



SIR HOUSE 2026 CHILI COOKOFF RULES



Teams must submit registration form and entry fee by February 15, 2026.
Space is limited to 20 teams.

Teams may begin setup at 9:30am.
Teams may choose their booth location on a first-come, first-served basis.
Setup must be complete and chili ready to serve by 11:00am.

Teams will be provided 2 six-foot tables, 4 chairs, and access to two electrical outlets.

Teams are encouraged to decorate their area.

Team tables must be manned at all times during the event.

Teams must display their table number on the front of their table.

Chili must be made from scratch and brought to the event ready to eat.

Teams must bring a minimum of 3 gallons of chili.

A listing of ingredients must be displayed for allergy purposes. Quantities do not need to be included.

Teams are allowed to enter only one chili recipe in contest.

Teams must use only crockpots or hot plates to heat/serve their chili— no camp stoves or other heating devices are allowed.

Teams may offer sides, condiments and toppings such as cheese, fritos, crackers, rice, pasta, etc.

Teams must provide their own serving utensils for chili and any condiments/toppings/sides offered.

Teams may not offer any drinks.

Bowls, spoons and napkins will be provided for serving the public.

A Judging Cup will be provided to each team. Do not mark or alter the judging cup in any way.

Judging samples must be only chili. No mix-ins, garnishes, toppings or condiments will be accepted.

Judging cups should be filled 3/4 full.

Teams will deliver their chili entry to the designated area from 12:15pm-12:25pm.

Judging will begin at 12:30pm. Winners will be announced at 1:45pm.
All contestants agree the decisions of the judges are final.

Winners will be awarded a trophy and cash prize:

- 1st Place - \$500
- 2nd Place - \$250
- 3rd Place - \$100

Public attendees will have the opportunity to cast their vote for People's Choice in 3 categories:

- Most Unique Chili
- Best All Around
- Best Decorations

Each team is responsible for removing all items from their tables and cleaning their area before leaving the premises.
Teams may not break down until 2:00pm.

If you have any questions please email info@sirhouse.org or call Sara at 832-242-8537.