

2023 Chili Night Registration Details & Form



Beckley's 32nd Annual Chili Night will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. You are invited to participate in the Chili Competition which is open to businesses, organizations, and individuals. The block party is held along streets of downtown Beckley and is a fund-raiser for Beckley Events. Due to limited space, only the first 30 chili registrations will be accepted, along with 25 other booths. Please register by September 15 to be part of one of Beckley's biggest events! In addition to the chili competition, Chili Night features several stages of entertainment.

Please note these conditions of entry:

*Beckley Events will provide a supply of 4 oz bowls, spoons, napkins, and crackers. You may wish to bring additional supplies. Please do not bring coolers of alcoholic drinks to your booth. You are welcome to sell non-alcoholic drinks, & other food / items.

*Homemade chili should be prepared in advance and must be kept warm at 165 degrees during the event. Please follow all requirements of the Health Department (gloves / hand-washing station, stem thermometer, hair restraints). **Non-restaurant participants need to obtain a temporary food handling permit from the Health Department located on Harper Road** (permit fee \$60; no charge for non-profits, but they still must apply). At least one member of your booth must have a Health Card or take a class – check with health department for dates/times. The class fee is \$15, in-seat. Also, on-line class at www.statefoodsafety.com - the **ONLY** on-line course accepted. The cost for on-line is \$25 and the participant must be able to print the completion certificate at the end of the test. The inspector will want to see an actual food card during inspections. The card is good for two years - To reserve a spot in a class or for more info: call the Health Dept. # 304-252-8532

*Set-up will be between 2:00 & 3:30 p.m. Please provide your own decorated table, chairs, and tent covering! To avoid traffic congestion, please bring only one vehicle at a time to the set-up. Plan to serve chili from 4:00-7:00 p.m. or until you run out.

*Attendees will purchase tickets from Beckley Events. They will give you tickets in return for chili. You will be reimbursed \$0.25 per ticket that you collect; turn-in counted tickets; checks will be sent a week or two after the event. The City needs to have a W-9 on file to issue a check.

Chili categories:

- Restaurants/Catering - prepare 10 or more gallons of chili
- Organizations - prepare 8 or more gallons
- Non-restaurant Businesses - prepare 9 or more gallons
- Individuals - prepare 5 or more gallons

Prizes for winners in the above categories & the Peoples Choice award will receive:

1st Place = Trophy + \$100; 2nd Place = Trophy + \$50

Peoples' Choice Award note: *Please do not try to buy the Peoples Choice award – do not offer to give money to a charity in exchange for voting coins. This award should be for the quality of chili.*

Other Awards (Trophy): Best Tasting Spicy Chili (not the hottest), Hometown Favorite, Most Exciting Booth, Most Attractive Booth, Most Samples Served, and Most Unique / Creative Specialty Chili!

Beckley's Chili Night Cook-off Confirmation Form

Yes, I want to enter Beckley's Chili Night cook-off on October 7, 2023.

I have read the conditions of entry and wish to enter the following category:

- Restaurants / Catering Firms - prepare 10 or more gallons of chili
- Non-restaurant Businesses - prepare 9 or more gallons
- Organizations - prepare 8 or more gallons
- Individuals - prepare 5 or more gallons
- Best-tasting Spicy / Hot Category
- Specialty Chili (i.e. vegetarian, diabetic, white...) Specify: _____
- Non-Chili booth - selling other food or an informational booth -

Restaurant/Business/Organization Name _____

Individual or Contact Person _____

Address, City, Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Your planned power source:

- gas or propane grill (preferred) _____ generator
- electric outlet (very limited - light poles can support only 1-2 items)

Please provide your own table, chairs & tent covering!

How many gallons or samples do you anticipate preparing? ___ (less, same or more than 2022)

Do you plan to sell drinks? ___ Yes; ___ No

If you are interested in selling other food, desserts, or items, please specify: _____

If you plan to feature any special entertainment, contest, game, or theme at your booth, please specify here: _____

Please check the type of booth & enclose space reservation / registration deposit (non-chili):

Chili Vendors (Categories: restaurant, non-restaurant business, organization, individual)
- Booth fee waived due to health permit requirement (\$50) - contact health department ASAP.

If you reserve a chili booth and do not show up, you will be billed a vendor fee since a space was reserved for you. We normally have a waiting list of vendors interested in participating.

Other Vendors - not cooking chili (*preference given to vendors who participate in our other events*)

- Non-profit vendor/individual not cooking chili - \$50 booth fee - list products:
- Business vendor not cooking chili \$100 booth fee – list products:
- Business vendor not cooking chili who have participated in at least 2 other events hosted by Beckley Events in 2023 can receive a \$20 discount = \$80 booth fee)– list products:

(Non-chili booth fees must be paid in advance of the event. Health Permit (\$60) required for food vendors – contact Health Dept. Only accepting 25 non-chili vendors with preference given to those who participate in other Beckley events.)

Seating area sponsor (will provide tables & chairs for attendees)

Please mail this form to Beckley Events, P O Box 5015, Beckley, WV 25801, or fax to 304-256-1816 no later than September 15 (first 30 chili & 25 other vendors accepted). Checks for booth fee should be made payable to the **City of Beckley** (*Health Permit paid separately to the Health Dept.*). Info: Phone 304-256-1776; Email jmoorefield@beckley.org.