll need to bring:

- Extension cord – if you are using electricity. No power strips are allowed.
 - Heat source
 - Hats/Hairnets.
 - Food thermometer(s)
- A 10x10 tent is required. Please bring your own if you have one.

You'll be provided:

The cookoff committee will provide each team with one 8-foot table, a handwashing station, a sanitizing sprayer/paper towels; a bucket for compostables and a recycling bin; gloves, cups, napkins and spoons for serving. In addition the cookoff committee will provide a common rinsing station for utensils.

There will not be a place to wash dishes, so please plan accordingly.

Timeline:

- 11 a.m. – Set up
- 11:30 a.m. – Cooking begins
- 3:45 p.m. – Judging begins
- 4 p.m. – Public arrives
- 6:45 p.m. – Voting ends for Peoples Choice

Judging:

Judges will be offered naked chili only. No toppings.

Finally, we are endeavoring to make this a waste-free event. All supplies provided by CDG can be recycled or composted. We ask you join in by avoiding styrofoam and other non-recyclable, non-compostable trash as well.