

# Chili Cookoff Guidelines

Thanks for taking part in the 13th 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 hand-washing 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.

## **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:**

One 8-foot table, a hand-washing station, a sanitizing sprayer/paper towels, a bucket for compostables, and a recycling bin. The committee also will provide gloves, cups, napkins and spoons for serving.

There is **NO** dishwashing area, so please plan accordingly.

## **Timeline:**

11 a.m. – Set up

11:30 a.m. – Cooking begins

(Note: you can start cooking any time after 11:30. Chili must be ready to serve at 4 p.m. and Health Inspectors must be able to review your set up)

4 p.m. – Public arrives

6:45 p.m. – Voting ends for Peoples Choice

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