

NHS 2026 Chili Cook-Off Entry Form

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 1:30-6:00 PM

Location: Historic School Gymnasium, 7248 Nolensville Road

Contact us at: nhs.com.cookoff@gmail.comMore info at: nolensvillehistoricalsociety.org

Team Name: _____

Chili Recipe Name: _____

Spiciness Level: _____ (see Item 2 under Check-In on page 2 of 3 below for more info)

Team Captain Name: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

_____ By initialing here, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the Chili Cook-Off Rules & Regulations (see attached page 2 of 3). I understand and agree that every team member is required to comply with the the Rules and Regulations to participate in the event.

_____ By initialing here, I acknowledge that I understand that every team member is required to submit a signed Liability Waiver (see attached page 3 of 3) to participate in the event.

_____ By initialing here, I acknowledge that I understand and agree that space is limited and that the \$25 entry fee must be paid (either online or in person) in order to reserve a table.

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(below this line is for official use only)

Payment Information: _____ Online _____ Cash _____ Check (# _____) _____ Other

Additional Info: _____

Nolensville Historical Society Chili Cook-Off Rules and Regulations

Sign Up. One member of each Team shall be designated Team Captain. A cook-off entry form and a Liability Waiver signed by the Team Captain, as well as the \$25 entry fee must be submitted to reserve a table. Payment of the entry fee may be made online or in person. Because contestant space is limited, on-site registration will not be permitted unless specifically approved by the Event Coordinators. In addition, a Liability Waiver must be signed and submitted for each team member to participate in the event. Liability Waivers for team members may be submitted in advance or upon check in on the day of the event.

Check In, Set Up & Tear Down:

1. Check In will be from 1:00-2:00 PM. Contestants/Teams will be assigned a table and a table number upon check in. Contestants are asked to arrive in time to complete check in before 2:00 PM. Contestants/Teams may begin setting up their table once check in is complete. The Team with the best table display will receive a prize.
2. Teams are expected to decorate their table and are responsible for providing their own decorations, including a sign displaying the Team name, the chili recipe name, and the spiciness level:
 - a. 5 stars = HOT
 - b. 4 stars = Medium to Hot
 - c. 3 stars = Medium
 - d. 2 stars = Medium to Mild
 - e. 1 star = Mild
3. Set Up must be completed by 2:45 PM.
4. The Judging Panel will begin judging at 3:00 PM.
5. The People's Choice voting will begin at 3:00 PM. All People's Choice votes must be submitted by 4:00 PM.
6. Public dining will be from 4:00-7:00 PM.
7. Tear Down will be from 7:00-8:00 PM.
8. Contestants/Teams are responsible for tear-down and clean-up of their table and the surrounding area. Teams that run out of chili before the event ends are asked to put the "SOLD OUT" sign provided by the Event Coordinators upon check-in on their table. Teams are asked not to break down their table until the end of the event at 7:00 PM. Contestants/Teams **MUST** be present to receive any prize.

Chili Cooking Rules:

1. Contestants/Teams are expected to bring their own crockpots. Teams may have a maximum of two (2) crockpots.
2. Contestants/Teams are expected to provide two (2) or more gallons of chili.
3. Contestants/Teams are expected to bring their own serving utensils, a garbage bag or receptacle, and food service gloves.
4. Chili must be fully prepared off site, in advance of the event, and brought on site by 2:45 PM on the day of the event.
5. Event Coordinators will provide sample/tasting cups for People's Choice voting. Event Coordinators will provide bowls, napkins, and chili toppings/"fixins" for on-site dining. Take home portions will also be available for purchase separately.
6. For safety and sanitary reasons, at no time should chili be left unattended. Event Coordinators reserve the right to disqualify any contestant for food or equipment safety reasons if necessary.
7. Open flames of any type are expressly prohibited.

Peoples' Choice Award: There will be a People's Choice Award for the best chili. Tickets for voting and sample/tasting cups will be provided to the public upon purchase of a voting package. Each team will have a ballot box on their table for People's Choice voting submissions. People's Choice voting ends at 4:00 PM, at which time the Event Coordinators will tally the votes for each Team. The People's Choice winner will be the team with the most tickets/votes. Winners will be announced and posted on the Winners' Board once the vote tallying process is complete.

Judging:

1. Contestants will submit eight (8) ounces of chili for the Judging Panel in the numbered cups provided by the Event Coordinators upon check in.
2. Criteria for judging is as follows:
 - a. LOOK - the appearance of the chili
 - b. TASTE - the most important factor, how well the flavors blend together
 - c. CONSISTENCY - the ratio between sauce, and other ingredients
 - d. AROMA - the smell of the chili
3. There will be a first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) place prize awarded to the winners selected by the Judging Panel. Winners will be announced and posted on the Winners' Board once the judges' votes have been counted. The decision made by the Judging Panel is final.
4. Awards include 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place awarded by the Judging Panel, a Mayor's Choice Award, and a People's Choice Award..

Initials: _____

LIABILITY WAIVER

Please read, complete, and sign the following to participate in the Chili Cook-Off Contest.

TEAM MEMBER INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone or email: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

AGREEMENT

As a Team Member and contest participant, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless the Nolensville Historical Society and their successors or assigns from any and all claims, costs, actions, judgments, expenses, damages, loss and/or injury to me and/or my property which may arise from participating in this Chili Cook-Off fundraising event. I acknowledge that I am fully aware of any and all risks posed by the activities related to the Chili Cook-Off and that I have no medical condition that prevents me from engaging in them. I also give permission to be photographed by the Event Coordinators (or the media, if applicable) for use in future Nolensville Historical Society promotional materials.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the terms of this liability waiver agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: If the participant is under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign below.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (*printed*): _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____