

Sweetheart Chili Cook-Off

February 8th @ 11 am

COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN: Alyson Hancock TEXT ONLY: 713-518-7231

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Spaces of 30 x 30 maximum will be assigned on a first received basis. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Spaces will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis, and the application (signed & completed) and entry fee can be turned in at the Brenham Elks Lodge #979, 400 E Germania St, Brenham, TX 77833.

There will be limited access! Only one (1) vehicle at a time, per space, may enter the cook-off area on either of the two days. Your vehicle **MUST** be inside your 30 x 30 area. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** No vehicle will be allowed in after 9:00 am on Saturday. **If your vehicle DOES NOT fit in your space, it is expected to be parked in the specific parking area.**

The meat from which entries are to be taken will not be allowed on grills before meat is inspected or tagged. It must be inspected by the Committee from 11 am -12 pm. **PRE-COOKED, SALTED, SEASONED OR MARINATED MEAT IS NOT ALLOWED.** Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. **No electric cookers will be allowed.** All fires must be in containers not on the ground. Holes, dug pits or open flames in boxes or other containers resting on or less than two feet above the ground surface are not permitted. Propane burners with a minimum of 12" from the ground are permissible. **OPEN FLAMES OF ANY KIND ARE NOT PERMITTED** (e.g., tikki torches or campfires.) **ALL PITS MUST BE DIAPERED TO PREVENT COAL OR GREASE DAMAGE.**

1. Contestants will not be allowed to sell any barbecue. Barbecue cookers may give barbecue to spectators if they wish.
2. No keg beer allowed on grounds - can beer only! Beer and liquor will be available for purchase in the bar during bar hours. No outside beer or liquor can be brought into the gates of the Brenham Elks Lodge but can be purchased inside at the bar. Beer or liquor purchased at the bar cannot be taken outside the gates. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages or providing alcohol to minors will be grounds for disqualification. Please observe state liquor laws. The CHIEF COOK will be responsible for the conduct of his team and guests.
3. The committee will try to have access to water and electricity for each space. You must bring your own extension cords and water hoses.
4. Amplification should be used in moderation during entire cook-off and must be turned off from midnight until 8:00am. All bands and DJ's in cooking area must be pre-approved. This rule will be strictly enforced and refusal to abide, will result in immediate disqualification and eviction from the grounds.
5. **Animals are NOT permitted** on the grounds except for Seeing Eye dogs or certified "human assistance" dogs. Any team member with an assistance animal must remain on a leash and with the person requiring assistance at all times while on the Show grounds. No skateboards, tricycles, bicycles, motorcycles, mopeds, golf carts, three-wheelers or four-wheelers will be permitted on grounds.
6. Each team will be responsible for clean-up of their space. Hot coals and ashes should be disposed of in containers provided for them (not on the ground or in regular trash cans.)
7. Committee members reserve the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant. Decisions of the committee and judges will be final.
8. Contestants are welcome and encouraged to remain on the grounds after the competition and through Saturday night. A deadline for cleaning the grounds by NOON, SUNDAY will be observed.
9. It is suggested that you bring suitable shelter as the weather may require. **RAIN OR SHINE the contest will go on.**

10. The Brenham Elks Lodge WILL NOT be liable for theft, damages or accidents.

CHILI RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Chili must not contain any kind of bean.
2. NO CANNED CHILI!
3. Entries will be judged on taste, aroma, and consistency.
4. Each entry will receive a cup furnished by the Committee for turn in. Everyone turning in chili are responsible for their ticket from the turn in container, failure to do so will result in disqualification of entry.
5. Decision of the Committee is final.

BEAN RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Beans must be pinto beans. Beans must not be cooked prior to inspection but can be soaked. Anything larger than a pinto bean turned in will be disqualified. NO CANNED BEANS!
2. Beans will be inspected between 11 am - 12 pm.
3. Entries will be judged on taste, aroma, and consistency.
4. Each entry will receive a cup furnished by the Committee for turn in. Everyone turning in beans are responsible for their ticket from the turn in container, failure to do so will result in disqualification of entry.
5. Decision of the Committee is final.

MARGARITA & BLOODY MARY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contest is open to any individual, 21 years or older.
2. Original ingredients ONLY!
3. No ice in supplied containers for judging, ice will be supplied by the committee.
4. Garnishes must fit inside supplied containers with the lid closed.

DESSERT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ALL DESSERTS MUST BE TURNED IN BAKED/COOKED IN CAST IRON.
2. Desserts may be baked/cooked OFF-site and turned in at designated time.
3. Cast Iron will be returned to team at time of awards.
4. Cast Iron that is not seasoned properly (with signs of rust) will result in disqualification of entry.
5. Decision of the Committee is final.

AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third of each category.

SWEETHEART CHILI COOK-OFF
ENTRY FORM
FEBRUARY 8, 2025

ENTRY DEADLINE: February 8th @ 11 am

FEES PER ENTRY: Chili = \$25
Beans = \$25
Dessert = \$25
Margaritas = \$25
Bloody Mary = \$25

Only one entry per category per sheet. For multiple entries per category, additional sheets will be needed.

CATEGORIES ENTERED:

Chili Beans Dessert Margaritas Bloody Mary

TEAM NAME:

CHIEF COOK:

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	PHONE
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TEAM MEMBERS:

Name, complete address, and phone number(s) are required of all team members

1. -----

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PLEASE READ, SIGN AND MAIL ENTRY FORM ALONG WITH CHECK (Payable To: Brenham Elks Lodge)

All participants agree by submission of their name on entry form to NOT hold members, officers, and/or committeemen of the Brenham Elks Lodge Committee or any other individual or group associated with this event responsible for accidents, losses or damages while participating in this event.

Signature of Chief Cook

Date

Deliver to: Brenham Elks Lodge, 400 E Germania St, Brenham, TX 77833
Please make check(s) payable to BPOE #979 Sweetheart

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY:

PAID:

CASH \$_____

CHECK # _____ \$_____

CATEGORIES ENTERED:

Margarita Bloody Beans Chili Dessert

SWEETHEART CHILI COOK-OFF TURN IN TIMES

SATURDAY TURN IN TIMES BY CATEGORY	
Category	Time
Check-In	11:00 AM
Bloody Mary	12:00 PM
Margarita	1:00 PM
Dessert	2:00 PM
Beans	3:00 PM
Chili	4:00 PM
Awards, Raffle & 50/50 Drawing	6:00 PM

All proceeds go to special needs children for grants and Texas Elks Camp in Ottine.
For more information or how to get involved please contact Alyson Hancock.