



UpDownTowners Cook-off Application

Chili

Saturday February 25, 2012

(Deadline: Friday, Feb. 17)

Chowder

Sunday, February 26, 2012

(Deadline: Friday, Feb. 17)

Questions about event: (315) 676-2496

Web: www.updowntowners.com

Web: www.syracusewinterfest.com

Official Rules and Regulations

The following rules must be adhered to:

1. All ingredients (except meat) must be chopped or prepared in public view during cooking time. Meat may be pre-cut or ground but not pretreated or precooked in any way. Sausage products are permitted, but **NO WILD GAME** is allowed unless USDA approved. Be prepared to prove source (store label, etc.) of meat products. Only commercially canned or bottled items, beverages, and broth are permitted. For Chili, **NO BEANS, PASTA**, etc. may be added until after your entry has been collected for judging. All ingredients, etc. must be kept off the ground per Health Dept. regulations (A copy of regulations will be available with the Syracuse Winterfest official for review).
2. Any allowable prep work done prior to this Cook-off must be done in an approved facility or restaurant with a health permit.
3. All contestants must complete the attached application and submit it with entry fee by deadline to **UpDownTowners of Syracuse, Inc. P.O. Box 443, Syracuse, NY 13201.**
4. Contestants are permitted to arrive at 9:00 a.m. for set up of equipment on the day of the Cook-off. Contestants must sign in at the bandwagon by 10:30 a.m. and select a location. First come, first serve for spot selection. Contestants should leave plenty of room between tables in order that spectators have enough room to safely move about the area.
5. Water Street will be closed to vehicular traffic. Enter the site from Salina Street to Water Street. Absolutely no vehicles are permitted to remain in Hanover Square after 10:00 a.m.
6. Deadline to start cooking is 11:30 a.m.
7. A **MAXIMUM** of three assistants will be permitted (none are required) in the cooking area and must be identified on the application form. Any other people assisting will **DISQUALIFY** that entry.
8. One quart of each team's Chili/Chowder will be collected at approximately 2:30 p.m. for judging. A half hour (30 minutes) warning period will be announced prior to collection.
9. Remember, a trophy for best decorated area will be given, along with a plaque. **PLAN ACCORDINGLY!**
10. Judging is anonymous and the **DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.**



ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING, DRINKING OR EATING PERMITTED IN COOKING AREA

Each team MUST provide the following:

1. All tables or work surfaces you will need. Remember, your area is limited to 12' x 12'.
2. Propane stoves, only. No wood or coal fires are allowed! (Stove rentals are available from Sunbelt Rentals, etc.) You must comply with the Syracuse Fire Dept. regulations on three-sided tents if applicable.
3. All cooking equipment, utensils, etc. must be steel alloy. Enamel cookware is prohibited. A thermometer is required. Health Dept. regulations require temperature of product to be 140 degrees. You must be able to prove this to the Health Inspector if requested.
4. Hand washing facilities, including water, soap, bucket/container and towels/paper towels for drying. (State Sanitary Code 1, Part 14 Subpart 14-2)
5. Plastic or latex gloves to be worn by all cooks and assistants while cooking and serving samples to the public. Plastic gloves may be worn over gloves worn for warmth.
6. A minimum of 3 - 5 gallons of product, with more being to your advantage. One quart will be needed for judging. You may cook it in a small size for control.

SYRACUSE FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU WINTERFEST THREE-SIDED TENTS

1. All tent material shall be flameproof.
2. All decorative material shall be flameproof.
3. Evidence of flameproofing shall be provided.
4. Front of tent cannot be covered over when using propane for cooking or heating.
5. Keep heat producing cookers or heater away from tent walls, other combustibles, and separated from propane tanks.
6. All propane tanks shall be secured in upright position outside of tent area by wire, chain, or other approved method.
7. All propane hoses need to be protected from damage.
8. Approved fire extinguisher (Class A-B-C) shall be provided.
9. No smoking signs shall be posted inside tent.
10. Keep an exit aisle out of tent clear at all times.

SPECIAL NOTE:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REGULATIONS DOES NOT ALLOW COOKING INSIDE OF TENTS

SPECIAL NOTE:

ANY AND ALL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS SHALL HAVE THEIR PROPANE PERMIT ON SITE
Any commercial establishment without a propane permit will be charged \$25 by the Fire Department for a one-year permit.



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Single Cook-off Entry Fee: \$60
Two Cook-offs: \$100

Which Cook-off? _____

(ONE application per event, please)
(photocopy as needed)

Head Chef: _____

Phone and Email: _____

Team/ Restaurant Name: _____

Assistant Names:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Make Checks Payable to:

UpDown Towners of Syracuse, Inc.

Detach this section and mail with check to:

UpDownTowners of Syracuse, Inc.

P.O. Box 443

Syracuse, NY 13201

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