

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Houston Police Family Support Unit

Bring the Heat Chili Cook Off Team Application

At Republic Harley Davidson, 12707 Southwest Freeway, Stafford

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Set up begins at 9:00 A.M. Cooking begins at 10:00 A.M. Judging will occur at 1:00 P.M., tastings until 4 P.M.

This is a Fundraiser for The Houston Police Family Support Unit, a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone# (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone# (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team requesting electricity? \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is correct, to the best of my knowledge. I certify and acknowledge that I have received, read and understand the Rules and Regulations, as outlined below, and, if my application is accepted, I agree to abide by said rules and regulations. Further, I have made my staff and/or volunteers aware of the Rules and Regulations and, as a participant, agree that I, and my staff and/or volunteers, will apply by the Rules and Regulations. Entry Fee is \$50.00 per team. Checks can be mailed to: Houston Police Family Support Unit, Box 2184, Tomball, TX 77377.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **OFFICIAL COOKOFF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following Rules and Regulations will apply:

1. True Chili is defined as any kind of meat, or combination of meats, cooked with chili peppers, onions, peppers or other vegetables and various other spices and other ingredients with the exception of RICE or any type of PASTA, which are strictly forbidden. **NOTE:** This means that a contestant may use any ingredient in their chili with the exception of rice and any type of pasta. BEANS ARE ALLOWED.
2. The meat of choice may be pre-cooked prior to the official commencement of the cook off. Canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, pepper sauce, beverages, broth, the grinding and/or mixing of spices may be prepared prior to the start time. Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground. Peppers, onions and other vegetables may be chopped, sliced or diced prior to stoves being lit.
3. The cooking will begin at 10:00 A.M and end at 1:00 P.M. There will be a brief mandatory meeting for team captains at 9:30 A.M. at the judging tent. Cooking during the entire period is at the sole discretion of the contestant.
4. The contestant, or a representative, SHALL be present at the contestants meeting which will occur before the official starting time of the cook off. At this meeting final instructions will be given for safe food handling, sanitary guidelines and questions answered. STOVES WILL BE LIT PRECISELY AT 10:00 A.M TO BEGIN COOKING. The cup you will use to submit your chili to be judged will be brought to your tent at 10:00 AM.
5. A list of ingredients must be posted at your booth to reduce the potential risk of allergic reactions.
6. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, etc. The contestants will provide tent, chairs and one (1) eight-foot table. Bottled gas, provided by the contestant is recommended for use. Electricity availability is limited. If you are requesting electricity, extension cords and surge protectors are not provided. No stakes or spikes can be used to anchor tents. If you are using a tent prepare to anchor it down with weights. All other equipment is to be supplied by contestant team. Each team must possess an ABC minimum 5 lb Fire Extinguisher. You will not be allowed to cook without possession of the Fire Extinguisher. This is a Requirement.
7. Each contestant must cook a minimum of 3 (three) gallons of chili. NOTE: The judging cup will be brought to your chili tent at 10:00 AM. The remainder must be provided for sampling to visitors and guests in tasting cups (minimum 4 oz cups), which will be provided by the contestant. Teams are encouraged to make more than one pot and may select which of their chili pots will be submitted for competition. Only ONE competition cup will be accepted from each competing team.
8. Each contestant is responsible to deliver his or her judging cup, which must be filled to the bottom of the cup rim, to the judging area by 1:00 P.M., the official time the judging begins. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant's number by the Chief Judge and be given an official judging cup. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of his or her cup is the same as his or her assigned contestant number.
9. Visitors will be allowed to taste any and all chili until a team runs out of chili.

10. Judges will vote on the chili that they like best based upon these major considerations: COLOR, AROMA, FLAVOR, TEXTURE OF THE MEAT, BLEND OF SPICES AND CONSISTENCY.

11. The decisions of the Chief Judge are final.

This is a fundraiser of the Houston Police Family Support Unit and all proceeds will go to the benefit of the Houston Police Family Support Unit.

### **Entry Fee**

If paying online, email this form to [HLEOFSU@gmail.com](mailto:HLEOFSU@gmail.com)

Or

Mail completed application and entry fee check to: Houston Police Family Support Unit

P.O. Box 2184, Tomball, TX 77377

All returned checks are subject to a \$35 fee

Questions are to be directed to [HLEOFS@gmail.com](mailto:HLEOFS@gmail.com)