

PICKENS COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS
CHILI COOK-OFF
REGISTRATION PACKET



AZALEA FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010
10 am until 2 pm

Pickens County Meals on Wheels is hosting its 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off and we want you to be a part of it! Compete for CASH prizes AND support PICKENS COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS!

- **Best Chili** - \$300 Cash Award
- **People's Choice** – \$150 Cash Award
- **Best Booth and Team Spirit** – \$75 Cash Award
- **Top Team Fundraiser** - Year long recognition on our website

Mission: Pickens County Meals on Wheels exists to combat the effects of hunger, loneliness and isolation on senior citizens living in Pickens County, and to provide a lifeline through the use of caring volunteers.



About Us

The Pickens County Meals on Wheels Chili Cook-Off is an event organized by Pickens County Meals on Wheels as a charity fundraiser. Volunteers serve the homebound in our community by delivering nutritious, hot meals Monday through Friday. Only with your support can we continue our mission; "Pickens County Meals on Wheels exists to combat the effects of hunger, loneliness and isolation on senior citizens living in Pickens County, and to provide a lifeline through the use of caring volunteers."

Our chili cook-off will be held at the Azalea Festival in Pickens, SC on April 17, 2010 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Anyone may enter our competition, individuals, organizations, or businesses. We encourage you to organize a team, decorate your booth, and plan to have some fun! Read all the guidelines below and the DHEC pamphlet, then fill out your application. You can either mail it or fax it to 864-878-0029. If you have any questions, please call us at 864-878-7650.

Judging Criteria/Guidelines

Best Chili Award

Judging will be based upon flavor, meat texture, and consistency, blend of spices, aroma, and color.

Best Booth/Most Team Spirit Award

Booth will be judged on best theme, booth design, decorations, and all-over presentation of theme.

People's Choice Award

The tasting public will be voting for their favorite chili. The team with the most votes wins the People's Choice Award at the end of the competition.

Team Fundraising Award

The team collecting the most donations for Meals on Wheels will win the Team Fundraising Award. You will receive recognition on our website for an entire year. Remember, you can start collecting donations prior to the event!

Chili Cook-Off Schedule

6:00 am – 10:00 am

Set – Up Booth & Start Cooking

10:30 am

Judging Begins

10:30 am

Start Selling Chili!

2:00 pm

Winners Announced!



Rules and Regulations:

1. Chili must be cooked on site and can NOT be pre-cooked prior to competition. You may begin cooking as soon as your booth is set up, anytime after 6:00 am. Prep work, such as chopping vegetables, can be done in advance.
2. Please make a minimum of 5 gallons of chili, reserving 2 cups for judging.
2. You must have a thermometer.
3. Grease from cooking meat must be collected.
4. Chili must be covered and remain covered, except when serving.
5. You will be supplied 2 tables and 2 chairs. You can bring extra. The booth location will be designated on a 1st come 1st serve basis.
7. Each team/booth must have a canopy/tent.
8. Each booth must have a hand washing station (see DHEC pamphlet)
9. No alcoholic beverages, nudity, lewdness, and firearms will be permitted. You will be disqualified.
10. No chili or other food items or non food items may be sold to the public by your team. You are encouraged to promote your company and/or product. Promotional items may be given away.
11. All teams and booths should be ready for inspection of all cooking equipment and ingredients by 10:00 am.
12. Each team is required to remove all booth and materials from the site by 4:00 pm if allowed by festival organizers.
13. The contest will be held rain or shine.

General Information:

1. You will need a cooking stove and fuel. (Coleman type, propane, or white gas) – THERE WILL BE NO ELECTRICITY and NO OPEN FIRES.
2. Bring supplies needed for cooking and serving chili. Tasting cups, tasting spoons and napkins will be provided. Supplies might include: one large or two medium pots, cutting board, knife, water cooler (for meat), paper towels, spoons, can opener, and matches, small bottle of bleach and condiments for your chili.
3. Meat must be in original packaging, stamped "USDA inspected. No wild game or home prepared meats will be allowed.
4. Bring decorations for you booth to compete in the Best Booth/Team Spirit Award.
5. Have plenty of water on hand to handle any fires or accidents and/or a fire extinguisher.
6. Fuel and matches need to be stored away from open flames and children.
7. Locate any cooking surfaces away from public access and in such a manner that should a pot tip over in any direction that neither the contents nor the hot surfaces can contact people or flammable material.
8. Have a supply of hot pads to prevent accidental burns.
9. Sterilization buckets must be in place and all items coming in contact with chili must be sterile (hand, utensils, etc.)
10. POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOODS (all meats, sauces, etc.) must reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees (F). This food handling practice is necessary because the risk of food borne illness occurs when potentially hazardous food is held in a temperature danger zone between 41 degrees and 140 degrees (F). After the chili is fully cooked, it must be held at 140 degrees (F) to be served, so keep it hot!
11. Everyone washes hands, especially after using the restrooms.
12. DO NOT use your food preparation utensils when tasting your chili. Bring disposable spoons for this.

Contestants will be subject to DHEC rules and regulations as outlined in DHEC pamphlet "Food Service at Special Events" that will be given to you upon registration.

Please print this form and mail with your check to:

Pickens County Meals on Wheels
Attention: Chili Cook-off
P.O. Box 1162
Pickens, SC 29671

Or fax to: (864) 878-0029

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
Phone: (864) 878-7650

Name of Team: _____

Team Captain: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

(Must have at least one on team)

Cost: \$50.00 entry fee. Entry fees for contestants are non-refundable.

