



Havelock Chili Festival, P.O. Box 113, Havelock, NC 28532, 252•422•4853

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July 2023

Dear Prospective Cooks:

The 41st Annual Havelock Chili Festival will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, in Walter B. Jones Park, downtown Havelock, NC. Event hours are Saturday 10am until 6pm. We are looking for the best amateur and professional chili cooks to battle it out for the 2023 title(s). Whether you are a seasoned cook or just starting out, the best chili just comes down to taste.

We are now sanctioned by the International Chili Society (ICS). Details of our event can be found at [ICS Chili, Inc. \(chilicookoff.com\)](http://ICSChili.Inc.chilicookoff.com).

PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMPETITION

- The fee to enter the People's Choice competition ONLY is \$45. People's Choice competitors do not have to be ICS members but must have a minimum of five (5) gallons of chili to serve. However, the more chili you have for tasting, the more visitors can taste your chili and vote for you to win!
- People's Choice serving to the public will begin at 12pm and continue until 4pm or until you run out. Festival visitors will vote for their favorite chili via 1 ballot per wristband purchased.
- People's Choice chili can be prepared off-site, heated the day of the festival and must be HOMESTYLE chili as defined by ICS - "Homestyle Chili is any kind of meat, or combination of meats, and/or vegetables cooked with beans, chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. Homestyle chili may be any color. Beans are required. Preference is not given to either cut meat, ground meat, shredded meat or cubed meat. Seafood is allowed. You may garnish this chili however you like."
- To compete in People's Choice ONLY, go to www.chilifestival.org, download the application and email us at HavelockChiliCommittee@outlook.com. Payment for People's Choice ONLY is available online at www.chilifestival.org on the Chili Cook Info page. A 4% Convenience Fee will apply. You may also mail or drop off application (see app for details.)

ICS COMPETITION

- There are four categories in the ICS competition: Traditional Red, Homestyle, Verde, and Salsa. Each category has its own entry fee. Traditional Red: \$45, Homestyle: \$35, Verde: \$30 & Salsa: \$20.
- Participation in the People's Choice competition is required by all participants. The \$45 People's Choice entry fee is waived for ICS competitors. All cooks must provide at least five (5) gallons of Homestyle chili to be sold at the Havelock Chili Festival.
- All ICS Competition Chili must be prepared on-site. People's Choice Homestyle chili and Salsa can be prepared off-site.
- ICS Competition chili will be judged by a blind taste test of judges in accordance with ICS rules.
- To compete in this year's Chili Cook-off (Traditional Red, Verde, Homestyle or Salsa), please go to [ICS Chili, Inc. \(chilicookoff.com\)](http://ICSChili.Inc.chilicookoff.com) and register. Payment for ICS Competition events will be collected on-site the day of the competition.

REQUIREMENTS/RULES FOR ALL COOKS

- Contestants must provide all necessary equipment to include tents, utensils, tables, cookers, a 5-lb fire extinguisher, and cleaning stations per Health Department regulations. Chili cooks may rent a 10x20 tent from the Havelock Chili Festival Committee for \$50.
- Serving containers, spoons, and napkins will be provided by the Festival. Condiments are the responsibility of the contestant. A MANDATORY Cooks Meeting will be held at 8am Saturday morning, and initial issue of paper products will be made at that time.
- Tickets/wristbands for chili tasting will be sold by the Festival. NO MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED BY CONTESTANTS. Details for collecting tickets/accepting wristbands will be provided at the cooks meeting at 8am.
- Awards for ICS Competition Chili and People's Choice will be presented on Saturday at 5pm.
- 10x20 Booth set-up can begin Friday evening from 4 to 8pm or Saturday at 6am. No security will be provided.

Further questions may be directed to HavelockChiliCommittee@outlook.com

Sincerely, The Havelock Chili Festival Committee



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41st Annual North Carolina State Chili Cook-off Application

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Inviting all competitors - Red Chili Cooks

The 2023 Havelock Chili Festival will be held Saturday, October 21, 2023. There will be a concert and Chili Cook-off during the day on Saturday. To compete in this year's Chili Cook-off (Traditional, Red, Verde, Homestyle or Salsa), please go to [ICS Chili, Inc. \(chilicookoff.com\)](http://chilicookoff.com) and register. Payment for ICS Competition events will be collected on-site the day of the competition. All proceeds from the Havelock Chili Cook-off benefit the local Havelock community.

Participant requirements:

COOKS TIMELINE

7:00 to 8:00 AM	HEALTH DEPT INSPECTION
8:00 - 8:15 AM	<u>MANDATORY MEETING:</u> All Chili Head Cooks at Judging Tent
8:30 - 11:30 AM	Homestyle Chili 3-Hour Cooking Period. Turn in for judging at 11:30 AM.
9:30 - 12:30 PM	Chili Verde Chili 3-Hour Cooking Period. Turn in for judging at 12:30 PM.
10:00 AM	Turn in Salsa for judging.
12:00 PM	Start selling People's Choice
1:00 - 4:00 PM	Traditional Red Chili 3-Hour Cooking Period. Turn in for judging at 4:00 PM.
5:00 PM	Awards Presentation
6:00 PM	Festival Ends

AWARDS

Cash awards will be determined on day of event based on number of entrants.

