

DATES-TO-REMEMBER

Wings & Ale's

9th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Music Festival

Benefitting the:



Saturday, March 9th, 2019

Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 7th, 2019 11PM

Based on availability, register soon!

Booth Setup: Saturday, March 9th, 2019

Spaces will be assigned **From: 7:30AM-8:00AM @**

Wings& Ale the morning of the event

Chili Preparation: Saturday, March 9th, 2019

From: 8:30-12:00PM

Cooks Meeting: Saturday, March 9th, 2019

Just a quick, mandatory meeting between organizers and competitors **Wings & Ale 815AM**

Judging: Saturday, March 9th, 2019

Chili samples will be gathered by event coordinators at 12:00PM to be judged.

Awards: Saturday, March 9th, 2019

Awards will be announced at the approximately 5:00 PM and feature a \$500.00 1st Place Prize, \$300.00 2nd Place Prize, \$100.00 3rd Place Prize, as well as a People's Choice \$100.00

Booth Cleanup: Saturday, March 9th, 5PM

All team tents must be removed from the premises by 9pm. Any trash you may have created will be hauled off by our staff, just be sure to have trash bagged and ready to be disposed of.

The Chili Details.....

Who?

Teams of cooks that love chili, and the spirit of competition for a great cause! Individual teams can have up to four people; corporate teams can have up to six.

What?

Wings& Ale's 9th Annual Chili Cook-Off. Whatever you call chili, we call chili (wild game meat is not allowed). Official chili rules are included in the registration packet.

Where?

Wings& Ale
125-C Outlet Pointe Blvd.
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

When?

Saturday, March 9th, 2019. Cook Team set-up and chili preparation may begin as early as 830 AM. The parking lot is open to beer drinking patrons beginning at 12:00 PM. Chili is served from 12PM to 500 PM. Music kicks off at 12:00 PM and continues until. Chili awards will be presented at 5 PM after the conclusion of the Competition.

Why?

The Wings & Ale 2019 Chili Cook-Off will benefit The Christopher Conner Foundation and their unwavering support for Olivia Nazzell, a local 6 year old girl that has been diagnosed with DIPG, a rare pediatric brain cancer.

Chili Rules

General

1. Various categories are established as guidelines to ensure fair competition between teams.
2. While teams are encouraged to market their company product and/or services, under **NO** circumstances may anyone offer any items or services for sale. Any items found for sale will be confiscated by Wings & Ale and will be returned after the event.
3. Six individuals per Business/Organization team and four individuals per Individual team will be admitted for free. All other personnel helping at your booth will need to purchase wrist bands to receive admission. The free admission wristbands will be distributed at the Cooks Meeting on March 9th, 2019.
4. Teams are responsible for supplying all ingredients, cooking devices, tables, coolers, tents, serving utensils, etc. All vendors must be self-supporting. No electricity will be provided. All teams must bring a meat thermometer, fire extinguisher, water for cleaning hands, and a catch basin for the gray water. Generators are not permitted.

Setup/Tear down

1. Each team will be allocated a space of approximately 20 x 20 feet. Again chili teams are responsible for all of their own equipment and supplies. Don't forget to bring all appropriate booth supplies including a table, chairs and tent.
2. Sampling cups, spoons, and napkins will be provided by Wings & Ale for patrons.
3. Vehicles will be allowed into the parking area at 7:00 AM on March 9th. All chili teams and their vehicles must be in the parking area no later than 8:30 AM. Please keep personal vehicles down to a minimum.
4. Booths must be completely torn down and your area must be completely free of garbage by 9 pm. Chili volunteers will remove your bagged trash.

Chili Rules

1. 10lbs of Ground Beef will be donated by Sysco for each team to use in their Chili. If you want to cut down on your cost for making chili it will be available. (No wild game meat of any kind is allowed in the chili!!!)
2. No ingredients may be pretreated or cooked prior to the preparation period. Commercially canned and bottled ingredients are allowed.
3. The preparation period for cooking your chili will begin immediately once the Cook Team enters the vending area, up to as early as 8:30AM on March 9th.
4. Spectator sampling will begin promptly at 12:00 PM. Event Coordinators will be coming by your booth to collect 3 4oz containers for judging at 12:00 PM. **The chili sample will not be judged in conjunction with an additional "after the cooking pot" flavor enhancing topping such as cheese, hot sauce, peppers, sour cream, corn chips, etc.**
5. Teams are required to prepare **AT LEAST 5 GALLONS** of chili for vending and competition purposes. Feel free to make as much chili as you want, there is no limit. Please reserve 1 pint of chili for judging purposes.
6. Spectator chili sampling will be controlled by wristbands. Simply put, if someone wishing to sample chili does not have the properly colored wristband, no member of your chili team is to give them chili. Your team will be notified of the wristband color the day of the event.

Judging/Awards

1. Chili will be judged by the following criteria: Aroma, Appearance, Consistency, and Taste. The winning Chili must rate well in each of the criteria. All criteria will be weighted equally for each category.
2. The categories are:
 - 1st Best Overall = A Big @%#!*% Trophy and \$500.00
 - 2nd Best Overall = Trophy and \$300.00
 - 3rd Best Overall = Trophy and \$100.00
 - People's Choice = \$100.00

Chili Rules

Judging/Awards (continued)

3. Chili Cook-off patrons may cast votes to select the "People's Choice" award winning chili. Each vote costs **\$1 per vote**. Votes can be placed at the judge's booth and will be tallied by **5 PM** and will be the last category to be judged. Chili teams are encouraged to engage the cook off patrons and prompt them to place a "People's Choice" vote.
4. The decisions of the judges are final. All entrants participate at their own risk. Wings & Ale is not responsible for losses or damages resulting from team participation in this event. Wings & Ale reserves the right to change or modify these rules at any time. Any changes will be communicated to all entrants. Wings & Ale also reserves the right to disqualify any team for violation of these rules.
5. If you have any questions contact Mike at wings.ale@gmail.com.
6. Win, lose, or draw do not forget the purpose of this event is to fund the fight against a terrible disease, while eating excellent chili, listening to great local live music, and drinking cold beer with friends and family. Thanks to you all, and God Bless!

REGISTRATION FORM

Team Name _____

Business/Organization Name (If applicable) _____

Category (circle one): Business/Organization Individual

Head Chef (name you are called): _____

Head Chef Email: _____

Head Chef Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: Day _____ Evening _____