TRADITIONAL RED	VERDE	HOMESTYLE	SALSA
1 st PlaceTBD	1 st PlaceTBD	1 st PlaceTBD	1 st PlaceTBD
2 nd Place.....TBD	2 nd Place.....TBD	2 nd Place.....TBD	2 nd Place.....TBD
3 rd Place.....TBD	3 rd PlaceTBD	3 rd PlaceTBD	3 rd PlaceTBD
	PEOPLE'S CHOICE	BOOTH APPEARANCE	
	1 st Place...\$500 & Banner	Best Overall\$50 & Banner	



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Head Cook Name _____

Mailing Address (city, state, ZIP) _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

PEOPLE'S CHOICE CHILI COOK-OFF ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Gallons Homestyle Chili	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entry Fee	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> 10x20 Tent Rental (supplies limited)	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Fee for Applications submitted after October 1 st	\$35
Total Amount Submitted	_____

Thank you for choosing to participate in the 2023 Havelock Chili Cook-off.
We look forward to seeing you on October 21st!

Please make checks payable to **HAVELOCK CHILI FESTIVAL** and
remit with **COMPLETED APPLICATION** by **OCTOBER 1st**
to: Havelock Chili Festival, PO Box 113, Havelock, NC 28532.

Or fill out, scan and email to us at HavelockChiliCommittee@outlook.com
and pay online at www.chilifestival.org on the Chili Cook Info page. A 4% Convenience Fee will apply.

PLEASE INITIAL THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TO ACKNOWLEDGE:

- No electricity is provided. Please make arrangements for lighting. The festival will have lights for the safety of the attendees but not available for use by Participants. No generators are allowed at the Havelock Chili Festival.
- Once Participant locations are assigned, no changes will be made. If you have any special requests, please indicate on your application. The Havelock Chili Festival does not guarantee special requests can be honored.
- Participant agrees to clean area of festival grounds at conclusion of the Havelock Chili Festival, (including but not limited to zip ties, by-products of food preparations, etc.) or be assessed a \$200 Cleaning fee.
- Participants must make arrangements to transport any used cooking oil away from festival grounds. If Participant is observed disposing of cooking oil on the festival grounds a fine of \$1,000 will be assessed.
- Any gray water must be disposed of in the gray water barrels provided. If a Participant is observed disposing of gray water in the restrooms or on the grounds, they will be asked to leave and no refund of fees will be given. A fine of \$500 will be assessed and the Participant's application will not be accepted in future Havelock Chili Festivals.
- No direct water source is provided. However, MULTIPLE WATER TAPS ARE AVAILABLE ON SITE.
- Set-up can begin on Friday 4 to 8 pm or on Saturday at 6 am and must be completed and all vehicles off the field by 9 am. Only ONE vehicle will be allowed on the field per Participant.
- Acknowledge Craven County Health Department regulations and requirements have been read and understood, available at www.chilifestival.org and http://www.cravencountync.gov/departments/hth/env/fli/forms/2012/2012_TFE_Vendor_Application.pdf
- All cooking gear must be provided by the Participant.
- Tents, tables, chairs and decorations will not be provided by the Havelock Chili Festival.
- All Participants must take part in the People's Choice chili competition.
- All participants **MUST HAVE a 5-lb dry chemical fire extinguisher** on site in their booth. Fire extinguisher must have been inspected in 2023. This is a requirement of the City of Havelock Fire Marshall and will be strictly enforced.
- All booths must be staffed on Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm. Vehicles must remain off the field until Festival attendees have exited.
- The Havelock Chili Festival Committee is not liable for damages, injury or loss to any person or goods from any cause whatsoever. The Havelock Chili Festival Committee cannot be held responsible for any claims for damage, injury or loss arising out of or in connection with use of space or grounds at the festival. All decisions of the Havelock Chili Festival Committee will be final. The Havelock Chili Festival is not responsible or liable for the failure of any Participant to comply with these requirements and fees will not be refunded for failure to pass these inspections.
- **Noncompliance will not be tolerated.** Any Participant who is observed not following the rules of the Havelock Chili Festival Cook-off will be asked to shut down booth operations. No refunds will be given. Participant will not be invited back to future events.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on city properties.
- Service animals are welcome but personal pets and other animals are not permitted.
- Application must be submitted with all applicable fees on or before October 1st.

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT TO THE RULES OF THE HAVELOCK CHILI FESTIVAL:

As a Participant in this event, my signature verifies that I/we have read and understand this agreement of participation. I understand that my fees are non-refundable. (Please keep a copy of this signed document for your records.)

Your Name (Please Print) _____

Signature

Date